

November Edition



REDCLIFFE RED DRAGONS

NEWSLETTER



REGATTA NEWS

I'm always up for a paddle and was keen to head over the border to paddle with Gold Coast in the **KIN** Regatta. Unfortunately, my logistical planning can sometimes be amiss and I forgot to take into account the beginning of the NSW Daylight Savings season. This made for a very early start and our alarm was set for 3:00am Qld time to be on ground by 7:00am NSW time.



Along with *Cheryl, Jason, Iciar, Teresa P* and myself, we made up the gang. I'm never too keen on a dress-up but could manage a spotty black and white T-

shirt (thanks Iciar) and completed the outfit with a studded collar (thanks to Iciar's daughter). Our theme was **DALMATIANS** and we even had **Cruella**

DeVille to keep us in line.

Thankfully most of the regatta was more enthusiastic than myself and we had boat-loads of pirates, ghosts, Hawaiians and even a Melbourne Cup themed team that looked way more presentable than I would track-side, but they managed to pull off fascinators and slinky dresses along with paddle shoes and sunnies. Gold Coast made us all feel very welcome and we gelled with their team seamlessly coming away with **3rd** place in the Mixed 20's in a time of **1.06.17mins** only **00.58secs** behind **2nd** place **CURRUMBIN WARRIORS** (**1.05.59 mins**) and **1.20secs** behind **1st** place **MSS GOLD** (**1.04.97mins**)



The highlight of the day would have to be the mother and baby dolphin that decided to visit the start line and have none of us focused in the boat (sorry sweep). The layout of the course allowed for a great view from the bank to the start line with racing along the boardwalk and finishing in a sandy bay.



The local bikers had been hard at their fund-raising and managed to raise over \$3,000 to present to the KIN club. This came with a procession along the boardwalk under an archway of paddles. This was KIN's 34th regatta, raising funds for children with disabilities and serious illness in the SE Qld and Northern NSW regions. KIN is a

not for profit organization and all funds raised are donated.

In all, it was a great day out. Next year it might be a better idea to head down the day before, enjoy a meal together, spend the night and be fresh in the morning. I'll be there!



Courtesy of Theresa Lymbery



Towards the end of the month, the club ventured out to Kawana Waters on the Sunshine Coast to participate in the **MANLY DRAGON BOAT CLUB** regatta. The usual categories of racing were available with Redcliffe entering in every division.

The **Mixed 20's 2km** crew came a respectable **5th** position from a field of 14 crews. Of those 14 crews, 5 teams recorded times under 11 minutes. Only **21.5secs** separated the first 5 crews with **SUNSHINE COAST** recording the winning time of **10.37.13mins**. Redcliffe's finishing time was **10.58.62mins**.



Our **Mixed 20's 500m** team were relegated to the Minor Final due to missing out on a Grand Final's berth by a mere **00.12secs** behind **MAROOCHY 2**. We raced against 5 other crews in this final and won in a time of **53.78secs** - **1.25secs** ahead of second place **LAKERS**.

The **Ladies 20's** crew made the Grand Final

and came **4th** in a very close and exciting race. Redcliffe recorded a time of **1.00.18 minutes** only **1.28secs** behind 3rd place MSS 1 and **2.77secs** behind winner Sunshine Coast.



Even though the **Open 10's** did not record a good time for their first heat, they



only missed the Grand Final by a mere **0.82 secs** therefore forcing Redcliffe into the Minor Final which was not raced due to time restrictions.

COME 'n' TRY



some racing in the boats.

Ann and Kelly were the strokes for the 10's boat with **Doug** as sweep and **Jason** and **Phil** strokes for the 20's boat with **Rita** sweeping. **Kay** took the session with **Iciar** helping out on the other boat. Due to the 10's boat not being as stable as the 20's boat only 2 out of the 11 paddlers who came to try out were placed in the 10's boat.

The weather allowed the boats to venture out onto the bay to show everyone the surrounding landmarks eg Deception Bay, Glass House Mountains, Bribie Mountain and the club's training ground.

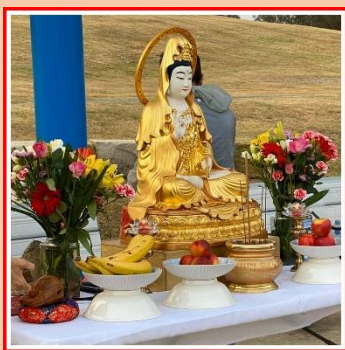
After the paddlers were brought up to speed with the paddling technique and what was required of them, Kay introduced them to race start sequence in preparation for some races between the two boats. Everyone was willing and determined to be in the winning boat and the competitiveness in them all was evident in the last race down the home canal.



As always at these events, there were a lot of happy and smiling faces at the end of the session and they were then treated to some refreshments and fruit up in the shed once the boats were washed and put away.

Thank you to all club members who helped out on the day whether it be on the boats or preparing the food for afterwards. Keep up the great work everyone!





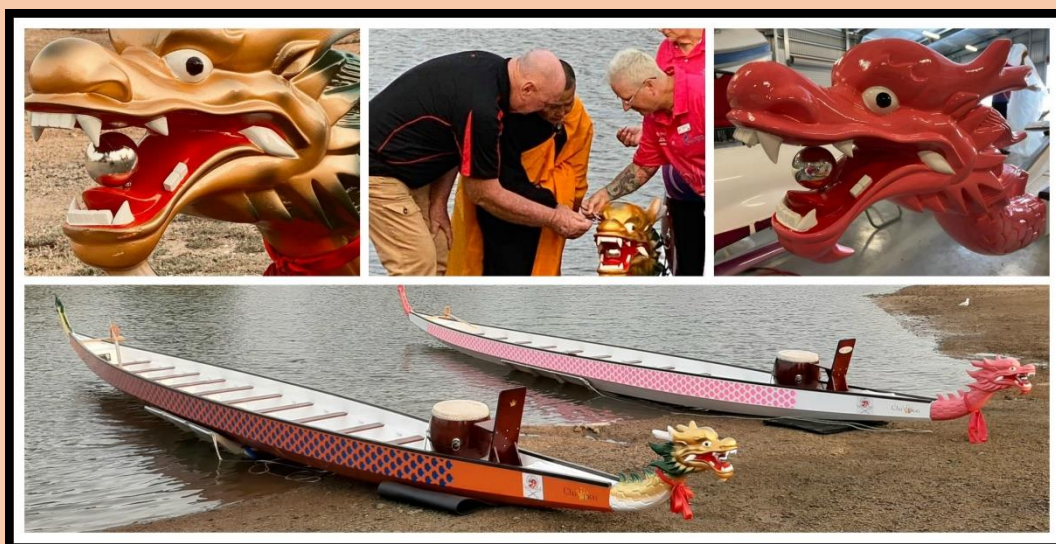
BOAT BLESSING

It was a very special day, on Wednesday 13 November, for the **Redcliffe Red Dragons Dragon Boat Club** and the **Redcliffe Pink Snapdragons Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Club**, with the traditional Buddhist blessing and

'awakening of the dragon' of their new dragon boats. This moving ceremony was led by the **Venerable Chueh Tang** and **Venerable Miao Xin** and involved prayers, offering of incense, blessing with holy water and dotting the eyes of the dragons with red paint to awaken them and give them sight.



In Asian culture, the blessing and Awakening Ceremony is about respecting the dragon and getting him into a good and friendly mood towards you, the team, and the community. The ritual serves to ward off evil and to sanctify and bless the boats. It is to make our dragon boats strong and fierce and therefore fit to compete in races. It is considered bad luck to race in a dragon boat that has not been properly awakened.



Both clubs are grateful to the Queensland Government who provided **\$13,000** to the Red Dragons and **\$7,500** to the Pink Snapdragons to purchase the new dragon boats to enable Queenslanders to participate in sport and recreation activities.



Despite the windy and smoky conditions, the ceremony was conducted without a hitch. Both boats were then taken for a paddle in the Newport waters to truly launch them.



Courtesy of Christine Johnston



NORTHERN CHAPTER - HERVEY BAY

On Saturday 16, November some Redcliffe-based members travelled to Hervey Bay to train with the members of our **NORTHERN CHAPTER**. *Phil and Anne, Bob and Peggy, Iciar and Simon, Kay, Gillian and Deb W* joined *Jenny, Nigel, Josie, Kevin, Lorna, Janice and John* to paddle around the Hervey Bay area on Sunday morning.

The Northern Chapter had purchased a boat from Sunshine Coast, so Bob and Peggy volunteered to pick the boat up on Saturday and deliver it. Unfortunately though, Peggy and Bob had to leave early on the Sunday to return the Sunshine Coast trailer, so didn't make it out on the water.



Jenny and Nigel kindly offered to have us stay with her at her beautiful River Heads house, while Deb stayed with a friend in Hervey Bay. Jenny and Nigel hosted a fabulous dinner at their place for us all and some of the local team members, so we had

the chance to socialise and work on team bonding. Nothing like a few drinkies to help with that! 😊

The plan was to head out into the open water, and head for a local island, but sadly the weather gods were against us, and it was too choppy to head out of the marina so that is where we had our 1 hour training session.



We paddled around the marina (many times!) and Iciar provided the northern chapter team with instruction based on Charlene's coaching model. They were all very enthusiastic and worked well with the "southerners". After training we all went back to Jenny and Nigel's for a well earned breakfast.



We all headed home around midday, expecting there would be a bit of traffic around the Sunshine Coast to contend with. What we didn't anticipate was the hail storm! We were all very fortunate, with Bob and Peggy being ahead of the storm, and the rest of us being about a half hour behind it.

While all the later travellers drove through some heavy rain, we missed the hail but saw many cars that had been damaged. Good timing in the boat, and good timing travelling home!

A special thanks to Jenny and Nigel for their hospitality, a great time was had by all, and we look forward to seeing you all down here soon, and visiting again.



Courtesy of Kay Roper

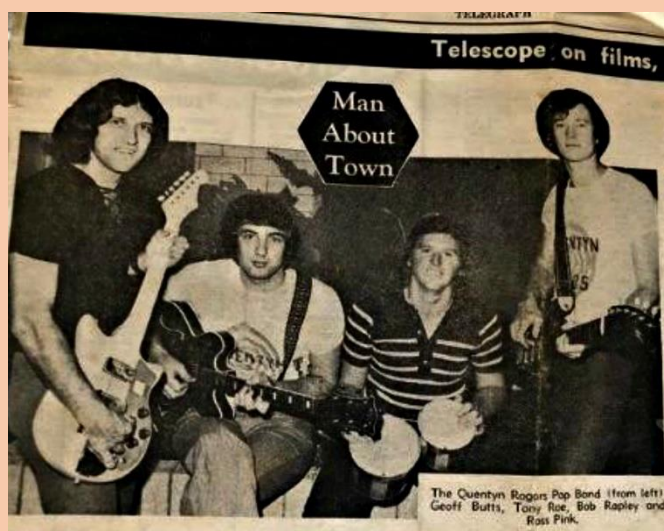


SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR PRESIDENT

We guess that no-one knows we have a famous person in our club:

Our President, **MR BOB RAPLEY.**

It recently came to our notice that Bob was a drummer for the **QUENTYN ROGERS** band, a well-known Queensland rock band from 1967 – 1973. The band played regularly at events in Queensland and had resident weekly spots in hotels. Bob does not like to boast about his past but has agreed for us to show a couple of photos of his group.



ON A BEAT

A final year law student and two electrical engineering students at the University of Queensland belt out the beat at the Lands Office Hotel.

The three are in the Quentyn Rogers Pop Band, which must be the most academic team of musicians in town.

Leader is Geoff Butts, 25, who will finish his law studies in November.

The electrical engineering students are Tony Roe, 21, who studies part-time at the University, and Ross Pink, 20, who is full-time at St. Lucia.

Both are in their second year.

Fourth man in the band is Bob Rapley, 19, a glazier. And has that electrical engineering know-how come in handy... Tony and Ross built the band's sound system.

This was a great sav-

ing," said Geoff. "We put it together for \$900 to \$1000.

"The equipment probably would retail for about \$4500 to \$5000."

How come three young campus gentlemen are in the pop music trade?

Geoff Butts tells the background:

"The four got together at a party, started talking music and from that started the Quentyn Rogers Pop Band."

They played purely because they liked music and even performed at functions without charge.

Now they are strong in the pro ranks but cannot play more than three or four nights a week because of their studies.

"We spend about six hours on Saturdays on rehearsals," Geoff said.

"This usually is a non-stop session and we shift around a bit for this out of consideration for the neighbors."

Geoff has completed his articles in the legal profession, and after his final year will become a solicitor.

But he still will have a brief on music for the academic Quentyn Rogers Pop Band intends to blaze on next year.

The band then will have one distinction — the lead guitarist and singer will be a solicitor.

PT'S HAS THE AR TREATMENT

PT'S of Kenmore out there in the chambers and chablis belt is to have star treatment.

is to change its name to the Zodiac Centre, starting of September 29 there will be Wednesday, and Saturday dings.

se Clefts, who made their name at the Homestead, out to the Majestic Hotel, will be the resident.

a "Zodiac" bit is tied up with the starry theme the Aquarius Room and the Pisces cocktail bar. e Zodiac's weekly horoscope includes a Roaring e Night. The birds and guys will be encouraged e up with that old boop-oo-toop gear and gow faces at the Zodiac are Mrs. Lee Dalton and Ashbolt who will run the show.



Old Brisbane rockers bring back the beat

By Andrew Wight - Brisbane Times

April 6, 2008 —

Fantastic live music, a packed house and dancers strutting their stuff - but this isn't the Valley on a Friday night, this is New Farm on Sunday afternoon. Oh, and the hard rockers on stage are all in their fifties, and beyond.

Welcome to the 21st Old Rockers Annual Get Together, a musical event that brings together some of the great Brisbane bands of yesteryear and helps raise money for the Queensland Institute of Medical Research.

This year nine bands from Brisbane's music scene in the 50s, 60s and early 70s shook the foundations of the River Side Receptions hall for almost three hours, much to the delight of the hundreds of patrons who turned up to rock the afternoon away. "I'm basically a groupie," one sixty-year-old woman told brisbanetimes.com.au.

The rock band Quentyn Rogers was up first with **Bob Rapley on Drums**, Ross Pink on Bass, Tony Roe on guitar.

The band was named after Queensland Rail, which all three members worked for at the time of the band's active period from 1967-1973.

And what has changed the most since they first formed back in 1967? "Definitely the hairstyles," Mr Pink said.

The oldest band present at the reunion was the Teen Beats.....

We also found a short article from a Newspaper in 2008 describing a reunion of rock bands from the 1950- 1970s

So, definitely SPOTLIGHT on Bob Rapley –
a well deserved tribute to a great man

Courtesy of Gillian Robinson

DRAGON WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

Results from last month's puzzle

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6 LETTERS

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TIMING

SWEEPS

KAWANA

DRAGON

AUSDBF

7 LETTERS

DRUMMER

REGATTA

8 LETTERS

MARSHALL

9 LETTERS

REDCLIFFE

STOPWATCH

Courtesy of Gillian Robinson



NOVEMBER

Janice Reuter

Gillian Robinson

Tina Van Kuyl

Donna Pascoe

DECEMBER

Suzie Juno

Maui Mocaraka

Bob Rapley

Tupuo Teava

Rhonda O'Brien

Christine Afonso

Bruce Brewster

Kaete Afonso



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st

REGATTA – DAGC

Xmas on the Creek

Club Xmas party

@ PADDLERS' DEN 2pm – 8pm

Saturday 7th

BBQ – Rothwell Bunnings

Sunday 8th

REGATTA – Burleigh

@Varsity Lakes

Wednesday 18th

Lolly Run

Saturday 21st

Last day training before break

JANUARY

Saturday 4th

Club training resumes

Sunday 12th

REGATTA – Redcliffe/Lakers

@ KAWANA WATERS

FEBRUARY

Saturday 8th

REGATTA – Broadwater

@ Emerald Lakes

Sunday 16th

REGATTA – BRD

@ KAWANA WATERS