

DATH NEWSLETTER WINTER EDITION

JULY 2015

As is usual the winter months have seen many sessions cancelled and a scarcity of paddlers, but who can blame them for staying away. With October and the Masters Games fast approaching the number of training sessions will increase in preparation for the event. Water aerobic sessions have filled the void over the last few weeks and Pilates is soon to take over. There have been several occasions when paddlers have come out of their winter hibernation for celebrations and fund raising.

20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



Dragons Abreast salute perfectly reflected

This was celebrated in grand style on Saturday 13th June. The anniversary celebrated the beginnings of Abreast in a Boat in Vancouver 1995. The crew was made up of volunteers who set out to help Dr Don McKenzie prove that upper body exercise was not harmful to women who had undergone breast surgery. The day began with our usual paddle, the full boat of happy paddlers safely steered by a rather strange looking moose. While they took to the water another happy crew stayed behind to prepare the Canadian Brunch of pancakes, bacon maple syrup and the much anticipated Moose

Milk. This concoction was highly anticipated by our newer members who had never had the pleasure of tasting this before.



Mixing pancakes



Our newest paddlers enjoy the moose milk (hic!)

Happily they were not disappointed. The aforementioned moose, while wandering in the carpark was surprisingly recognised by several passing Canadian tourists who proceeded to serenade her with a rendition of the Canadian National Anthem. A "report" and photographs of the day was sent to Canada.



“Moose” and her Canadian serenaders

AURORAS QUIZ NIGHT

This also took place on the 13th June, a popular fund raiser to support 5 local paddlers heading to Canada in August as part of the Australian team competing at the World Championships. In keeping with the Canadian theme the evening was hosted by Captain Andrew Lovibond of the Not very Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The very entertaining quiz questions were prepared by Jane Lovibond, testing everyone’s knowledge of all things Canadian - music, personalities, movies and Canadian cuisine, just a few of the interesting categories. As is usual DATH chipped in providing goodies and serving supper for the happy crowd. Some very generous donations of prizes saw some heated bidding with those successful very happy with their prizes.

CHINESE FESTIVAL

On Sunday the 21st June Short Beach Sandy Bay was taken over by the Chinese Community to celebrate the tradition of Dragon Boating. The day was organised along with help from Dragon Boating Tasmania. A cold and frosty morning began the day but the sun eventually appeared turning the chilly start into a pleasant day. Paddlers from DATH, MoCo and Derwent Storms provided paddlers to support the novices. Two

dragon boats were towed to the venue but an unexpected number of participants meant the races had to be adapted to accommodate them all. A series of 4 races was followed by a BBQ and a selection of Chinese foods.



1945 PARTY

During 2015, 5 of our girls, Gail, Rosalie, Sue D, Toni and Coral have or will reach the age of 70. To celebrate these birthdays it was decided to hold a 1945 theme night. The Rosny Bowls Club was a delightful venue, decorated appropriately with balloons, streamers and a Happy Birthday Banner. Music from the era was sourced by Steve and Jan Burgess. Guests went to great lengths to dress ‘A La Mode 1945’. Lady Leonie and Lady Lyn made a grand entrance in elegant evening wear, Private Percy and Foot soldier Fletcher dropped in before reporting for duty and Miss Agriculture 1945, Ann-Marie, took a well earned break from her Land Army duties. Furs were in abundance – a great excuse to bring them out of mothballs. A photo board of somewhat younger birthday girls created

much discussion and a quiz on the happenings and famous people from that era was a highlight of the evening. After a little encouragement everyone joined in for a progressive Barn Dance and The Pride Of Erin, under the expert guidance from Jan's inlaws.



The eldest – needs 2 drinks!



Foot Soldier Fletcher and "Miss Pierce" Mennitz



Lady Lyn



Lady Leonie

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE

After a break of a couple of years DATH were allocated a date for a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings new store in Glenorchy on Sunday 12th July. The gazebo and BBQ were set up bright and early and after a slow start business was brisk for most of the day. As usual the success of the day was helped along by our members ,some of whom were unlucky enough to cop the wet shift but the rain proved no deterrent to those wanting to partake of our delicious sausages. A staggering 75 Kilos of sausages, 15kilos of onions and litres of sauces contributed to a very profitable day with a grand total of \$1740 raised.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1st. Sausage sizzle and team meeting

August 19th AGM

October 9-10 Australian Masters Games, Adelaide

December 19th last paddle for 2015

December 12 or 19th Christmas dinner TBC

January 9th resume paddling 2016