

REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS NEWSLETTER



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Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons
Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Team
Invite you to a
"Mini Field of Women"
and
"PINK IT UP Paddle 2016"

Sunday, October 23rd 2016
8am to paddle at 8.30am
at Redcliffe Training Compound
Talobilla Park, Klingner Road, Kippa-Ring

Please come and join us if you have been touched by Breast Cancer for a remembrance ceremony on the water

A Mini-field of Women and morning tea will follow the paddle.

(This is a free event and paddling is optional)

RSVP to Sarah Firman
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P.S. WEAR YOUR PINK WITH PRIDE!



THEFT AT COMPOUND



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Saturday 15th October was a black day for the Club, Lyn Stainlay arrived first for training and discovered that the gate was open and then that the chain through the gate had been cut and the wire fence had also been cut and pulled right back to allow the thieves access to our club trailer.

They hooked the trailer up and towed it away at 5.30 Friday morning. Lyn phoned the Police as paddlers started to arrive ready for training and reported the details of the trailer and the contents.

Julie Sommerfield and my daughter Renee mentioned that Moreton Bay Crime Watch Facebook page was a good place to report the theft to get the word out there. We asked our web manager, Iciar, to post the theft on their Facebook page and 'VOILA' the next morning we received a phone call from Carly Waters who is a reporter with Channel 7. She asked if she could come and do an interview with a few of us to get the story out there and try and help us retrieve our items as it was such a low act.



Well that was better than anyone could have anticipated with messages and the Police said they had many calls and leads but all of them to no avail. A lady contacted the police after seeing / reading the coverage and reported seeing the trailer on Griffith road and didn't think anything of it until she arrived at the park to walk her dog and noticed our fence. We even had a member's husband report to the police they had seen a person renovating a dual axle trailer which the Police said all it did was give the elderly man a big scare.

Rita and I worked on 3 separate claim forms for the Trailer and items stored in the trailer that were covered by the insurance policies. We were on our way home from a Regatta a couple of weeks later when we received a message from Wendy Weeks that someone had posted on the Pinkies Facebook page that they had seen a pile of items wrapped in a tarp behind the cemetery at Redcliffe and recognised some of the items from the media coverage.

I contacted the Redcliffe police station and was told we had to wait for a couple of days for the reporting to be done. Once that was completed, Tina and I went to collect the items they had and we were delighted and grateful that the bag with all the pinkies walls from their tents in it were there and all intact. We also collected our new dragon's tail, the head which was cracked and the seat, the tool box from the front of the trailer, 2 carbon fibre paddles, the fold up change room, our banner and a bag of ropes.

After a few phone calls, they were satisfied about the trailer being unrecoverable and have paid us the insured amount. The items we are claiming for i.e the tents and adjustable paddles etc. are still a work in progress.

We have been very lucky to have some wonderful people that have helped us with donations of tents, paddles and paddle bags and money towards items we need and we are very grateful and appreciative of that.

Thank You!



Deon Bird and Ray's Outdoors for their donation of a 6 X 3 and 3 X 3 tent for the club.

Nick Hando, Dubai Dolphin Dragon Boat Club and Heather Schroeder (decd) for the paddles and paddle bag.

Once we have the final payouts we will then discuss what we need to purchase and get it underway. We are currently discussing the design for a new club trailer which we will have made next year.

If anyone has any queries regarding any items if they could please come and talk to Rita or myself.



Courtesy of Cheryl Rigby

BEATING HEART COMPETITION



Back in August there was a competition on the internet called ' THE BEATING HEART OF YOUR CLUB. ' It was a chance of winning \$3000 for the club and \$100 travel voucher for the nominee. All you had to do was to nominate your club's "Beating Heart". Write why you think they embody the spirit of your club and get your mates to vote in order for your club member to be considered for one of five winning cash prizes.

Cheryl our club president thought this was a way of possibly raising money for the club. In doing so she nominated myself on the website and encouraged club members to go online and vote for me.

There were 900 entries and over 65,000 votes from all over Australia. This highlighted the incredible reach of community sport. The competition ran over a month and the entries closed in September 15th. At the end of the competition I managed to receive 107 of these votes. Unfortunately not enough to win the competition.



I would like to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone who voted for me and thanks to those who wrote a comment when voting. It felt nice to feel appreciated.

Courtesy of Iciar Argus

PETRIE GYM FUN DAY



On Saturday 22nd October, Petrie Fernwood Fitness Ladies came back to try their hand at Dragon boat paddling once again. Some of the gym members who attended were those who could not attend the Fun Day held back in May.

There were 12 who attended, so 2 boats with 10 paddlers in each were taken out. We took notice of their feedback from last Run Day and concentrated more on the novelty races. It was rather windy on the day so we could not take the newcomers out to the bay. This did not stop us from teaching them all about dragon boating while at the same time getting them to enjoy the day. Doug and Cheryl swept while Kay was the coach for the day.

The boats made their way to the top of the training canal. Once arriving there, the paddlers were told about the first race. This was to be the Pin Wheel retrieval race. As most of the members had competed in this race at the last Fun Day they attended there was no need for too many instructions.

The idea of the race was to paddle as fast as they could while keeping in time to the shore where a designated paddle had to jump out of the boat once it reached the shore and grab a pinwheel thus determining the winner. Since each pinwheel had allocated points it was a mad scramble to the shore.



The novelty race always proves to be loads of fun and excitement for the new paddlers. The competitiveness of some of the paddlers (both club and newcomers) always shine in these races when it comes to retrieving the pinwheel (hopefully the one with the most points).

Up on the banks of the lake in the far canal, some of our paddlers had set up our tent and tables laden with lots of fruit and lovely cool water for everyone to enjoy. This is always welcomed by the paddlers after paddling from the home canal to the top of the far canal.



After a short break, it was back into the boats for some short races to give the gym members a taste of dragon boat racing. This time it was to retrieve some plastic balls and numbered ducks with some netted scoops. There were some very close calls with the sweeps trying to

manoeuvre their boats in order that the paddlers can retrieve as many balls and ducks as possible. The winner of the race was the team that managed to obtain the most numbers.

After the completion of the races the paddlers headed back to the home compound competing in a series for short races along the way. Once again everyone commented on how much fun they had and would try and get back to paddle with us. Another successful Fun Day was held by the club and a BIG THANKS to everyone involved in making the day run smoothly.



PINK IT UP' DAY



It was a real Pink affair on Sun 23rd October when the second 'Pink it Up' Paddle and 'Mini Field of Women' took place. There was Pink tutus pink tights pink bling everywhere. Despite the weather being a little damp the heavens held and we paddled out to remember our Pink Angels also singing them our song. Then back to dry land for our Mini field of Women this is a display of 100 pink ladies and one man symbolising the more than 15,000 Australian women diagnosed with Breast Cancer and more than 3,000 women who die from Breast Cancer each year.

Men were represented by a single blue man to symbolise male Breast Cancer men make up 1% of all cases of Breast Cancer. A small ceremony took place followed by a minute silence. Then it was on with a morning tea and consumption of yummy food. A wonderful morning was shared by all.



Courtesy of Sarah Firman



JOKE OF THE MONTH

After years of wondering why he didn't look like his younger sister or brother, a young man finally got up the nerve to ask

his mother if he was adopted.

“Yes you were, son,” his mother said as she began to cry softly”

But it didn't work out and they brought you back.



NOVEMBER

Gillian Robinson

Tina Van Kuyl

Donna Pascoe

DECEMBER

Bob Rapley

Bruce Brewster

Loretta Pears

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Sunday 11th Boat Blessing**
- Wednesday 14th Lolly Run**
- Sunday 18th Xmas on the Creek @ CURRUMBIN**
- Wednesday 21st Last day of 2016 training**

JANUARY

- Saturday 7th Start of 2017 training**
- Saturday 14th State and National training**
(to be confirmed)
- Saturday 21st State and National training**
(to be confirmed)
- Sunday 29th Broadwater Regatta @ EMERALD LAKES**