

TWIN TITTIES TALES



March 2011

Dragons Abreast Townsville Inc.

Our philosophy is that we are already winners because we are here and able to participate. Our race is against breast cancer – not each other.



Welcome to our first edition of Twin Titties Tales. Over the next few months you may see some changes with the Newsletter as we work on getting settled into a format that looks great and encourages our readers to get involved and participate in sharing their stories with us.

We thought our Newsletter should include Profiles of our members so we can get to know them a little better. We hope you enjoy the read.

Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Races

Last month a group of DAT Inc. Members went down to Darling Harbour for the annual Chinese New Year Dragon Boat races. It is a wonderful venue for sprint races. On the Saturday competition was for Sports teams (such as our TDBC) in all of the age groups, Junior, Premier, Mixed, Masters etc. And then on the Sunday it was Corporate and Dragons Abreast racing. We (DA) had 18 teams from across Australia in 3 heats of 6 boats. As we did not have a full boat we made a composite team with Darwin and Cairns and a couple of girls from Bundaberg and Gold Coast! Our supporter members paddled with Pink Connections. For many of us it was our first regatta and all have agreed it was a great fun weekend. Below are some short stories from some attendees.

Michelle Hanton (DAA founding director) went grey performing her usual magic and pulling one from this team, 2 from that, so that we could field a full 18 dragon boats (3 of supporters this time) on Cockle Bay for the regatta. Some teams had 20 and some had 16 – most were composites – but all wore the pink proudly.

During the major finals the minor finalists moved back to the docks to over load – sitting 3 to a seat or on the floor in front of the drummer so that everyone possible could be on the water for the flower ceremony. Jo Pederson, who is very special to all at Dragons Abreast, swept the Brisbane team in every race and took the same team out for the Flower Ceremony. The raft of pink, the flowers floating, the deafening silence of the large crowd surrounding Cockle Bay, the moving words from Michelle, the tears, the laughter, the meeting of new friends and old – all these things make Chinese New Year on Darling Harbour very special to all who attend.

PINK: This is a youthful, feminine color. Pink is also a soft, sensitive color. This is basically a 'happy' color

Recipe for a Happy Home

1lb Good Temper

2lbs Forbearance

1lb Patience

1 1/2lbs Contentment

3lbs Unselfishness

1lb Fun

2lbs of Cheerfullness

Mix well together with 2 pints Human Kindness. Dose: 1 Tablespoon first thing in the morning and repeat as soon as effects wear off.

Upcoming DAT Inc. Events:

- State Titles - 19th & 20th March - Kewanna
- PCYC Dinner & Show - 19th March
- Fundraiser Movie Night – “The Lincoln Lawyer” - 6th April
- Mothers Day Raffle
- Training Day & Dinner - 14th May
- Tville Regatta – 15th May

Events Around Town:

- Easter Wk End - 23rd 24th April
- Biggest Morning Tea – 26th May
- Relay for Life – 14th & 15th May
- Pink Bun Campaign – 28th April – 18th May
- Sports & Recreation Expo – 21st & 22nd May



Birthday Celebrations:-

- Jan & Linda – January
- Rebecca – February
- Olwyn, Debbie, Naurelle & June – March
- Prim & Karmen - April

Next Meetings:-

DAT Inc. General Meeting – 2nd April & 4th June

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Members Profile

Name: Debbie Bennett

D.O.B: 03/03/1961

Place of Birth: England

Occupation: Grants Mgmnt Officer
With Endeavour Foundation

Breast Cancer Survivor: Yes

How Long: 4 years

How Long Paddling: 2 yrs

Highlight of your time as a member
Of DAT: Attending CNY 2011

Hobbies outside DAT: Reading and
Going to Curves.

In 5 yrs time I hope: To only be
Working part-time.

Favorite TV Show: Any Comedy

Favorite Food: Italian

Biggest Achievement: Beating Breast Cancer

I hope I never have to: Beat Breast Cancer
Again.

Best advice I've ever had: Stay true to yourself

Advice to new members of DAT: Relax & have
Fun.

If money was no object I'd like to: Give up work
And volunteer my time to Charities & family.

Name: Rebecca Jacobs

D.O.B: 14/02/1962 (Dec.currency 1966)
St.Valentines day

Place of Birth: Herberton-Tablelands

Occupation: Customer Service Officer -
Medicare Australia for 21 yrs.

Breast Cancer Survivor: Yes

How Long: 5yrs this yr. Think a pink party is
Due 30/06/2011

How Long Paddling: Joined DAT 2009

Highlight of your time as a
member of DAT: Meeting other survivors

Hobbies outside DAT: Gym-Contours,
Walking, Gardening when the rain stops.

In 5 yrs time I hope: Be in great health,
Paddling & lots of holidays.

Favorite TV Show: Doc Martin/Aust.Story

Favorite Food:Curry.I love food & live to eat

Biggest Achievement: Our two sons

I hope I never have to: Go through Chemo
Again.

Best advise I've ever had:Don't sweat the
Small stuff

Advice to new members of DAT: Join
And enjoy

If money was no object I'd like to: Live &
Travel in the UK/Ireland for 6mths.

Name: Olwyn Jacobsen

D.O.B: 01/03/1948

Place of Birth: Proserpine

Occupation: Retired

Breast Cancer Survivor: Yes

How Long: 6 ½ yrs

How Long Paddling: 4 ½ yrs

Highlight of your time as a member
Of DAT: First paddle in Darling Harbour

Hobbies outside DAT: Golf
Renovating

In 5 yrs time I hope: To be still Healthy

Favorite TV Show:Murder She Wrote

Favorite Food: Seafood

Biggest Achievement: Starting my own
Business

I hope I never have to: Bury my children or
Grand children

Best advise I've ever had: Pay off your home
As soon as possible.

Advice to new members of DAT: If you get
Tired stop paddling

If money was no object I'd like to: Buy a block
Of land & build a boat shed

Name: Donna-Mae Price

D.O.B: 13/05/1969

Place of Birth: Brisbane

Occupation: Bookkeeper and
Domestic Goddess

Breast Cancer Survivor: Thankfully
No-Mum is a long time survivor.

How Long Paddling: About 1 yr

Highlight of your time as a
member of DAT: CNY as supporter &
1st&2nd in our races.

Hobbies outside DAT: Reading &
renovating - necessity not hobby?

In 5 yrs time I hope: To have been on an
Overseas holiday.

Favorite TV Show: Anything Sci-Fi

Favorite Food: Love a Big Fat Juicy Steak

Biggest Achievement: Learning my
Existence didnt have to be defined by
Whether I had my own children or not.

I hope I never have to: Sign up to the team
as a Survivor

Best advise I've ever had: Be yourself

Advice to new members of DAT: Keep your
head up.

If money was no object I'd like to: Take my
mum on a luxury around the world trip.