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Chief Minister opens 10th annual Dragons Abreast Dragon Boat Regatta

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ACT Chief Minister and Minister for Health, Katy Gallagher, today joined 42 Corporate, Embassy and Social teams to open the 10th Annual Dragons Abreast Dragon Boat Regatta.

"Today's event has been a great way of raising awareness for breast cancer survivors and an opportunity to socialise, support one another, have fun and stay fit," Ms Gallagher said.

The Regatta was held at Weston Park, Lake Burley Griffin and included teams from the USA Embassy (USAwsome), European Union (Euro Stars) and the National Capital Authority (Burley Gryphons).

The event attracted hundreds of participants, volunteers and spectators who turned out to show their support and help raise money to aid breast cancer groups and cancer charities in the ACT.

Dragons Abreast is part of the umbrella organisation Breast Cancer Network Australia, a national organisation supporting breast cancer survivors of various ages and backgrounds.

Last year the ACT Regatta raised \$35,000 through team sponsorship.

"Breast cancer is the most widely diagnosed cancer amongst women and many of us have been touched by this terrible disease," Ms Gallagher said.

"The Annual Dragon Boat Challenge is a vibrant and enthusiastic way to bring attention to the issue of breast cancer in our community.

"The positive attitudes of the competitors and the support of the spectators make this celebration of breast cancer survivors a joyful day," Ms Gallagher concluded.

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