



## DRAGONS ABREAST NT- PADDLERS ON A MISSION NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hit Pink Golf Ambrose

Held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May this event was an outstanding success. A total of \$15 000 was raised to help our goal to promote the awareness of breast cancer through dragon boat paddling. Pauline Deslandes and Colleen Hayden worked tirelessly to gain sponsorship and support for the day. **Coogee Resources** came on board as a major sponsor and the **Palmerston Golf and Country Club** contributed greatly. Many other businesses and individuals gave generously. The novelty golf challenges, food and entertainment were all enjoyed by the 37 teams of 4 players who joined in the event. Well done Pauline and Colleen, a fantastic effort. Thanks to all members and friends who gave their time to assist.



The Dragonfly team at the DANT Golf Ambrose



The Shorelands team at the DANT Golf Ambrose

### Open Garden

Pauline and Brian Deslandes kindly opened their garden as part of the NT Open Garden Scheme 2008. Funds raised on the day is to be donated to Dragons Abreast Australia. Thanks to everyone who was able to pot plants, provide cakes and work over the weekend. A large crowd streamed through the gates and kept the catering crew busy with their refreshment needs. Thanks to Coonawarra panel Works, Bakers Delight, Sealanes and the Top End Folk Group for their sponsorship on the day. All agreed that Pauline and Brian's garden was magnificent. Once again Pauline and Colleen's organisational abilities and skills were top class. The enthusiasm and cooperation of members who attended helped ensure another successful event.



Philippa Pike selling plants at the Open Garden



Top End Folk Club play for the Open Garden

## **Ord River Paddle**

22 DANT members flew to Kununurra on the Queen's Birthday weekend for the **2008 Ord River Marathon**. The 55km endurance paddle in a dragon boat was a fantastic challenge, enjoyed by all. Together with paddlers from Brisbane, Sydney, Gold Coast, Melbourne and Pt Lincoln five boats participated. Our two DANT dragon boats were towed over by Nicole and Rick. We were very grateful for their time and effort. The Kununurra Dragon Boat Club members were wonderful hosts, with a welcome committee at the airport, a welcome dinner and farewell presentation evening. The catering, transport and safety/support boats were of a high standard. Thank you to Pauline Deslandes for organising this event: the transportation, accommodation and rashies. Also thanks to Judy Smith our coach and captain. It was an amazing experience made more memorable with the awe inspiring Ord River scenery. The photo below shows both our boats approaching Elephant Rock, towards the end of our paddle. Judy and Pauline, our sweeps for the day, did an excellent job pacing and encouraging us over the 55km paddle.



**Congratulations** to Michelle Hanton who was recently awarded an Order of Australia Medal. We are thrilled that her vision, drive and hard work for Dragons Abreast has been recognised in this way.

Regards  
**Jill Finch**  
Coordinator DANT