

May Edition



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS

NEWSLETTER





DA BRIBIE ISLAND 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The **Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons Survivors and Supporters** all Pinked up as per usual had a wonderful morning celebrating **DA Bribie Island's** 10th Anniversary on Sat 5th May.



Jason and Cheryl kindly towed the boats up from Redcliffe and there were certainly plenty of paddlers to fill them.

After a briefing from Brad we were all split into composite teams and off we went. The aim of the paddle, as well as make new friends and have fun along the way, was to collect flotsam to make a totem of your nominated name and answer heaps of questions about Bribie.

Off we set 6 boats (I think) into the crazy surf in the Pumicestone Passage. As we went under the Bribie bridge we carried out a Bribie tradition of a long cooeee for 4 strokes - great fun.



The weather gods were really challenging us and it was a long hard paddle to the first stop. After collecting our info and flotsam for our totem, it was decided that the weather was too rough to go further up the passage and so we crossed to the other side and continued our quest.



Surfing waves became the challenge and we all safely arrived at the Boat harbour.

We had a chance to see their Boatshed and time for a big group photo.

After our last stop, just a bit further up the passage, we finally crossed over one last time and all landed safely back on the beach. Time to build the totems - all impressive – however, **THE TURTLES** took it on the day.





A much deserved breakfast cooked up by the Bribie Vietnam Vets was very welcoming and so yummy. Lots of mingling and chatter followed. Then it was time to paddle the boats back to the ramp and load them onto their trailers.



**GREAT JOB
BRIBIE
and
HAPPY 10TH
BIRTHDAY**



Courtesy of Sarah Firman

On 26th May, the club held another *Come n Try* day through the Moreton Bay Regional Council Adventure program. This was the second for the year.

Our coach, Charlene, took the newcomers aside and instructed them about the stroke and technique. She was certain to ensure that everyone did compulsory warm up to reduce risk of any injury. Two boats were taken out on the day with Kay and Iciar on the front of each boat instructing the eager paddlers along the way.



Bruce and Doug were in charge of the boats as sweeps with Jason, Donna, Bob and Kelly as strokes in the two boats



After putting into practise what they had learnt on land, the paddlers were taken out onto the Bay where the club trains- when conditions allow. The paddlers were taught race start procedures for them to participate in some short races on the way back to the compound and, as always, the competitive spirit came out in everyone as they all wanted to win.

There was close racing between both boats and considering the paddlers were new to the sport, everyone did well to keep in time. Smiles all around when the boats were coming into shore as everyone had enjoyed the experience of dragon boating and being out on the water.

Once the boats were loaded and brought back to the shed to be washed and stored, paddlers were provided with some drink and nourishment which was very much appreciated by everyone.

Huge thanks to all club members who helped out on the day be it on or off the water

Mitch Craig, the Sport and Recreation Programs Officer from the Moreton Bay Regional Council forwarded the club some feedback from a participant from the activity

***“The team at Redcliffe Dragon boats were very friendly and inviting. The instruction was excellent. Including tips for warming up and cooling down. All very helpful and encouraging. Loved it and am seriously thinking of joining up.*”**

Congratulations and thank you.”





MULLUM2BRUNS PADDLE

SUNDAY 27 MAY 2018

On the last Sunday of May, a team of 19 paddlers (14 from Redcliffe, 3 from Manly, 1 from Cooloola and 1 from Nambucca), travelled 2 ½ hours to attend the annual

MULLUM2BRUNS PADDLE which takes place on the Brunswick River, starting at Heritage Park Mullumbimby and finishing at the scout hall in Brunswick Heads - a distance of approximately 10km.



The event was open to all types of paddlers ranging from laid back fun paddlers to elite athletes, competing in challenge events, to flotillas of dragon boats.

While there were awards for paddlers in other categories, the 10k distance in relation to Dragon Boats were not judged on time but more so on the boat decorations. 10 dragon boats entered this year and they were all dressed up.

Crews that entered were:-

Gold Coast	BEES
Tweed Dragons Blue	CHINA DOLL
Tweed Dragons Red	BLACK DRAGON
Maroochy Sea Serpents	HAWAIIAN (2 boats)
Broadwater Dragons	KEEPING IT BRIGHT
Mt Warning	SUPERHEROES
Rainbow Regions	FAIRIES
Redcliffe Red Dragons	BORDER PATROL
Akuna Dragons	



Gold coast **BEES**



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Mt Warning **SUPERHEROES**

Rainbow Region **FAIRIES**

Tweed **CHINA DOLL**

Redcliffe **BORDER PATROL**

Redcliffe went as **BORDER PATROL DRAGONS**

REDCLIFFE QLD dressed in camouflage shirts, hats and face paint along with guns and camouflage netting in the boat. There were a lot of jokes from other paddlers in the event saying they could not see us. Even at the award presentation, there was a comment about it being hard to judge the boats as they could not see us due to the camouflage.

Redcliffe did the distance of 9.82km in a time of 52.18minutes. The average boat speed throughout the paddle was around 11 and the nice steady rate of 58 made the paddle manageable and let the paddlers enjoy the surroundings.



In judging the winner of the Best Decorated Dragon Boat Award the organisers commented

'The dragon boat decorations were wonderful. All of the ten teams put in an amazing amount of effort and creativity to make a truly amazing spectacle.'

The judges had a very difficult decision to make but there could be only one winner

THE FAIRIES from Rainbow Region Dragons'.



JUNE

Leanne Speller

Peter Price

Terri Munroe

Lyn Stainlay

JULY

Susan Beasley

Sue Batchelor

Theresa Lymbery

Francis Heales

Sherwin Attunga

