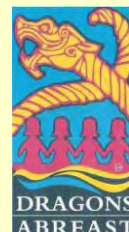




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## Recent Events for Dragons Abreast Brisbane

### MISSABITTATITTI

- DAA 10 year Celebrations
- Pan Pacs
- Christmas Celebrations



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## Christmas Comes

*We are fast approaching that time of year again, when we should take time to reflect upon the year that was.*

*As in the past, this year has been a time of great challenge, but also one of great satisfaction and reward.*

*It has been a year that has seen many changes within our organization but at the same time an abundance and a continuum of that which makes Missabittatitti the special organization it is.*

*We have seen the numbers in our club grow substantially and with that as with any organization a possible change in the dynamics of our club. Whilst some may mourn a possible perceived loss of some of the unique features of a smaller MBT we cannot overlook the fact that sadly there is an obvious growing need within our Community for what we have to offer, and so hopefully we will be able as a group to embrace these changes, and welcome those who need us into our fold.*

*Our "old timers" never cease to amaze me with their ability to maintain their enthusiasm for our wonderful club and what it stands for, and with it their genuine desire to share their experience with others. Our "new timers" have quickly*

*shown us that they have the ability to teach us to see things with "new eyes". I think that by working together this can only result in a wonderful and enriching time for all.*

*I would not be honest if I did not admit to a certain amount of trepidation in assuming the position of Coordinator late last year, however, with the power of hindsight, and the benefit of the passage of time, my fears were definitely unfounded.*

*I can honestly say that being your Coordinator over the last twelve months has been an honour. You are the most amazing women and men and I have learned so much from your "life lessons" in such a short space of time. Your love of life is truly inspirational and it is this that I believe is the true essence of MBT.*

*So as this Christmas draws nigh, I would like to thank you for your abundant gifts throughout the year - encouragement, enthusiasm, and support underpinned at all times by your all encompassing love.*

*In return, I wish for you and yours the "Blessings of the Season", the love of Family and Friends and the "Joy of just being".*

Rosalie



## Pan Pacs

\*\*\*\*\*Congratulations\*\*\*\*\*



Well I think everyone had a great time on Friday and Saturday. It was an excellent 2 days racing and the results were better than I could have imagined.

**Friday 200m 10's sprint** races saw all three teams, MBT Fire, Hope and Spirit make the Grand finals. What a tremendous feat in its own right, there was some good competition in the DAA races, Geelong, Gold Coast and DAS. Everyone was able to **share and appreciate** the efforts of the MBT Fire team and their achievement of a gold medal.

**Saturday 500m 20's** races resulted in MBT Fire taking out the **Gold** making it a clean sweep for the weekend. Congratulations to all those that paddled in the weekend you did MBT proud.

In addition to DAA races many MBT paddlers backed up in the BRD Grandmasters Women's, Mixed, Open and Masters Mixed (Pink Connection) races, I think this was a testament to your commitment to training and to BRD. Many of you medalled paddling in these categories which made this last weekend so successful for everyone.

My thanks to:

Leigh - as Team Captain of MBT Fire and Carmel - as Team Captain for MBT Spirit.

Edith and Janelle for their great sweeping in so many races in such a controlled way, encouraging you all and keeping you all safe on the water.

Gail for sweeping - thanks guys we could not have done it without you.

Pink Connection for their fantastic ongoing support for MBT - what a great bunch of people you all are.

Rosalie and those involved in catering - you all looked well fed and it all looked really healthy. Pan Pac/Regatta virgins for leaving their nerves on shore...kidding guys you did really well I was proud of you.

I would also like to personally thank those who took the time to make my dad feel welcome - he loved being a part of Friday and was keen to hear the results of Saturday's competition. Yes he made it home in one piece.

A special thanks to the composite paddlers from around Australia who helped us enter MBT Spirit and ensure everyone could paddle on Saturday.

Humble moment of the weekend When asked by Pete to be involved in the flowers on the water ceremony - I was speechless, truly a special moment for me to be on the water with so many inspirational women and sharing it with Emilia.

*Ewen*



## PINK PARTY IN "THE TOP END"



From Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November till Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008, "The Top End" was invaded by Pink Ladies from all over Australia. MBT was well represented by Pete, Carol, Jo, Adrianna, Lexi and Squirt. Michelle Hanton and her team of chauffers were at the airport each night to greet our planes and take us to our respective accommodation.

Pete and Carol paddled with the locals on the Thursday and took care of some window shopping. Carol, Jo, Adrianna, Pete and Squirt visited the Museum where we saw a display on cyclone Tracey & Parap Markets. Whilst Jo was busy with DAA business we took a drive out to the WWII museum which gave you a perspective of how strongly Darwin was involved in the protection of the Australian coast.

There were many different celebrations, with meetings and sight-seeing organised but the highlight was dinner on the Saturday night at Parliament House. The **Hon Delia Lawrie, MLA** couldn't be present on the night, but donated a boob cake, not only did it look great but tasted good too. There were lots of speeches and yes, Michelle did cry. Madeline Luck, in Darwin for the celebrations, gave an inspirational speech at the dinner.

On the Sunday Jo, Adrianna, Pete & Carol took a car and headed for Litchfield. From their stories, they made the drive an adventure and came home with sore cheeks and ribs from all the laughing. There are lot of different watering holes, some safe for swimming and others not. The girls saw plenty of wildlife.

Madeline has a background in taking tour groups and she offered to take a small group on a 2 day tour of Kakadu National Park. It is a 3 hour drive From Darwin but I don't think we stopped talking the whole way. We visited many places during our Kakadu adventure, but the highlight for me was a cruise at Yellow Water where we able to see every different species of wildlife in the park.

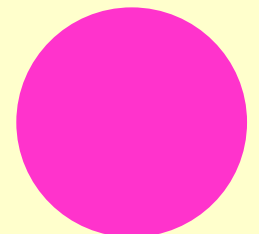


We all took something different away with us after this looong weekend, but we will all have great memories for years to come.



Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday DAA!

### *Squirt*



## Recipe Corner

A few people have been requesting a recipe section for the newsletter, so here it is - our very first recipe - courtesy of Roe.

### Coriander Pesto Extraordinaire

Now this is always a bit of a happening. It has to be done with great abandon.

A large bunch of very fresh coriander

A chilli (no seeds)

A clove or two of garlic

nuts....macadamias, almonds, pine nuts (not all - just one type) - a large handful

A few peppercorns

Parmesan cheese (optional)

Olive oil added gradually ...don't make it too sloppy (I add some vegetable juice first so there is only a little olive oil in it)

Blend until smooth and enjoy.



The Party Girl



## Rosemary's party

It truly was a beautiful celebration in the 'enchanted forest'! A hailstorm didn't dampen our enthusiasm to share Roe's special day with her. Her backyard (somewhat of an understatement!) is absolutely stunning....more like a beautiful parkland.

We danced to the pan pipes provided by a South American husband and

wife duo - shaking our maracas (make of that what you will), goat and pig trotters (you had to be there!) The food was divine and the company divine! Happy birthday Roe.



## Dear Diary

Don't forget these upcoming regattas:

### 2009

<b>JAN</b>	31	BRD – Southbank
<b>FEB</b>	1	Broadwater – Venue to be advised
	7/8	DBNSW – Chinese New Year – Darling Harbour, Sydney
<b>MAR</b>	28/29	QDBF – State Titles – Lake Kawana
<b>APR</b>	23-26	QDBF – Nationals – Lake Kawana

## Hope & Fire & Spirit

Courtesy "Doc" Louise



We're the ace pink paddlers,  
We're the great MBT  
We even paddle in thunder storms  
From a container at Colmeslie!

Hope and fire and spirit  
Proud dragon heads aglow  
We can beat the rest of them  
We're the very best we know

Flowers on the water  
Always makes me cry  
Poignant and beautiful but  
Also tells us why  
We are here together  
It's more than just a team  
How did I manage to exist  
Before we shared this dream?

Hope and fire and spirit  
It's all the same to me  
All for one and one for all  
One team in harmony.

Singing "Mama Mia"  
Strutting fashion stuff  
Mackay and karaoke  
I just can't get enough  
Our coach is an Adonis,  
Committee's over run  
Newbies struggling valiantly  
We have a lot of fun

Hope and fire and spirit  
Can't tell which is which  
All for one and one for all  
Remember rotate don't just twitch

Hope and fire and spirit  
One team in harmony  
All for one and one for all  
MBT, BRD, and PC

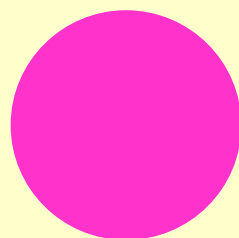


This year started crazily  
Wild ride down Nerang  
Sweep Gail took a little swim  
Boat had water rushing in  
Staggered to the finish line  
Edith kept the reins  
Is it total loopiness  
To hope to do it all again?

Tin Can Bay had chocolate condoms  
These girls are pretty couth  
They party hard and paddle hard  
What further need of proof  
Shorty as a convict  
At the BRD  
Carmel chugs the brown ale back,  
With June to oversee

Hope and fire and spirit  
Can't tell which is which  
All for one and one for all  
Remember rotate don't just twitch

Everyone's got pink bits  
Some they like to hide  
But we've got pink connections  
Right here by my side  
They came to Chinese New Year  
And then to the Pan Pacs  
I think they want to stay around  
It's hard to give them back.







*May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,  
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,  
The warmth of Christmas grant you love.  
(Anon.)*

## Information & Contacts

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*And remember,  
We all stumble,  
Every one of us.  
That's why it's a  
comfort  
to go hand in hand.*

*(Emily Kimbrough)*

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