



REDCLIFFE
RED DRAGONS
NEWSLETTER

XMAS 2018



REDCLIFFE/LAKERS REGATTA



In the **2018/2019** regatta season, **DBQ** arranged to pay the costs for the hire of **LAKE KAWANA** venue for four sports regatta during the year.



Redcliffe Red Dragons and Lakers Dragon Boat Clubs decided to join together and take advantage of this in order to learn what it involves to host a regatta.

After meetings to discuss matters regarding the pros and cons of hosting a regatta, it was decided to go ahead and the ball starting rolling in order to deliver the best regatta both the clubs could manage. Responses to requests for volunteers to help out on the day were met with a marvellous total of 70 from both clubs.



Apart from a few hick ups (some beyond our control) on the day eg PA system not working at times, high winds delaying race starts, teams not co-operating in marshalling, the day ran smoothly. This was a huge relief for Iciar, the event co-ordinator, whose job was made easy with everyone working together to perform their roles beautifully which resulted in a constant smile on her face throughout the day.

15 Dragon Boat clubs attended and everyone was pleasantly surprised and commented on how well the regatta was run considering it was the first time our two clubs had hosted a regatta.





All the feedback received was full of praise and our collection of raffle prizes were a big winner with the most popular being the well stocked wine rack.

As always, whenever Redcliffe and Lakers clubs combine for any activity, be it on or off the water, the friendly camaraderie and hard work shown by everyone, gains results of high standards.



Thank you so much 🙏
very much appreciated!

DBQ officials – **Janine Lette, Judy New, Jenny Shapland and Norm Hunt** were on hand throughout the day if any help was required.

This was very much appreciated.



After racing had finished and everything was packed up and back in its place, there was time to unwind, have a short debrief, a celebratory drink and give whole heart thanks to everyone who had volunteered on the day for working so well together as a team and making the day the success that it was.



Congratulations

CHRISTINE JOHNSTON

- gained her
LEVEL 3

Sweep's
Accreditation by
sweeping her two remaining
races (via **XIANG DRAGONS** Women

10's). The crew came **1st** and **3rd** in their two heats making it through to the
finals where they came **5th**.



REDCLIFFE/MT. WARNING/MSS BCS

20's 200m

For the BCS 20's 200m division, our Pink Snapdragons along with paddlers from Mt Warning and Maroochy Sea Serpents, joined together to form a crew. **MISSABITATTI – BRD** was the only other crew in the division.

Since there were only 2 crews in the division, it was decided that the overall winner of the day would be on the fastest times over the two heats. **MISSABITATTI – BRD** was the winner on the day thereby **REDCLIFFE/MT WARNING/MSS** being awarded second.

REDCLIFFE OPEN 10's 200m

Redcliffe Red Dragons entered an Open 10's crew (the same crew that won at the previous sports regatta held by Burleigh).

There were 12 teams entered in the category and just like at Burleigh's regatta, **REDCLIFFE OPEN 10'S** were first over the line in both their two heats and finals.





XMAS PARTY

Saturday 8th December saw the annual club Xmas party held at the **PADDLERS' DEN**. The shed was decorated ready for the party earlier that day and everyone was looking forward to having some fun and frivolity with their club mates.



There was a great turn up of members and the resident club's cooks- **Jason** and **Phil**- were in charge of the BBQ and made sure everyone had a delicious feed while our catering manager **Cheryl** attended to the table layout.

Once everyone was fed and had a few drinks under their belt, it was down to some games eg **SECRET SANTA** and **PASS THE PARCEL**.

Both games were a big hit with lots of fun and laughter due to some antics involved throughout the games.



Bob and Peggy supplied their KARAOKE machine as well as the music for the night. This helped to shine a light on hidden talents of some of our members be it –
dancing up a storm on the dance floor

Helen and Charlene
ROCKED IT!!!

...or showing off the range of their vocal chords in front of the microphone



As always, it was a successful Xmas party where everyone enjoyed themselves and learnt a few new things about their fellow members



CLUB GRANTS UPDATE

Our New Boat Storage Stacker



As most of you would be aware by now the Club has been fortunate enough to receive a grant for a **3 Boat Hydraulic Storage Stacker**. What you would not know is that I have been dealing with **DOUGLAS LUMSDEN** from **SPACE SAVER ROWING SYSTEMS** for a couple of years now and have had numerous chats over the phone with him as well as obtaining other quotes required for grants trying to obtain this Unit for the Club.

 **SpaceSaverRowingSystems**
Store more • Save time • Stay safe

When I received the news, that we were successful in receiving the most part of the grant we requested, and the Committee agreed we could attain the required balance funding, I informed Douglas, who was over the moon for us.

Even though he was advised we didn't receive the whole amount, he kindly agreed to commence work straight away as long as we could pay for the unit. We could arrange the rest of the payment later.

Douglas kept us up to date with the progress of the manufacturing with photos and phone calls and then Saturday 8th December, the night of the Christmas party, he messaged to say he would be delivering our Christmas present the following week. He flew up from Canberra and arrived at the Den on Wednesday night to see the location and discuss matters.

THANK YOU to our **Doug** for meeting with us and being on hand to help with the installation. The unit was installed on the Friday 14th December and I hope everyone enjoys the stacker, the room it creates and the ease of loading and unloading when required to use it.



A **BIG Thank you** to Douglas for the personal touches added to our Christmas present

*Courtesy of Cheryl Rigby
Fundraising/Grants Co-ordinator*



JANUARY

Jane Kennedy

Sue Drinkwater

Wendy Lane

Karen Hitchcock

Kelly Monds

Paul Hogg

Erlinda May

Charlene Povey

Gaye Thomson

Paul Den Ronden

FEBRUARY

Vanessa McClennan

Jason Pukallus

Jill Aplin

Gerald Stevens

Margery Barnes

Linda Riedel





UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 2019

Saturday 5th

Club training resumes

Saturday 12th

50m Members Swim Test

Saturday 26th

Monthly Club BBQ

FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday 2nd

Council COME n TRY

Sunday 3rd

Regatta – **BROADWATER**

@ Emerald Lakes

FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th

DARLING HARBOUR New Year
Dragon Boating – Pinks attending

Sunday 17th

Regatta- **BRD**

@ Kawana Waters

Sunday 23rd

Monthly Club BBQ

MARCH 2019

Sunday 10th

Regatta – **TEWAKA**

@ Kawana Waters



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2019

Saturday & Sunday 23rd- 24th

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

@ Kawana Waters

APRIL 2019

Wednesday 17th – Monday
22nd

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

@ Rowing Course, Weston Park,
Yarralumla, ACT

MAY 2019

Saturday 11th

Council COME n TRY

Saturday 25th

Club Monthly BBQ

SEPTEMBER 2019

Friday 6th & Saturday 7th

Regatta – **ST GEORGE**

OCTOBER 2019

Saturday 5th

Regatta – Outback Paddle

LONGREACH