



Paddlers make a splash at Manly festival

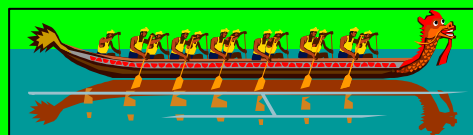
The Manly Harbour festival was held on the first weekend in September and provided a host of activities on and off the water including the inaugural festival fun paddle from Wynnum Creek to Rose Bay.

With the ceremonial dragon heads and tails on the boats and accompanied by the furious beating of the drums, three dragon boats provided a visual spectacle as they paddled into Rose Bay and up on to the beach at high tide.

With 55 paddlers from Manly, Redlands, Forest Lake, Brisbane River and Te Waka Clubs the three dragon boats proved to be a popular draw card for the many spectators that gathered on the foreshore to watch. It was an exciting paddle, in exhilarating conditions with an on shore northerly breeze guaranteed that no-one was dry when they reached the beach – but everyone was still smiling!



Mark your Calendars!
The AGM has been set for Wed
12 November 2008 at 7.30pm



Sausage Sizzle Dates:

Sunday 28 Sept 08

Sunday 9 Nov 08

Sunday 30 Nov 08

If you can volunteer even an hour of your time please email:

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V A R S I T Y L A K E S

Te-Waka August 17 Regatta

28 members from the Manly Dragon Boat Club certainly made their presence felt at the Varsity Lakes regatta hosted by Te Waka.

We had teams entered in three different events on the day, a total of 7 races. With only 28 paddlers this meant that the majority of members completed 5-7 races each - an awesome effort. Mixed Premiers, Mixed Masters and the Open 2000m race.

We won both our heats in the Premiers Mixed category which qualified us for the showcase event of the day - the major final for the Premiers Mixed. Lined up alongside Te Waka, Broadwater and Currumbin we had made it to the big time. Our result was a very credible third. A remarkable achievement for a club that has only 12 months of racing experience and we were competing against crews that had just returned from International titles in Penang! The Mixed Masters crew achieved a third place in heat 1 and comfortably won the second heat qualifying as fastest boat in the Minor finals. Up against Redlands, Mt Warning and Cooloola for the minor final it was a great race that saw us achieve an excellent start and hold onto the lead to cross in first place just ahead of our bay neighbours Redlands. Winners of the Minor Final for Masters Mixed.

Keep up the great work!!



Manly Dragons Social Scene.....

Paddlers at Play— 'Murder on the Orient Express'

On August 16th, several of our members went along to experience 'Murder on the Orient Express' a play performed by the Mercury Theatre Adult Group and none other than our Rosie was one of the main attractions! All the ladies dressed the part for the evening in their 1930's glamour gear and they had a fabulous night and Rosie was a star for the night! Congratulations!



NEW FUNCTIONS ORGANSER

Congratulations to Paul Eardley who has agreed to take over this position from Alan Poole.



Indian market arrives at Manly

At the last social gathering for the Manly Dragons the WMYC Club-house was transformed into an Indian Bazaar with a range of exotic Indian handicrafts, textiles and pashmina's offered for sale. The goods were sourced from villages in India by Sweet Legacy, which supports Indian charities, women and children. Members were introduced to the new chefs who were able to accommodate 50 hungry mouths to feed with a three course set menu. A great night was enjoyed by all especially the winners of the multi prize draw raffle and lucky door prize.



Maggie with Michelle who appeared to be winning everything on the night

Following the Qld Dragon Boat Federation AGM held on 6 September 2008, I would like to let members know that the following people were elected to the **new** QDBF Board.

- President - Norbert Gaulton, BRD
- Vice President - Faye Rallings, Currumbin
- Administration Director - Laura Hughes, Te Waka
- Finance Director - Loretta Lewis
- Insurance Director - Marie Mann, Redcliffe
- Technical Director - Vacant
- Events and Equipment Director - Lorrie Ledwell
- Communications Director - Ross Boyce, Manly
- Development Director - Vacant
- State Squad Coordinator - Janine Lette

Please note that Loretta was appointed **Interim** Finance Director by the incoming Board and that this position still remains vacant as well.



Remember Alan Poole.....

Well.....here he is swanning about up in Townsville, he's swapped the Dragon for a Croc, thought he'd send us a few photos to show us he's still taking his paddling very seriously! Love ya work Al!

Where's Alan?



With the girls of course



Great Work!

Just confirming & clarifying the results for Sunday August 24th.

I have banked **\$698.00** as profits from the day. A fabulous result! In fact our best result in 12 months. Thanks to Greg Fyson for his continued role as BBQ co-ordinator.

Along with the profits from the Fundraiser Friday 15th August **\$640.00** (\$400 cash \$240.00 cheque) we have added a nice little addition to our funds this month.



Maggie

Pan Pacific Masters Games (Pan Pacs) - 7 & 8 November 2008

Dragon Boating will be featured as one of the 34 sports that are on offer for participants in the Pan Pac games. Up to 10,000 people are expected to converge on the Gold Coast region for these events. Dragon boat racing will be arranged by the Gold Coast Dragon Boat Club and will be held at Varsity Lakes on Friday 7 and Saturday 8 November 2008. The program consists of 200m races on Friday and 500m races on Saturday.

There are over 40 Clubs registered to compete in the dragon boat races which will make for two great days of racing. So far we have 21 MDBC members that have registered and we hope to enter teams in both the mixed and women's events. The closing date for dragon boat racing registration is 10 October and each individual is responsible for registering themselves. The registration fee is \$100 per person to participate in the Pan Pac games and an additional fee of \$30 to register for dragon boating. The high registration fee includes entry to the opening ceremony and various social activities during the week, sports bag, souvenir medals, handbook, free shuttle buses and a set of steak knives! All details regarding the games can be found on the website:

<http://www.mastersgames.com.au/>

If you wish to participate but have not yet registered please let me know so that we can commence planning for this event.

Heather

BRD TAKES SILVER AT PENANG



Subject: [qdbfmembers]: Paddlesnappers Dragon Boat Club - Cape Town

Hi There

I am Australian, from the Gold Coast, but living in South Africa and racing with a Cape Town based crew called Paddlesnappers – www.paddlesnappers.com. We are holding an international paddle festival in February next year and would love you to join us. If this could be of interest to you and your club, please get back to me and I can give more details. The flight over here is expensive seeing as its halfway around the world, but you will find it very cheap otherwise. Our club would of course help you out with finding accommodation and transportation etc.

I look forward to your response. Kind Regards,
Tara Frohlich

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Dates to Remember

October is a big month boys and girls we have 3 Sunday Regattas in a row so your support is much needed.

Oct 12 – Gold Coast Chinese Club Tropicarnival at Pacific Fair

Oct 19 – Kids in Need Regatta at Tweed Heads

Oct 26 – Burleigh Sports Regatta at Varsity Lakes



Michelle Rodgers

Have you done your swim test?

Swim tests can be conducted at Chandler pool.

Any members requiring more information contact Joe Martin laurrelleandjoe@bigpond.com

If swim tests have not been completed then wearing a PFD will be mandatory.



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CLUB SHIRTS IN STOCK

Anyone wishing to purchase a club shirt or singlet can see Greg Chinn, or order one by depositing the order form and money into the white letterbox. Prices are \$30, \$40, and \$45 for the singlets, short sleeved and long sleeved shirts respectively.

Calendar of Events

DATE:	CLUB:	VENUE:
Sunday 12 October 2008	Gold Coast Chinese	Pacific Fair
Sunday 19 October 2008	Kids in Need	Tweed
Sunday 26 October 2008	Burleigh	Varsity Lakes
Sunday 16 November 2008	Redcliffe	Lk Kurwongbah
Sunday 23 November 2008	Manly - RAW	WMYC
Fri & Sat 7-8 November 2008	Pan Pacs	Varsity Lakes
Sunday 14 December 2008	Sunshine Coast	Lake Kawana
Sunday 1 February 2009	Broadwater	TBA
Sat & Sun 28-29 March 2009	QDBF State Titles	Lake Kawana
April 22-25 2009	National Titles	Lake Kawana

Manly Dragon Boat Club

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THANK-YOU

A note of 'Thanks' to Bernie for building and installing the wooden shelves in the shed and also for sourcing the new metal cupboard to store the club uniforms!

