

Dragons Abreast Tasmania

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Please take some time to read the news and hopefully there will be something you'd like to participate in, something you're good at that you could help us with, or maybe you'd just like to follow our progress.

Our Dragon Boat is here!!!!!!

There is now a Dragon Boat on the Derwent on the water at Lindisfarne.



Paddling the Boat:

Come along and have a try at paddlin', the club can provide paddles and lifejackets for those who wish to have a go! You get three opportunities for \$10 covers insurance before we insist that you join as fully paid up member.



Paddling' is now every Saturday 9.30 am to 12.00 noon and Thursday 5.30pm -

7.30pm (weather, tide and recovery boat permitting). Please note we will Have a break over Xmas, no paddlin' 20/12- 17/1 (4 weeks).

Fundraising

As with any not for profit organisation Dragon Abreast Tasmania will need on going funds, as paddlers or supporters I encourage you to think of creative ways to help fund raise. Look to other organizations, which could help us out, keep your ear and eyes on "Grant" opportunities, which may suit us. For example host a Melbourne Cup Lunch, help us sell tickets in Dragons Abreast Australia raffle as we get to keep half the monies. Or come to our next function, which could be a "Pink" Gala Dinner or Golf Night at Putter's. Our next major expense will be purchasing a trailer to move our boat.

We have spent over \$22,000 so far "Grants", Corporate and Private Sponsorships. Thanks to the Breast Cancer Network Tasmania, Hank Pertrusma, State Gov't, (Louise's Melbourne Connections), Staff at Tourism Tasmania, the Tasmanian Visitor Centre, and the ATO, Rotary Bellerive, a number of Tasmanian Mitre 10 operations and other supporters.

Dragon Boat Launch

A launch was held at LRC Sunday 5th October with a visit from the National Coordinator, Michelle Hanton, from Darwin who ran a special training session for paddlers on Saturday 4th. We thank all those who attended to wish us well and the Jing-Gang-Dhyana Buddhist monks who helped us appease the water spirits and bless our dragon boat.



Our happy team at practise:

Raffle Tickets:

If you have any of our "Pearl" Raffle tickets they need to be back to me by 5 Oct so that I can take them to Canberra, the raffle will be drawn 29/11 (Louise).

Help Wanted:

We need a couple of supporters with a boat licence so that we can roster a few people into our safety boat Sat/Thu, anybody help us out, we of course have the boat and supply petrol, Lifejackets all necessary help???? We also wish to train a few sweeps so that we can roster different people. (Remember that anybody male or just a sports paddler can get involved.

Field of Women - BCNA

Tasmania will play a significant part in Breast Cancer Awareness Month (Oct) events this year. As the Major Field of Women, will be held in Hobart on 26 October. For more information contact Karen Forster (BCNATas phone 6273 4422 Or email dforster@vtown.com.au)

Remember the Breast Cancer Network Australia is the national voice of Australians personally affected by breast cancer and supports the Dragons Abreast concept; they publish a quarterly magazine "The Beacon". www.bcna.org.au

Merchandise:

We have pins, stickers, fridge magnets, key rings, "Pink Love this Dragon" Visers, baseball caps, bucket hats and a great "Weedy Sea Dragon" T-Shirt designed by one of our own.

To look in the Pink you can get a "Hot Pink" Rash Shirt. We can order Grey Owl Paddles if anybody requires one. Talk to Louise 6244 4021.



Membership & Fees

Dragons Abreast Tasmania Inc currently offers 3 categories of membership -

- Survivor - anyone who has faced a diagnosis of breast cancer and wants to train and compete as part of a Dragons Abreast team.
- Sport - anyone who wishes to train in the dragon boat.
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- Supporter anyone who wishes to be a non-paddling member of group

The annual membership fee for DATInc categories is \$10 (compulsory) + \$10 membership of Dragons Abreast Australia (optional). Also important is that as we have a partnership with the Lindisfarne Rowing Club we are required to become members of LRC Adult (non-competitive) Rower \$190.00

or for non paddler you can join LRC as a social member only \$10.00.

This partnership with LRC will ensure our boat and paddlers are covered by insurance when Dragon Boating or using LR Club facilities.

For great photographs and stories about Dragons Abreast visit www.dragonsabreast.com.au

Coming Events

Seafarers Festival Bellerive 26/10 (weather permitting)

Major Field of Women Sunday 26th Oct.

Around the SHED CLASSIC COMMENTS

Gee \$ 69 dollars for a life jacket, " Well that's cheaper than drowning" Look "TV cameras" suck in the tummies and up with the breasts"

"Can I" "Can I", use the rice dumpling as a happy sack"

" Hey, by the way Iv been out of the boat for 5min hope no one missed Me"

Angel at work

ENCORE WOMEN HEALTH CENTRE

Sheena Short and her team are still conducting " Encore the gentle Exercise program" for people who suffer from lymphedema or are working to prevent it. A supportive environment, gentle exercise and a little bit of learning thrown in. Contact Sheena on 62477602

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