

July Edition



REDCLIFFE

RED DRAGONS

NEWSLETTER





After 4 years of writing, fundraising and planning, The Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons finally reached their goal of participating in the **2018 International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission (IBCPC)** in Florence- Firenze Italy from 6th -8th July.

Paddlers had left for Europe at various times in June and July but by Monday 2nd July all were in Florence ready for action!

With 18 teams from Australia and 3 from NZ, an evening get-together over a buffet dinner was organised in a beautiful Palazzo garden - a chance to mix and mingle with the other teams.

Thursday 5th saw the Snapdragons finally on the water for a once in a lifetime experience to paddle on the Arno River and under the famous Ponte Vecchio. It was also a chance for the Survivors and Supporters to paddle together.

Friday 6th , everyone had a training session to loosen up those muscles and get ready for two days of racing. 500metres seemed a very long way!!

Later in the day, we all met up for the **PINK PARADE OF NATIONS**. What an amazing experience to walk through the streets of Florence over the Ponte Vecchio with people cheering and joining in our celebration of life.



At the final meeting place, in Piazza Signora - a sea of colour and flags of 18 countries - the festival was opened and the paddling could begin.

Saturday 7th Race Day One . We finally got to meet the rest of our team - **The Indy Survivors** and **Bobby** from **Sisters in Sync**. Despite not paddling together before, we managed two 2nd places which made a great first day. Our Supporters went one better by winning their race and achieving 3rd place overall.



Sunday 8th Another hot sunny day and our last day of racing. This time, we surpassed ourselves and had 2 first places, improving on our times again. We were so elated. Just the best feeling.



The completion of racing was the Sandy Smith memorial race where a paddler from each team at the festival is represented in a boat. They paddle the course together and then remain on the water for the Flowers ceremony. We were represented by **Rosetta** as a paddler and **Del** as a sweep.

The **Flowers on the Water** ceremony completed the festival. As always it was a very emotional experience remembering our lost Angel Paddlers. The banks of the Arno were bathed in pink as everyone gathered together and pink gerberas flew into the air then rested on the river.



The closing ceremony completed the festival and it was all over for another 4 years.



The experiences shared and memories will live on forever.

Courtesy of Sarah Firman



On the weekend of 14th July, we had the Tin Can Bay regatta. This year the numbers were down due to our Pinkies being over in Florence and other members also being overseas.

We had 11 of our hard core paddlers who made the trip to Tin Can Bay. For once we had more men than women, which was great to see. In this group, we also had two paddlers **KEVIN** and **PAUL D** who hadn't attended a regatta before, so they were very excited for the whole experience. We borrowed 2 paddlers from Lakers and 2 from other clubs so we had 14 paddlers in our boat.



On the Saturday, we raced in the **DIAMOND DASH**, which on the first section we did really well, but unfortunately, on the second section, the sweep took us on a very wide berth, so we lost quite a bit of time. But it was all in good fun and we were happy with how we had paddled.



After a fun day of racing, we all went out to dinner at the Sleepy Lagoon Hotel and had a nice catch up with everyone.



On Sunday, we had the 200m races. We decided to go with our 14 paddlers and we were up there with the other boats who had 18 or 20 paddlers

in their boats. We made it into the minor finals so decided to have 16 paddlers thinking this might make a difference but we actually did better with only 14 paddlers.

The last part of the day was the 100m sprints. We wanted to fill our boat so my friend from England, who has never paddled before, was handed a paddle and put into our boat with anyone else we could get to help us out. We didn't stay in the race for long, but as usual we all had a fun time and gave my friend an experience to take back home with her that she will remember for many years to come.

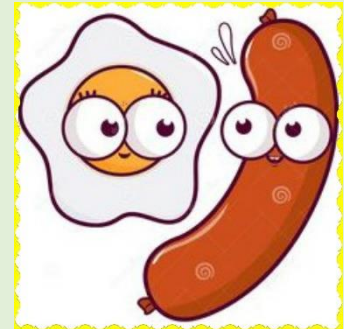


As always a fun time at Tin Can Bay.

Courtesy of Tina Van Kuyl



MONTHLY CLUB BBQ's



The club committee decided that every 4th Saturday of each month a club BBQ be held at the Paddlers Den.

The club's initial BBQ was held on 28th July and it was a huge success.

Thanks to Jason and his excellent culinary skills at attending to the BBQ and making sure that the hungry Redcliffe paddlers were fed. Judging by the looks on everyone's faces there were some well fed paddlers at the end of the day.



Be sure to mark every 4th Saturday in your calendar so you don't forget to join the rest of your fellow paddlers for a hearty breakfast and a social chat after a training session on Saturdays.

Hope to see you all there.



CLUB FUNDRAISING

A short word from your Fundraising Co-Ordinator
- CHERYL



I would like to thank everyone who helped at the Moreton Bay Regional Council Come 'N' Try on Saturday 11th August.

These events are a good way for us to try and recruit, get the word out there about us while making \$20 per head for the Club's funds. This is why it is important that we make them welcome and only focus on their timing and adjust our stroke if need be to make them feel welcome and not a hindrance or hopeless at the sport.

If you talk to anyone, or have family or friends who would like to give dragon boating go, it is good to refer them to the Council's Adventure Programs as they only pay \$5 and the Council pays us the balance of the \$15.

The logo for 'Healthy & Active Moreton'. The words 'Healthy' and 'Active' are in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The ampersand is in a smaller, green font. Below 'Active' is the word 'MORETON' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. A horizontal line is positioned below the main text.

Healthy & Active
MORETON

<https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/healthy-active/programs>

We try and apply for 4 of these events a year, which need to be approved and accepted. So far, we have been lucky enough to always have been accepted.



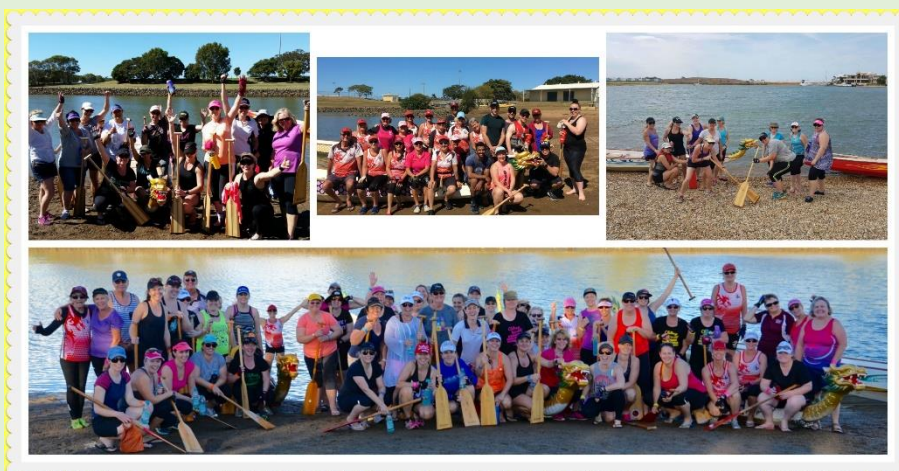
Our next Come 'N' Try is booked for **Saturday 13th October** so please try and keep a little bit of time free to help out on this day as we always book these for 10am - 12pm to allow us time to

have a bit of brekkie first. Remember if we all take a turn it is less strain on the same people that volunteer all the time.

We also had a **Snap Fitness "Fun Day"** for the **18th August**, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered for this event and remind you that we have **Fernwood Fitness** attending on **Saturday 1st September** from 10am - 12pm for their "Fun Day".

We are contacted by these Fitness Centres as part of their 8 week challenges where they offer different activities to the participants. We charge \$15 per head and tell them they need a minimum of 10 participants. While we don't usually attract new members as they are going to the gym when we train and that is what they prefer, we use these as a fundraising and mainly for promoting our Club and maybe they can spread the word when they talk to friends etc. 😊

C U All on the Water - Cheryl



Courtesy of Cheryl Rigby

CLUB GRANTS UPDATE

Just to keep everybody up to date with the grants the Club has applied for and were recently successful for.



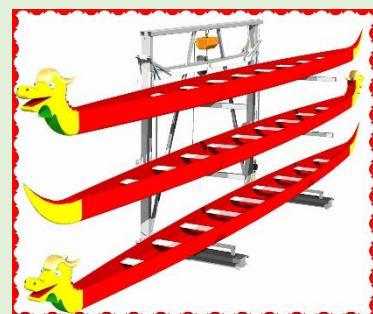
1/ We applied to the **Moreton Bay Regional Council** with a **Community Grants Program**, for funding to have a mural painted on the road side wall to deter graffiti.

We were successful with this Grant and work will be commencing as you read this. We will be having the glasshouse mountains as a backdrop and then the paddlers in the boats to showcase our sport.



2/ We have applied for a **Community Benefits Grant** from the **Department of Liquor and Gaming**, for a Mechanical Boat Stacker that stores 3 boats vertically.

We have been successful with this grant and it should be installed before the end of the year.



3/ We applied for a **Community Benefits Grant** with the **Department of Liquor and Gaming**, for Solar Lighting x 5 under the "Pink Snapdragons" and if successful we can purchase 5 Lights to light the canal for loading and unloading.

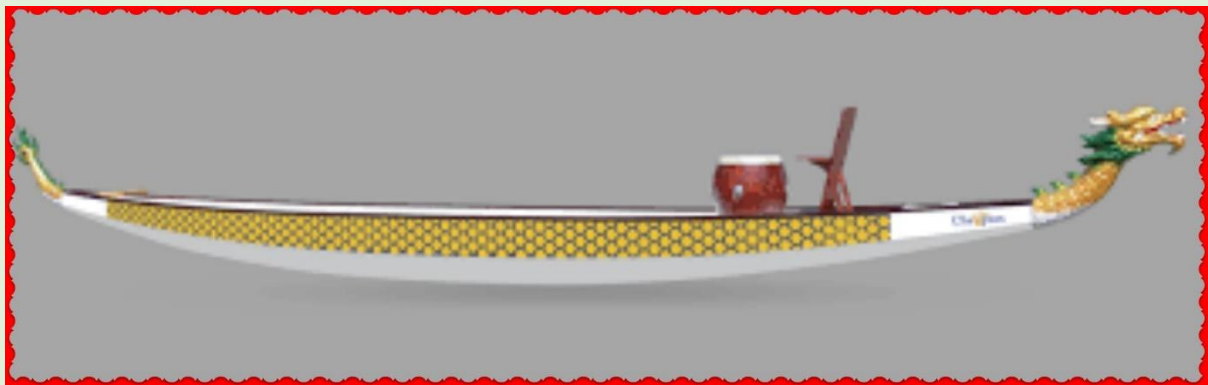
Still Pending



4/ We have applied for a Grant with the **National Parks - Get in the Game**, for a New 20's Boat under the "Pink

Snapdragons" on behalf of the Reds.

Still Pending



Remember to look for future updates on progress of grants, that have been submitted, in upcoming editions of club newsletters



Courtesy of Cheryl Rigby



AUGUST

Barb Flynn

Iciar Argus

SEPTEMBER

Sam Serginson

Karin Wagner

Ann Matthysen

Debra Hall

Soo Ming Alderton

Norman Kelly

Christine Johnstone

Peggy Rapley



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Saturday 25th

DBQ Workshop and **AGM**

Sunday 26th

Monthly Club Breakfast

@ **PADDLERS' DEN**

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 1st

Snapdragons **AGM**

COME 'n' TRY- Fernwood
Fitness Fun Day

Saturday 8th-Sunday 9th

Regatta - **MT WARNING**

Saturday 29th

Monthly Club BBQ

@**PADDLERS's DEN**

OCTOBER

Fitness testing for State
Selections - TBC

Sunday 7th

Regatta - **GC CHINESE
FESTIVAL**

Sunday 13th

COME 'n' TRY - Moreton Bay
Council

Sunday 14th

Regatta - **MANLY** @ Lake
Kawana

Saturday 27th

Monthly Club BBQ

@**PADDLERS' DEN**

Saturday 28th

Regatta - **KIDS IN NEED**
Jack Evans Bay Tweed Heads