



# The Derwent Drum

Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club Newsletter

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## Australia Day at Sandy Bay a great event to add to paddling calendar



What a great day was had at the Sandy Bay Regatta on Australia Day. Racing was well organised, commentary was terrific and the spectators were impressed. More photos and a full report, see Page 2.

### Club Committee 2014-15

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### Get shirty in the new club tops

Don't forget this Saturday (31 January) is fitting day for the new club race tops **for those participating in the 2015 Nationals**. Jan Breen will be taking orders for Stormers going to Perth so please select your size carefully.

The new shirt - complete with mandatory logos - is a must for the Australian Championships. Singlet tops are \$35 each and short sleeved tops are \$45 each. If you have any questions about uniforms, email Jan [janbreen40@gmail.com](mailto:janbreen40@gmail.com)

Shirt orders for non-Perth paddlers will be taken after this urgent order is completed.



## Australia Day regatta puts dragon boating front and centre

The general consensus is that the Sandy Bay Regatta was a winner all round. The event provided good exposure, particularly as a follow up to the four-page feature in the Mercury Saturday magazine two days before. It also gave families an opportunity to watch what we do at close range.

Jill commented that it was the first time her kids (and grandchildren) had seen her in action and they were impressed. And so they should be! We all do pretty well, especially with back-to-back racing.

Thanks to Ali, Ian and Angie for liaising with the regatta committee and organising us so well. There were medals, cash for the club and a great day had by all - what more could we ask for? Well, we would have preferred smoother water in the paddle-off against the outriggers. The lumpy conditions definitely favoured our opposition but it will make us work harder next year! Watch out Paul!

It was great that Shelley Burke and Maryann Cook from Launceston joined us. Spread the word girls!



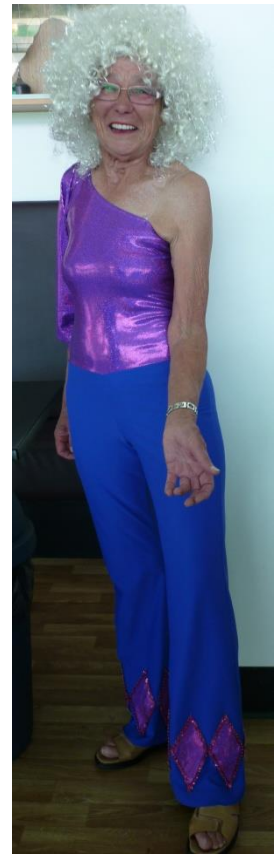
**Left: Dave and Trish with THAT gold chain!**

**Below: Helen, Kathy and Gaylene looking fab**

**Right: Curvaceous Leonie looking a million bucks in her Vinnies creation**

**Bottom right: Jaunty Janine - love the vinyl cap**

**Bottom centre: Sisters Robyn, Donna & Annette**



## Retro-disco brings out the festive spirit in us all

Many thanks are due to Denise, Di and the social committee for organising yet another great Christmas event. The Tasmanian Hockey Centre venue was terrific, the meal was delicious and the entertainment was indescribable.

What a wonderful display of retro disco ensembles. While the costume hire places love this sort of event, it also brings out the bowerbird in people. Some members plumbed the depths of the dress up boxes and others did the rounds of the op shops. Leonie Mickleborough's find was an absolute cracker and you have to admire this Senior C paddler not only for her fantastic body shape but her skill in selecting such perfect attire for the occasion.

Dave Cross is still recovering from the neck pain sparked by his over-weight gold neck chain and Ian Mourant at last has overcome his "mincing walk" created by his platform boots.

Peter Essex now has a formal jacket in his wardrobe, albeit a gold fake lame creation. But who could go past the Pointless Sisters? Donna, Robyn and Annette are now addicted to shopping online!



## Hobart City Council staff unable to resist Janine's hard-sell promotion



Lucy Knott signs up for Hobart City Council crew assisted by Janine, Marilyn and Andrew

Janine Atkins has really thrown down the gauntlet to other paddlers to foster interest in paddling.

Two crews from her workplace, the Hobart City Council, are likely to enter the March Corporate Regatta thanks to Janine's relentless lobbying.

She roped in Marilyn Percey and the Lovibonds to assist her quest at the council's Wellbeing Breakfast this month.

The trio donned their brightest paddling gear and, between mouthfuls of egg and bacon roll, gave out Stormer fliers and waved our *Paddle with Power* books under the noses of potential paddlers.

It's good to get out and about at events like this. Good work Janine.

## Run for the club

You may like to highlight the club colours and lift the club profile in Tasmanian fun runs this year. Derwent Storms could enter a team in these events -

February 15: Run the Bridge 10km Bellerive Oval to Salamanca Place

February 21: Raw Challenge mud and obstacle run, Baskerville Speedway

March 29: Round the River fun run and walk 10k, 5k, 2.1k

May 10: Mothers Day Classic 8k run, 4krun/walk

May 17: RACT City to Casino 11km, 7km, 2.5km

June: Glenorchy Fun Run

August: Budget Fun Run

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Welcome back Nanny Barb:** Yay! Guess who's returning the Derwent Storms club? Barb thought she had retired but with a set of new wheels she is now mobile and on her way back to paddling.

**Racing this Saturday:** It's the last Saturday of the month and that spells R-A-C-I-N-G. DBTas will organise some short events after the regular Storms paddling session. If you are able to stay on, join the fun.

**Bring home the bacon:** Stormers will be aiming to retain the State titles and bring home the trophies from Lake Barrington. It's only a week away. Gotta love it! Let's hope the weather gods smile over the next week.

**Masters Games 2105:** We now have the dates for the dragon boat competition days for this year's Masters comp in Adelaide. They are October 9 and 10. Put it in the diary. This is a great way to whet your appetite for interstate competition.

## Dragon Boating Calendar

### February 2015

7-8 State Regatta, Lake Barrington

### March

Sunday 22 DATH Corporate Day

### April 2015

13-19 National Championships, Champion Lakes, Perth WA

### October 2015

9-10 Australian Masters, Adelaide