

# DATH NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN EDITION

## Lake Barrington State Regatta

The annual trek north for the Regatta at Barrington started early on the Friday with the early birds setting off to claim the prime camp sites. This proved a very popular option for the competitors. As usual there was the obligatory meeting at the Sheffield Hotel for dinner before winding down the hill to the lake.

Racing began early Saturday morning with a series of heats then the finals with Derwent Storms retaining the title for the Open event and the State title for the 500 meters. DATH retained the Survivors trophy with Kathryn and Robyn from Storms and Jenni from MoCo joining us for the race.



Two of our newer members Helen H and Leonie enjoyed their first Dragon Boat Regatta.

A challenge has been issued for 2016 with Dambusters and Peninsula DragonFlies wanting to take our beautiful glass Dragon home to Victoria.

Great entertainment had been arranged by DANWT and a fun night was had by all. Some seemed to enjoy themselves with balloons and flags.



Sunday's weather was superb and while the Tasmanian crew took to the water for a serious training session the remaining paddlers headed up river for a scenic paddle

accompanied by the less energetic paddlers enjoying the comfort of the Barge.



The trip home on Sunday afternoon proved eventful with unfortunate delays and interesting detours via Lake Leake or cross country through paddocks.

### **Come and Try Day**

To coincide with International Women's Day a Come and Try day was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> February. We were a little concerned with a threatening weather forecast but the morning cleared to let the sunshine in to welcome our come and triers. We were joined by Sue, Ann Marie, Rosalie and Meg. Although not a survivor, Meg wanted to try Dragon Boat paddling. Fran also attended for her second session. It is safe to say that we have gained several new ladies to join our crew. Back on dry land we adjourned upstairs for the obligatory morning tea where we were joined by friends of our new recruits, impressing them all with our catering capabilities. Two of our more recent recruits, Lorelle and Robyn are now officially members of DATH.



**Lorelle, Robyn, Lois, Sue, Fran, Meg, Rosalie Ann-Marie**

### **DATH Corporate Day 22nd March 2015**

As is usual everyone arrived at the Rowing Club bright and early to prepare for the day. Boats were launched and dressed, tents erected, marshalling areas set up and the course set by our ever helpful volunteers before 17 teams of eager competitors arrived to register and warm up in preparation for their day of racing.



After a fun warm up and safely loaded into the boats by the boat handlers the first crews took to the water for the first race at 9.00. The races were hotly contested, with the fastest time of the day (1.01) recorded by City of

Hobart Team Work. They were also the overall winner on the day, winning the final albeit with a slightly slower time.



During the lunch break a rather large pink rabbit was seen urging teams to take part in the crossword puzzle competition. This was won by Heart Throbs. Joint winners for the best dressed team were Spice Fitness and Heart Throbs. Said Bunny also had a generous supply of chocolate eggs for the happy winners.



At the conclusion of the racing a Flowers on the Water ceremony was held with the 3 finalist teams joined on the water by DATH members.

After the formalities of the thankyou's, the presentation of the trophy and certificates for the winning team, and for the team with the fastest time, our guests enjoyed tasty nibbles and drinks.

Sincere thanks to all those who volunteered in the many and varied capacities on the day. Without your support we could never hold such a successful event.

Next years' event promises to be bigger and better with several teams stating an intention to return and new groups also showing interest.

### Nationals

The Australian Dragon Boat Federation National Championships are taking place at Champion Lakes in Perth from the 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> April. DATH members Donna, Annette, Penny, Marilyn, Lyn and Leigh will be taking part as members of the crews for Tasmania and club crews of Derwent Storm. We wish them every success.

### Upcoming Events

- April 13<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> Nationals
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Abreast in a boat 20year celebrations
- June 13<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night for Auroras
- July 11<sup>th</sup> 70<sup>th</sup> birthday girls 1945 night  
Rosny Park Bowls Club
- July 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> DAA convention/Regatta
- October 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Masters Games Adelaide