

Dragons Abreast Gold Coast

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Welcome to our very first newsletter!



This is such an exciting time for our members and with so much happening - regattas, fundraising, Xmas celebrations - we will all find the newsletter a great way to keep track of what is happening.

Our membership is growing steadily, with 34 breast cancer survivors and 45 supporters.

A big welcome to all of our new members, I'm sure you will enjoy paddling with us on our beautiful Currumbin Creek, where the early mornings and evenings are magic.

I know that you will find out very quickly just how addictive dragon boat paddling is.

It really is wonderful to see our group coming together, training hard, supporting each other and having fun.

Let's all contribute news articles and photos of interesting events to our newsletter editor, it is a great way to keep each other informed of what is happening both on and off the water.

See you all on the water, until then...

Paddles Up!

Fauzy (President)

Coach's Report

Already three months into our new season, with competitive paddlers regularly attending three sessions a week.

Our Currumbin Club regatta in September was very busy with members both racing and attending to our club duties, every member worked as a team.



Sue, Vic and Bev

The following weekend we joined several other South East Queensland groups in support of the launching of Bribie Island's newly formed dragon boat club.

Our members were hands on, helping with the cooking, organising activities and supporting Bribie not only on the water but on land also – our bbq guru Huia should be acknowledge for the lovely breakfast she cooked.

Kids in Need 2008 is a regatta that will be a sweet memory for those who competed – Breast Mates crossing the finish line in front of the Currumbin sporting crew, who were gracious in defeat.



Glenda and Steve

Glenda Singleton steered her first regatta – well done Glenda!

The Burleigh Regatta in October was a killer with all 500m races – but I know that everyone who was part of this crew “gave all that they possibly could”

After four weeks intensive training for Pan Pacs, we, along with six members of Mt Warning competed in five events over the two days - at times, some of our ladies were racing back to back - they were absolute champions! Our breast cancer survivor team won bronze in the 10 person, 200 metre race.

Six of our members also represented the super grand masters (over 60) 'Queensland' crew , competing against teams from all the other states.

Our sister club, Currumbin Divas also took out a bronze medal in the 500 metre women's final. It was great to see the comraderie and support between the Divas and Pinkies during the event.



Lorraine (Coach)

Pan Pacs Breakfast

Held at Kurrawa Surf Lifesaving Club on Sunday following the Pan Pacs was a huge success with over 160 guests. Check out the photos on the next page.

Dates to Remember

Fun Day

Sunday, December 7 @ Winders Park

Regatta

Sunday, December 14 @ Lake Kawana (S' Shine Coast)

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 20 @ Winders Park



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Fund Raising & Sponsorship

In April 2009, DAGC will defend their world title in Miami, Florida at the **Breast Cancer World Championships**.



With anticipated costs of \$3000 per person for flights and accommodation, the team is busy raising funds and seeking sponsorship so as many members, both survivors and supporters, as possible can attend.

Fundraisers to date

- Lee & John Morrison held a party Sat. 18th
- Pan Pac Breakfast
- Very successful raffle at the Pan Pacs breakfast of two much admired pink aprons designed, made & donated by Loraine Taylor - see pic →

Sponsorship is being sought by Skippy and Glenda Downie - check out the sponsorship letter templates below. Who could resist such gorgeous ladies?

Sausage Sizzles

- November Sat. 1st, Sun. 2nd, Sat 22nd, Sun. 23rd @ Super Mart, Benowa
- Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 December @ Pattons Ashmore
- Saturday, December 21 @ Bunnings Nerang
- January, Sun. 11th @ Harvey Norman, Tweed Heads

Fundraisers in planning stage

David & Jenny Toyer offered DAGC the catering at a 3 day Murwillumbah **Dog show** with the profits to Miami. Judy Caton leads that team.

Fayzy is organising **Rock and Roll night**

Fundraisers being investigated

- 2 Indoor bowls – one each end of coast
- Car boot sale
- Sausage sizzles @ Pattons, all Harvey Norman & Bunnings branches

Got a great fundraising idea or sponsorship contact? Let Skippy or Glenda know.

Skippy and *Glenda* (Fundraising and Sponsorship)

Pan Pacs Breakfast, Sunday 9 November



Excited raffle prize winner



Cheers from Jacqui and Robyn



A crowd of happy campers



Jo Parry speaks to our guests



Vic is full of hot air



Hugs



Bindi & Helen

Winning the World Championship was awesome! I was so proud of everyone in the team and my kids were SO PROUD of me!"

Debi (Bindi) Clark
World Champion Dragon Boat Paddler