

September Edition



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS

NEWSLETTER



REGATTA NEWS



This year Redcliffe only attended races on Sunday and did not participate in the long distance races on Saturday. Teams entered were Women 20's, Mixed 20's and Open 10's. 26 paddlers - 4 of those were ex members helping us make up numbers.

Thanks to *Steve Wharemate, Shaun Kydd, Courtney Bisset and Renee Williams*

The Women's crew were the only crew to make it to the Finals after coming **2nd** in both their heats. The crew came **4th** in a time of 1.15.37mins only **1.08secs** behind **KIN** in 3rd place



WOMEN 20's



OPEN 10's



MIXED 20's



15th September saw the first of the Club's Come n Try for the **2019/2020** regatta season via the **Moreton Bay Council Healthy and Active Program**. There were 15 paddlers in attendance with **Norma and Gillian, Eva and Shelly** as strokes and **Rita and Paul** as sweeps for their respective boats.

Kay took the paddlers through the customary warm up and technique before taking them out onto the water and, with the help of **Peggy**, put



everything they had learnt into practice.



Due to the good weather, the boats were able to venture out onto the Bay to show the paddlers Redcliffe's training ground. Once the paddlers were comfortable with the stroke, Kay introduced them to the Club's race starts in order that the two boats could have friendly races.

These Council Come n Try's are always a big hit with the paddlers as they get to experience being out on the water and what it is like to race in a dragon boat. The smiles on everyone's faces as they are coming back into shore is enough to show us just how much everyone enjoyed the experience.





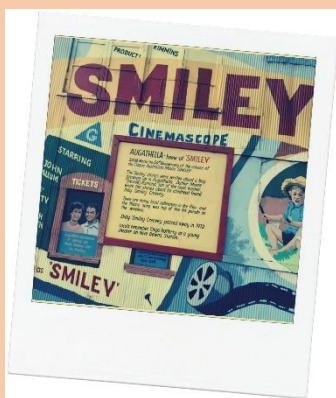
There was lots of excitement when everyone arrived at *Cheryl and Jason's* place on Thursday morning for the big trip to Longreach. Bags, paddles, drum and drummer's seat all packed and secured in the dragon boat and passengers all aboard for the long drive.

Jason and Bob were our chauffeurs and by the way with only 3 roosters in this hen house for the next 5 days, what fun it was going to be.



Left **BRISVAGAS** and only got to Morayfield before we needed to stop as they had left the brake on the trailer. The jockey wheel had to be fixed as it kept falling down because the tow ball was too low. Once all fixed we were off to our first stop at Yarraman for a wee break and top up of food.

Everything was going along nicely with everyone all catching up on conversation and getting to know our other paddlers from *Mt Warning, Tweed and Maroochy* who had joined us. The drum kept bouncing around in the boat so some of our large supply of food had to be eaten and as well as our esky full of roadies to make room for the drum to come on board in the bus. There was lots of fun playing **CELEBRITY HEADS, PASS THE PARCEL**, site seeing and having photo opportunities along the way till we got to our first night's accommodation in **AUGATHELLA**.



After a night at the pub for dinner and a walk around the highlights of Augathella, where there was a tribute to the movie *SMILEY* filmed on a sheep station in 1950's, we were on our way. As we were travelling along, someone noticed the tarps holding down the luggage in the boat started to flap around so we stopped to fix them, then proceeded on to **BLACKALL** for a break and the trailer

was checked again to make sure everything was intact when it was noticed that a rope and mysterious cable were dangling.



OOOPS- it was only the brake cable on the trailer. With a bit of bush mechanics engineered by the boys the rope was tightened up. THANKS GUYS! Little did we know that the drummer's seat had decided it wasn't too keen on the long trip and jumped ship.

Fortunately, this was brought to our attention at the petrol stop at **TAMBO** when a truck driver informed the boys that a timber thing fell off the boat and was shattered. **OH NO!!!!** it was our drummer's seat. We all checked our photos to see if it could be determined when the seat may have gone missing from the boat.

There was lots of laughter on the bus with games again with a **SCAVENGER HUNT**. Some of the items on the list eg a red car and caravan, a man on a horse and an emu could not be found. They were nowhere to be seen till we were closer to our destination. So there, in the car park was 2 men on horseback. Well the crowd went wild!!! **WE HAD FOUND THEM....**AND the emu and the red car and caravan. ALL DONE at last.



We all arrived in **LONGREACH** safe and sound and once all were settled in, a few went off to the **QANTAS** museum. A paddle steamer cruise up the **THOMPSON RIVER** for dinner was arranged for those interested in attending.



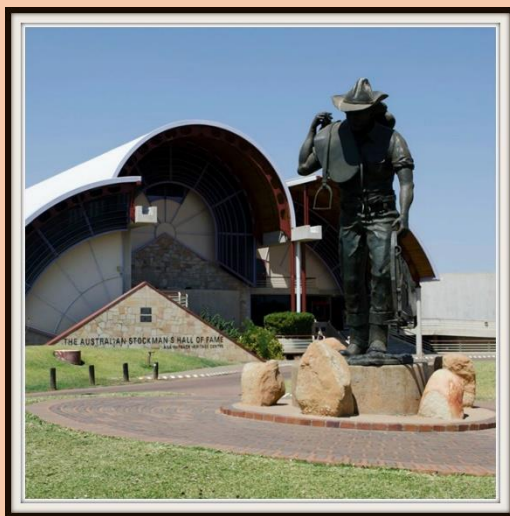
The next day saw an early rise for everyone in order to get to the regatta site for our first paddle of a **10km** on the river. Our boat had a bad start having to jam stop due to some stand up paddle boarders in front of us. We

did not want to run them over. It was a paddle against the wind on the way up for the first 5km but we all held in there strongly till the turnaround, passing a few SUPS canoes and an outrigger.

Unfortunately the crew was not quite strong enough to win the \$800 first prize, which went to REDLANDS crew but a great effort by everyone.



Next on the agenda for the paddlers was the 5km. This time the start was better and a fantastic effort was made by all especially those paddlers who had paddled in the 10km race earlier.



Our next race was not till 4pm so some paddlers decided they would do some site seeing and visit the *STOCKMAN'S HALL OF FAME* while others had a look around town with instructions to be back by 3pm for our 100m novelty races.

Even though we didn't win any races, everyone enjoyed themselves and it was a great regatta considering it was the region's first time event in Longreach.





The town had put on a wonderful show with duck races, barefoot skiing display and of course to win



the money for where the bull was going to leave his business ???

They had food vans, kids water slides, a bar (of course) to wet the whistle after all that dust, a band playing and you could also get your skin checked by the sun doctor and lots more.

After the days events, everyone ventured back to the campsite for the last night and some decided to go for a few beers at the local. I think they say what happens on holidays stays on holidays..... but **Barb and Bob** mmmmmm



The following morning it was time to say goodbye to Longreach. **Iciar, Rosetta and Michelle** came out to wish us all a safe trip and wave us off with a box of Favourites for the trip.

Unbeknown to all passengers, the bus limped into **BARCOLDINE** with 2 red lights on the dash. The boys were in luck as they had the **TREE OF KNOWLEDGE** for reference in order to gather information as to how to fix the problem with the bus. Whilst they were conferring on matters, everyone else went off to order breakfast at the servo. Another rope on the trailer is noticed as being undone. **What is missing now????** Lucky all is intact. After chatting with some tourists and buying some Kingaroy nuts from them for our road trip, we were off.

As we approached TAMBO, all eyes were on the road-side looking for that pesky drummer seat that had parted company with us a couple of days earlier. Luck was on our side and the seat was found and it will be able to be fixed.



With no more dramas and a few more games to win the Canadian Club, Beer or Melbourne cup tickets and we are home safe and sound from our Longreach road trip.



Massive ***THANK YOU*** to our two drivers **JASON and BOB** who did a magnificent job in getting everyone to and from Longreach in one piece





Courtesy of Peggy Rapley



Laughternoon Tea

Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons invite you
to our Fundraising High Tea!

Enjoy an afternoon of delicious treats and laughter.
Fashion parade, prizes and raffles.

Fundraising in support of the Brisbane Breast Bank and
to send our dragon boating team of Breast Cancer Survivors to the
International Breast Cancer Participatory Festival in New Zealand in 2022.

Date: Sunday 27th October 2019

Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm

Place: Scarborough Bowls Club,
Sunnyside Road, Scarborough

Tickets: \$30 (Bookings essential. No ticket sales at the door.)

Please RSVP by 19th October 2019

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SEPTEMBER

Ann Matthysen

Debra Hall

Norma Kelly

Christine Johnston

Kevin Lategan

Peggy Rapley

Shelly Baumann

OCTOBER

Karen Burns

Carolyn Crawford

Josie Lategan

Eva Anna Marie



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Thursday 10-12th

XVII Australian Masters Games -
ADELAIDE

Saturday 12th

Snapdragons' Social Paddle

Including Field of Women Ceremony

Sunday 13th

REGATTA — Tewaka

Kawana Waters

Sunday 27th

COME n TRY - Outrigger

9 – 10.30am

NOVEMBER

Saturday 9th

COME n TRY Moreton Bay
Council 10am – 12pm

Sunday 10th

Outrigger's Come n Try

9am – 10.30am

Sunday 24th

REGATTA – Manly

Kawana Waters