

Dragons Abreast Geelong

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Sunday October 11th

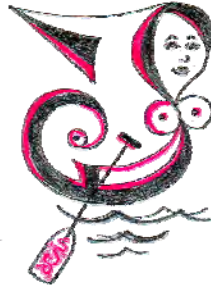
Our new champion boat has been blessed.

The sun was shining and around 100 members and guests attended the blessing of our new boat "Ruby".

Following a "welcome to country" by the Wathaurong elder, the venerable Tsering from Drolkar Buddhist Centre performed the blessing ceremony.

Ruby was suitably sprayed with champagne and slipped smoothly into the Barwon River for her first journey.

Ruby



The name "**ruby**" comes from the Latin *rubeus* meaning "red".

Most of its mythological associations stem from its colour.

The **ruby** is usually considered a stone of power and passion.

It is supposed to bestow energy and willpower, counteracting lethargy. It has sometimes been associated with the sun.

This connection with power and the heat of the sun led to a legend that a **ruby** dropped in water would cause it to boil.

The homes of the gods were sometimes said to be lit by the glow of **rubies**.

Ruby was also associated with health and long life.

The alchemists adopted the "**perfect ruby**" as a symbol of the philosopher's stone or elixir of life.

*"He that has once the flower of the sun,
The perfect **ruby** which we call elixir
Not only can do that, but, by its virtue
Can confer honour, love, respect, long life,
Give safety, valour, ya, and victory,
To whom he will."*

Ben Jonson - English Renaissance dramatist, poet and actor.

(1572 – 1637)

Ruby

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