

States and Nationals 2019



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS NEWSLETTER





DBQ STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championships, held over the last weekend of March, were at Kawana this year. Saturday saw small boat racing (10's) over distances of 200m and Sunday was standard boats (20's) over distances of 500m.

Redcliffe had **33** paddlers on the Saturday entering teams in the categories of **Senior A Mixed, Women and Open, Senior B Mixed, Women and Open and Senior C Mixed and Open.**

Sunday saw **37** paddlers competing over the different categories of **Senior A Mixed 20's 2km, Senior A Mixed, Women and Open and Senior B Mixed and Open.**

8 of our Pink paddlers joined with **Sunshine Coast Dragon's Abreast** to compete in Breast Cancer Survivor 20's 500m racing.



Senior A Mixed, Women and Open, Senior C Mixed and Open crews all made the finals in the 10's racing. **Senior A Mixed** placed **5th** only **0.22sec** behind **3rd** place **Sunshine Coast**.

Senior C Open missed out on **3rd** behind *Manly* by **1.42secs**. Senior C Mixed placed **6th** in their final. It was very close racing by the club.

Sunday racing saw Senior A Mixed, Women and Open and Senior B Open making the finals.

Senior A Mixed were only **0.76secs** off **3rd** behind *Maroochy Sea Serpents* while our Senior B Open were **4th** **1.81secs** behind *Sunshine Coast*.

Senior C Mixed & Open 10's



Senior A Open 20's



Senior A Women 20's



Senior A Open and Women 20's 500m earned **2nd** and **3nd** place in their respective finals



Redcliffe/Sunshine Coast DA came 2nd in their final behind *Missabitatitti*, by only 1.81secs



Redcliffe/
Sunshine Coast DA
BCS 20's



Silver

Senior A
Open 20's



Bronze

Senior A
Women 20's



Silver

BCS 20's

This was the first State Championship with Charlene as our coach and she was definitely pleased with the results for the club over the two days of the Championships



Coach Charlene



NATIONALS



These championships were held in Canberra this year. **11** club paddlers attended and the crews submitted were **Senior A and B Women 10's 200m and 500m.**

Thanks to AusDBF allowing our exemption, **JENNY SHAPLAND** and **SHARON ROBERTS** from **Cooloola** and **Hervey Bay**, were able to join the club so that Redcliffe could be able to compete at these Nationals.



Some of the paddlers were able to attend a team training session on the Lake the day before the Championships began. With **Jason** as our sweep, the paddlers were able to venture out and paddle for the first time, for some of us, in the 10's pseing boat.

All those training sessions in the club 10's boat proved very beneficial to all paddlers as putting blades on the water once stopped paddling became automatic since it had been drummed into our heads.

Senior A Women 200m and 500m categories had **20** and **17** crews participating while **Senior B Women** had **16** and **17** crews.

Jenny swept both women's boats while **Tahlia** was our drummer for the **Senior B Women** and **Lyn** for the **Senior A Women**. Both crews advanced straight from their respective heats into the Semi Finals.



Senior B Women went on to race in their two Finals. 500m Final **4 out of the 5** crews racing were from Queensland (*BRD, Manly, Currumbin, Redcliffe*) while 200m Final saw **5 out of 6** crews also from Queensland (*BRD, Manly, Currumbin, Sunshine Coast and Redcliffe*).



Redcliffe Senior B 500m came **5th** in their final, as did Senior B 200m making the both crews the **5th** fastest in their respective divisions across the country for the Championships.

It was very tight racing for **3rd** position in the Senior B 200m with only **0.97sec** separating **3rd** and **5th**.

Redcliffe had their very own support crowd and cheer squad all kitted out in the Club shirts - looking very impressive and definitely standing out from the crowd.



Once the two days of Redcliffe's competition were over, it was time to celebrate the club's success.

This was done at a club dinner where everyone could relax and have a drink.... or two (maybe not too much for those who were to paddle the next day representing Queensland).

CLUB THANK YOU

DARREN LYMBERY for his tremendous help as *Club Assistant Team Manager* during the two days of the Championships. If it weren't for his help and assertiveness at times, the days may not have run so smoothly.



Coach CHARLENE POVEY for all her time and effort in arranging extra training sessions and having the faith in her paddlers.

Club Team Manager ICIAR ARGUS for all the behind the scene organisation of getting teams registered etc.



JENNY SHAPLAND

&

SHARON ROBERTS

for helping Redcliffe field teams at this year's Nationals.





QUEENSLAND REPRESENTATIVES

State V State Day was the third day of Championships were, this year, Redcliffe had **8** representatives paddling for Queensland. **Doug Trott, Gaye Thomson, Tina Van Kuyl** and **Bruce Musgrove** as Senior C's, **Ann Matthysen** Senior B, **Jason Pukallus** and **Kelly Monds** Senior A and **Tahlia Harle** in Under 18's.

Senior C's won **2** Gold and **1** Silver, Senior B **2** Silver, Senior A **1** Gold **1** Silver and **1** Bronze



Three other club members attended the Nationals representing Queensland in a different capacity. **Charlene Povey** (Under 18's coach) **Cheryl Rigby** (Senior A Team Manager) and **Iciar Argus** (Senior B Team Manager).

Tahlia's under 18 crew were not so lucky. She did however do well paddling with the **QUEENSLAND SONICS** in Under 18's division achieving **2** silvers and **2** bronze





Good luck to the club's **4** Australian representatives going to the World's in Thailand in August this year.

Gaye Thomson and Bruce Musgrove for Senior C,
Charlene Povey Senior B and
Tahlia Harle Under 18's.



GO GET EM!!!!



APRIL

Phil Matthysen

Peter Bambery

Cheryl Rigby

Laurie Nicolson

Tahlia Harle

MAY

Karen Rolfe

Joe Heunes

Kevin Fulford

Deb Watson

Rosetta Lynis

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Wendy Weeks

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