

October Edition



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS NEWSLETTER

SHED WORKING BEE

In preparation of the Official opening of the club shed, a working bee was organised. Members helped out anyway they could - cleaning and scrubbing all four boats, tidying up the shed, using a gurney on the shed floor and any other jobs to make the shed presentable for the big event.



To all those **JANE, DONNA, ICIAR, RITA, CHERYL, TINA, JASON, BOB, JILL, LYN, BRUCE, PAUL, DEB W, GILLIAN** who stayed behind after training in order for this to be achieved. As always, more hands made lighter work.





GRAND SHED OPENING CEREMONY

Redcliffe Red Dragon's Club house/shed was officially opened on Saturday 14th October

After several years of planning and dedicated hard work by club committee, members, sponsors and supporters, the rewarding moment arrived. The Club house/shed was prepared for presentation, welcoming it's members, guests and party celebrations.

The official party included: **Cheryl Rigby** - President, **Tina Van Kuyl** - Vice President, **Rita Beadsmore** - Treasurer, **Gillian Robinson** - Secretary, **Alan Sutherland** - Mayor MBRC, **James Houghton** Cr., **Yvette D'Arth** – MP, **Luke Howarth** - MP, **Kerry Anne Dooley**, and **Stephen Coe**.



Alan Sutherland's opening speech detailed the club history and congratulatory wishes.

President Cheryl thanked VIP's for their support and attendance. Cheryl invited **Yvette D'Arth** to cut the ribbon on the roller door, declaring the Club House open.





Club welcoming representatives served sparkling wine to guests to toast the opening. Spontaneous cheers, clinking and salute of raised glasses erupted from a very happy crowd



Happiness exuded from conversations of *'do you remember when'* past events, current activities and the promise of great achievements to come.

An historical screen documentary of club members and activities was prepared by Iciar.



It was viewed throughout the night, with most relived interest in the 'submarine' race finish at Varsity Lake.



In time, and after their valued company, the Official Invited Guests took leave.



Club partying commenced in earnest at 4pm with past and present members partaking refreshments till late. During this time **BOB** (the club's own 'Frank Sinatra') and his **VERANDA BAND** kept the crowd pumping with country, rock, singing and dancing.



Adding extra spark, a fire stick performance by **DYLAN** was organised by Cheryl. Dylan's adept ability to put fire in motion was spectacular. Revellers were definitely alive and fired up all night.



Courtesy of Lyn Stainlay

REGATTA NEWS

8th October

BRD REGATTA - Teams entered were the usual 2km, Women and Mixed. The club this time decided to enter a in OPEN 10's crew with some of our strong women as we could not team up with Lakers.

On the day Redcliffe was lucky to have the assistance of 8 female paddlers from **Burleigh Fire Dragons** to help out with all our crews on the day.

The Burleigh women - **Edel, Pat, Robyn, Julie, Maree, Kay, Ellen and Pam** - were absolutely amazing in their effort considering they not only paddled with our club in the three different crews but were also paddling in the Mixed 10's and Women 10's for their club.



They were jumping in and out of boats without much rest but it did not seem to phase them as they were always willing to do their best regardless of whether it was paddling in the Redcliffe crew or their own crews.

Del swept the Women and 2km while Jason and Paul both swept the Mixed team. This would leave only one more race each, to sweep, for Jason and Paul to gain their Level 3 accreditation.



Whilst Redcliffe was not successful on the water some of the members were successful off the water in winning the two of the main raffles and one of the lucky winners was none other than **KAY ROPER....AGAIN!!!!** She definitely has the winner's touch.

27th October – 29th October

GRAFTON REGATTA - Over this weekend, 19 of the Redcliffe paddlers travelled down across the border to the Grafton Regatta.

The club was lucky to have the assistance of 5 female paddlers from **NAMBUCCA** – **Kelly, Daniella, Tineka, Leah and Jessica**, for the



Women 20's crew and the help of 5 men from other clubs **NAMBUCCA** - **Brett**, **FLAMIN' DRAGONS** - **Shane and Peter** and **GRAFTON** - **Peter and Travis**, paddling under the name of **Northern NSW Waratahs**, for the Men 10's crew. Cheryl swept the 2km while Jason and Paul swept the Mixed crew, which would result in the boys attaining their level 3 accreditation.



After the 2km races were finished everyone retreated to the **Crown Hotel** for a well- deserved cold beverage and to hear the results of the day. Redcliffe came 6 in a field of 9 crews in a time of **7.34.03**.

Club dinner that night was held at the **Grafton Hotel** with everyone including the girls from Nambucca and our friendly professional photographer John Napper. It was a pleasant evening with great food and company.

Sunday saw the sports crews racing over 200m distance. There was a total of 11 in the Mixed division, 8 in the Women's and 7 in the Men's. Only the Women's and Men's crew made it through to the finals.

In the Women's finals, there were 6 crews – 3 had full contingent of 20 while the other 3 only 16. Redcliffe did extremely well to achieve a finals spot and keeping up with the crews.

The heats for the Men's crew saw the men come **2nd** in their first and **1st** in the second. It was a great sight watching the **Northern NSW Waratahs** powering home first over the line. In the finals, the Men achieved a very close **3rd** place – **52.34sec**, behind first and second placed Kempsey and Ballina.





NOVEMBER

Gillian Robinson

Tina Van Kuyl

Donna Pascoe

DECEMBER

Nerida Howell

Bob Rapley

Bruce Brewster

Debbie Kemish

Linda Bachmann



NOVEMBER

Sunday 26th

Stall at Pine Rivers Xmas Carols

DECEMBER

Saturday 2nd

Club Xmas party @

The Paddlers' Den from **4pm**

Sunday 3rd

Markets at Redcliffe – **Snapdragons**

Saturday 9th

Snapdragons General Meeting @

The Paddlers' Den 10a.m.

Sunday 10th

REGATTA – Tewaka @ Kawana Waters

Saturday 16th

Reds General Meeting @

The Paddlers' Den 10 a.m.