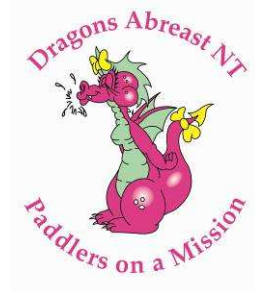


DANT GOSS



FEBRUARY 2008

Welcome to 2008. I hope everyone has a healthy, happy and wonderful year.



CAROLS ON CULLEN 2007

Practice makes perfect and that's just about what happened with our annual Carols on Cullen for 2007. Once again no rain, cd's and player worked without any hitches. We had two boat loads of happy singers, who were lead brilliantly by Val and Robyn. It was great to have members from Bayview Sundragons join in with us. The evening concluded with champas, chocolates and Christmas cheer on the bank of Cullen Bay

AUSTRALIA DAY REGATTA

Thanks to all those that attended this regatta. I am told everyone had a great time. Thanks to Lesley & Pat for their organisation of the day. Thanks also to Grace for towing the trailer there and back.

CHINESE NEW YEAR REGATTA

The DBNT Chinese New Year Regatta is to be held on Sunday February 10th. Can you please let Judy Smith know if you would like to paddle in this Regatta? Also if anyone is able to organise a Corporate Team please let Judy or myself know asap. As we only have one boat on the water at the moment we will probably need to take these teams out on a Wednesday or Friday evening.

CHINESE NEW YEAR REGATTA – DARLING HARBOUR.

This is a 100% breast cancer survivor regatta. A group of us are attending this regatta. We leave Darwin on the 16th February and return on February 18th. More info about this once we return.

Other highlights of the trip:

“Rocky Horror” stage show

“Billy Elliott” stage show.

The Sydney Bridge Climb

Not to mention “Paddy’s market etc, etc. I will be taking a big suite case!

UPCOMING REGATTAS

More details will be given once they are known

- Harmony Day (Late March)
- Mandorah Challenge (Late June)
- Ord River (Mid June)
- Katherine Flying Fox (Mid August)

TRAINING NIGHTS

Training on Monday evening has recommenced – 5.30pm. Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday times are the same as always. A reminder to those who wish to paddle in the Mandorah Challenge and the Ord River Marathon you will need to increase your training nights to more than one night. Any queries please see Judy Smith.

OUR NEW HOME

We have completed our move to our new office in the Shorelands complex, Albatross Street, Winnellie. Our trailers – barbeque and box trailer are now housed in the big shed. We have 24 hour access to the office and shed. Apart from a bit of tidying up in the office it is looking great. Thanks to Pat Skewes for a lot of the work in getting everything in order.

‘MOONTIME’

As you are all aware we took Moontime out of the water at the end of last year for a much needed “face lift”. We are currently organising the art work for her. Hopefully she will be back in the water looking beautiful soon.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting is to be held on March 15, commencing at 10.00. The meeting will be held in our new office. All positions will be declared vacant so if there is anyone who would like to be a member of the Management Committee please let me know. One stipulation – the Co-ordinator must be a breast cancer survivor. Other positions may be either survivors or supporters providing the total numbers of survivors is greater than the number of supporters.

FUNDRAISING

Our first Annual major fundraiser is our Golf Ambrose. This is to be held at the Palmerston Golf & Country Club on Friday 30th May. Teams of 4 compete and the entry fee is \$50 per person. After the Ambrose there is a barbeque dinner and entertainment. If you do not want to play there is always a job to be done during the day or evening, or just come along and enjoy a barbeque meal and lots of good fun – the meal will cost you \$15 per person. For more info please contact Colleen on 0407004324 or Pauline on 0419808762.

AUSTRALIAN CREDIT UNION COMMUNITY RAFFLE

Dragons Abreast NT applied for and was successful in the submission for 200 books. Each ticket sells for \$2.00 and we receive \$2.00 back for every ticket sold.. All prizes (50 to 60) are supplied by the Australian Central Credit Union. Proceeds from this raffle are going to be used to pay or part pay the entry fee for the ‘Kununurra Dam to Dam Marathon’ – entry fee is \$180 per person. Pauline Tauschke is in charge of this raffle and will be handing out books as soon as they arrive.



**Our little elf
Judy Smith
With her
Helper Pat
Skewes**

OPEN GARDEN

The Deslandes garden at Howard Springs, is on the list this year as one of the "Open Gardens". All proceeds will go to Dragons Abreast Australia. Dates set for this are June 21 & 22. We will be having a barbeque, morning and afternoon tea, raffles and a plant stall. What I am asking is for members and friends to start potting up now for this stall.



One of our bromeliads in bloom

SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS



During 2007 DANT Paddlers on a Mission achieved a great deal. To our wonderful sponsors – **Shorelands, G.J. Wigg, Brustolin Builders, Coonawarra Panel Works, The Darwin Sailing Club and the many Darwin Businesses and people around town - THANKS.** Without the support from you, our job of promoting the awareness of breast cancer would have been that much harder.

We should also recognise that our efforts are helped in many ways by a team of fabulous club members and supporters. To each and every one of you regardless of how big or small your support was we say **THANK YOU**

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NORTHERN TERRITORY BREAST CANCER VOICE



The Pink Slipper Walking Group is walking along very nicely. The group walks every Wednesday evening from 5.30 – 6.30 leaving from the Nightcliff Swimming Pool. To cater for those that live the other side of the Berrimah Line a group has also started up at Palmerston. This walk is held Thursday evening at 6pm (we found 5:30 a bit hot) in the Car Park behind Restaurant Rosinaz - Entrance to Fairway Waters and we do a 45 minute walk around the golf course. The walk will continue at Fairway Waters until the end of February and then we may move to the Chase, around the Sanctuary Lakes for March. After that we will take it month about and as the weather gets cooler we will move the time back to 5:30.



ENCORE

Encore is a gentle eight week exercise program for post operative breast cancer patients. It is a free program and as a survivor you may attend these sessions at any time after your surgery, even years after. Attendance can be more than once but this is only possible if there is space in the class.

The 2008 program commences
Saturday 9th February

Other dates

Saturday 26th April and Saturday 13th September

For more information please contact:

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"Put your past in a filing cabinet. Take it out every so often and have a look at it, but leave it in the filing cabinet, it's too heavy to lug around day by day".....from "A pocketful of sequins"



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