

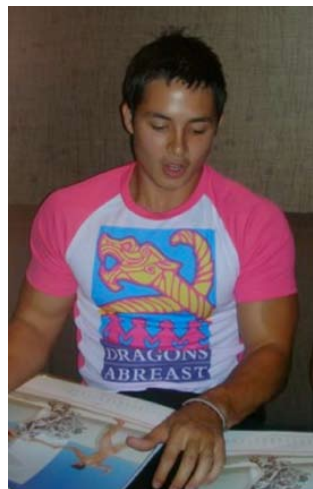
Dragons Abreast - 2011 Calendar

'IT'S RAINING MEN – HALLELUJAH'!!!!!!

"... beautiful images of what we are all about – life after a breast cancer diagnosis.."



RJ, Rees and Jake signing calendars.



Mark and Tim wanted full creative control and that's what we gave them – so we were the putty in their hands. They took us out of our comfort zones, surrounded us with buff, semi-naked men and the result is the beautiful images of what we are all about – life after a breast cancer diagnosis.

My personal experience made me reflect – if I didn't get this disease – who would have ever thought that I would be Miss September in a beautiful calendar – certainly not me, my friends or my family !! I was unable to hide my disappointment when I got told that I

wasn't wearing any shoes, but Jo made sure that I had my photo taken with a pair on... so that kept me really happy :-)

We worked with people who displayed complete professionalism and expertise in their chosen fields and made each model feel like they are indeed someone special.

Denise Lynn
National Fundraising Manager

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Here are some words from our models.

"I was only to be an onlooker, coffee maker, whatever, a last minute hiccup and bingo I'm August. Talk about being out of one's comfort zone, however, what an absolute hoot, the very talented Linzee performed magic with her paint box and I even had curls! It was just so much fun! We might be old chooks but 'cougars' eat your heart out. Tim and Mark, thank you for your patience and encouragement and the opportunity you have given Dragons Abreast Australia."

- Penny LaSette

"The shoot was very professionally organized and if you could have taken a photo of my expression when the model walked in it would have been a great shot for a surprise of the year calendar! I feel very privileged to have been part of this fundraising calendar."

- Susan Hanton

Everything associated with breast cancer has been a chore and no fun whatsoever. UNTIL, Darwin, this fabulous calendar idea and the absolutely fabulous ladies at Dragons Abreast. It has been the one and only time I secretly was glad to be a sufferer. (I can't believe I just said that!!!). I had the best time, met great, caring people, worked with professional, generous photographers and stylists. I got to do what any girl growing up dreamed of. Thanks again for everything"

- Jelena Hillman xx

To see my idea come to light has exceeded my expectations – we all had such fun at the photo shoots, with beautiful clothes, at over the top locations with great male models. My heartfelt thanks to Mark and Tim – I am just so thrilled.

- Diana Lekias



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AMELIA THIEDEMAN MODELS ALEX PERRY for DAA

"My experiences since joining Dragons Abreast have been wonderful..."

Thank you, and thanks to Michelle for thinking of me as a participant in this fabulous opportunity. It was an extremely enjoyable experience. For me it started with the travel to Darwin which was not without incident itself. I missed my flight and was informed by ground staff that there wasn't another for a couple of days. After all the anticipation this would have excluded me from the shoot and that would have been very disappointing. Thankfully the travel agent used by DAA was knowledgeable and proficient, so I arrived at midnight, albeit several hours later than planned. My thoughts strayed to the volumes of makeup required to de-wrinkle and erase dark circles that waking at 4am and a sleepless flight are bound to create.

Darwin impressed this first timer as it is both historically and visually interesting. It's warmth enveloped me, which was a most welcome relief from Canberra's minus temperatures. I wished I could have stayed longer.

I admit to being quite flattered at being to do this 'assignment' but I did start to have second thoughts due to it being so far from home. The first 24hour period was so eventful - modelling a stunning Alex Perry design, (which luckily fitted), then what felt like arm wrestling a nearly naked hunk (the same age as my son), suffering excruciating pain 'striking a pose' on glamorous but killer heels all on the rooftop of a luxurious penthouse apartment and finally getting stuck in a lift on my way out. The actual shoot was over in about half an hour, however...

At the risk of using cliché the outstanding element of my 2nights in Darwin was the making of new friends at DAA, who I continue to correspond with.

Thanks again to Michelle, Denise, the photographers, stylist, makeup and the many people behind the scenes who made it easy for us during the shoot. My experiences since joining Dragons Abreast have been wonderful, many and varied as have been the people I've met. I wish the calendar huge success and wish you all a fabulous night of the launch.

- Amelia

WOW!! What a night

Professional, sensual, naughty but so classy!!

I had a sneak preview of "**The 2011 Calendar**" and my first impressions were "what a lot of fun and so very, very well done" At this stage I had no idea what was planned for the launch.

As I joined in the pre-launch activity I realized that this launch was involving so many generous professional people who were all offering their time and expertise for this great cause. How good is that? How good is that!!

The young male models dressed in neat fitting DAA shirts initially stood around looking a little bewildered but once the show started and they joined the Special Guest, Millie Minogue doing Lady Gaga on stage, they relaxed and entered into the fun of the whole event. While hips gyrated to the music these handsome young men were applauded by an appreciative audience of 100 plus.

Sipping pink champagne and enjoying quality canapés, the audience chatted, laughed, clapped and then enthusiastically bought calendars for themselves, for family and for friends. What a successful launch!

The DAA ladies from around the country who modeled with the hot young bods, sure looked fabulous and those who could make the Launch continued their starring roles by signing their designated months. An enormously enthusiastic and highly successful evening - well done to everyone who played a part.

- Gill Goddard



Marx Wegener of Darwin Limousines let Denise and Scorch have ride in the Rolls

Action packed August - by Scorch!!

"I nearly fell to the floor when I saw what she has in her hand."

"Scorch!" – ooh did someone call me? No, lucky!! I thought I was going to get sprung using the computer this late at night, but it's the only time that I can sit and piece together what's been happening so you lot can get the real picture.

Sometimes I think that they have all forgotten about me until suddenly, I get plucked from the shelf and landed somewhere quite extraordinary. I know you must think I'm imagining things, but really, believe me, I ended up in a flash Rolls Royce the other day. A lovely man by the name of Marx dropped by to say hello and he showed us all his beautiful red car with lovely black leather seats. Very flash indeed - Princess Margaret once owned it.

There is 'never' a dull moment in the National office of Dragons Abreast, did you all know that we have a new face in the office? Well we do, her name is Monica – she's Irish you know!!, there's just something about an Irish accent isn't there – so calming and so pleasant to listen to – I think she likes it here.

The other week at 08:45 a big delivery truck stopped right outside the door. Michelle and Denise got really excited when they saw it and I couldn't understand how anyone could get so excited at the sight of a delivery truck. They ran outside and carried in loads of boxes which they stacked neatly in front of the reception desk.

Monica arrived at around 9:00 just as the last box was carried in. Michelle and Denise were both sweating and puffing. I reckon Monica timed that one well.

I was delighted when Denise opened up one of the boxes because I was dying to find out what all the fuss was about and I had full view from my elevated position here on my shelf. Well, I nearly fell to the floor when I saw what she had in her hand. It was a 2011 calendar with a picture of a cute little blonde fella on the front cover.

After overhearing Denise and Michelle explaining to Monica what the calendar was all about, I realised that this calendar also included photographs of Dragons Abreast ladies who posed in some beautiful dresses with seminaked men admiring them. Well some of the women didn't get to wear a beautiful dress but they looked very swish nonetheless. All the organizing paid off, picking up, dropping off, getting hair done, make-up done, getting styled up, phone calls here – phone calls there, and generally being treated like a 'super model' for a day was something new to each of our 12 models. But didn't they have a heap of fun doing it. Champagne flowed, smiles beamed and eyes sparkled constantly. Mark and Tim you sure knew how to make them feel a million bucks!!



I didn't go to the launch and they left me here on the bookcase while all the photo shoots took place so I can't really report back to you all about what went on behind the scenes – but I have heard a few stories!!

Whooooa !! did I get a rude awakening last Sunday morning !! talk about loud!! I'm not officially on duty on Sunday mornings you know!! But all these motor bikes pulled up in the carpark, then all these people (men as well) put on pink shirts, had a coffee, took photo's, laughed an awful lot then roared off again.... You'll all just have to read the article in this edition about the 'boobs on the move', we love them lot from the Harley Owners Group (HOGS).

That's it from me for now. I wonder what excitement I will hear around the office before the next time you hear from me. I have overheard something about a Cabaret in Sydney and I know I am going to Tasmania for the Convention so I'll tell you all about those events next time.

Cheers
Scorch

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Visitors to National Office

Jan Miegel



Jan Miegel visiting from Port Lincoln



The other week a lovely lady called Jan Mieger from Port Lincoln came in to the office for a couple of days to help out. She was a busy little bee and assisted greatly in getting donation receipt books in order and with all sorts of other handy stuff. We love hearing from our members and we are even happier when they call in to say hello and volunteer their time.

Jan also managed to be a pillion passenger in the "Boobs on the Move" Harley ride which was something she didn't quite bargain for when volunteered her time to help out.

Jan couldn't have come at a better time, thanks for all your help!

Gillian Goddard

Thank you to all the DAA team in the Darwin Office for making me so welcome when I visited recently. I was very fortunate to be offered an invitation to attend the 2011 DAA Calendar Launch and the Corporate & Community Regatta – both in the same week. What a busy week that was!!! The office was abuzz with activity with volunteers painting, printing, cutting, wrapping, answering phones, etc – whatever was necessary to make these events successful, while also juggling the everyday administrative activities of a very busy organization.



Gillian Goddard visiting from Clarence Valley, NSW

I helped out where I could and certainly gained a huge appreciation of the respect and dedication that all the volunteers have of Dragons Abreast Australia and what it stands for.

Thank you to everyone.

- Gillian Goddard
Clarence Valley Dragons Abreast
Macleay NSW

BADGE DRAWN WINNER

This Month's winner is

ANGIE ASTON

Dragons Abreast Sydney

“Boobs on the Move”

Bi Annual HOGS Ride for Dragons Abreast



The roar of **25 Harley Davidson motor bikes** entering the carpark of the National Office, was just something else. A closer look at the bikes as they came to a halt in the carpark revealed they were 'pinked' up for the ride!! The riders too, looked fantastic – actually there were a lot of men wearing bras' AND undies on that day.

Take a closer look at the collage of photo's that we have put together for you!!

Here's how one of the pillion passengers described her experience:-



“Thank you for the opportunity to ride pillion for the bi-annual ‘Boobs On The Move’ fundraiser for Dragon’s Abreast on Sunday. There is no better way to experience the sights of Darwin than from the back of a Harley. What a great day had by all!

If you have ever dreamed of riding the original road hog, then this fun run is something you should consider. All you need is a sense of adventure and Darwin H.O.G.S will provide the rest.

Excellent organisation, a total buzz, lots of fun and definitely a privilege. Thanks H.O.G.S- thanks Dragon’s”

Joy Courtney





INTRODUCING: DAA NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Hi my name is Gillian Goddard and I am very proud to be associated with Dragons Abreast Australia. I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2006 and after treatment finished I decided to become involved with the Breast Cancer "family" in my area and this led me to DAA.

I started paddling in 2007 (loved it!!) but I soon became aware that being involved with a DA club offered so much more than just the sport. In 2008 I became Coordinator for Clarence Valley Dragons Abreast who paddle on the mighty Clarence River in northern NSW.

My husband, Terry & I moved on to property in the northern rivers area in 2002 after years of chasing the dollars and coping with the stress of corporate city life. We are now surrounded by nature, open spaces, native wildlife and peace which is wonderful. I soon discovered however, that to obtain some balance, I needed a challenge.

Throughout the past 3 years I have learnt to appreciate and value the wonderful work and impressive national image that is DAA. I am very proud and honoured to be part of this unique organization and to work with such friendly, motivated and fun-loving people.

Thank you to everyone who believes in me and over the next few years I will hope to give back at least a portion of what you have given me.

Come Visit us in Darwin

We have now been in our new office for over a year and most months someone has come to visit. It is so lovely being able to put faces to names and hear first hand how the different groups are going.

If you are ever in Darwin on holiday do call in and join us. We will give you a coffee and maybe, especially if we are short staffed at the time, you might like to help wrap, copy, print, stick, cut, plan, write or just make the coffee as the myriad of activities are undertaken.

Volunteers Required!!!

Do you have some spare time and would like to give a little back to Dragons Abreast?

Do you have a special skill that you think could be useful to DAA? It doesn't matter where you live - you don't have to live in Darwin to be a DAA volunteer!

There is always plenty to do and as we don't know your special skills, we invite you to email office@dragonsabreast.com.au and tell us about yourself.

Supporting Dragons Abreast

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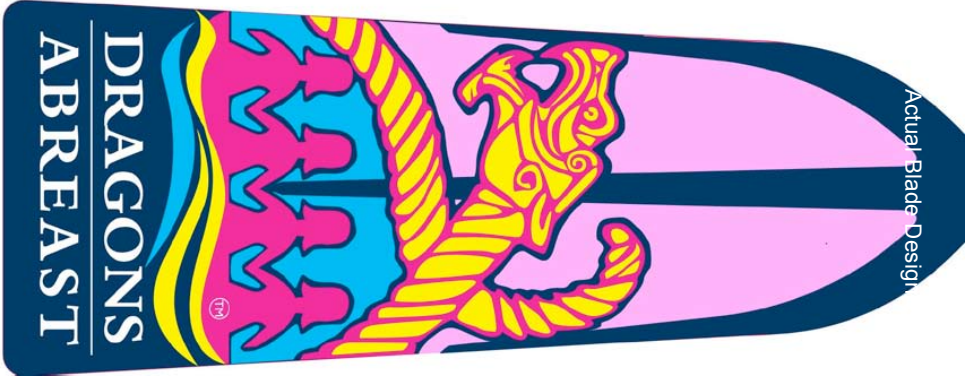
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