



The Derwent Drum

Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club Newsletter

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Storms paddlers at the Nationals will be wearing the new club shirts. You have to agree the new design is pretty classy. By the time the new season gets underway in August we can all be decked out in the fresh new look. Jan Breen will be submitting another order for tops as soon as all the Nationals crew has been outfitted. This is our team photo for the Nationals program. Go Stormers! Absent: Robyn Hills.

Club Committee 2014-15

President: Angie Turner

Vice president: Alison Mourant

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Changes to April paddling sessions

The Wednesday group will continue to fly the green and black flag during April.

Other than these popular sessions, it will be pretty quiet for us on the Derwent as many will be attending the Nationals.

After Saturday 11 April, there will be a break in the Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday schedule until Tuesday April 21.

There will be no paddling on Anzac Day, Saturday 25 April.

Unfortunate knowdown forces Janine to give paddling the cold shoulder



Janine's stylish sling is admired by her friends and supporters at the Corporate Regatta

Nine pins and a plate later, Janine Atkins' shoulder is finally on the mend after her unfortunate altercation with a car.

While we won't see Janine out on the water for some time, it was great to catch up with the "walking wounded" at the Corporate Regatta.

Janine reports that while she is frustrated by her shoulder condition, at least she can walk now that her staph infection from an internal shin injury has cleared up.

A house cleaner and a mower operator are being provided during her convalescence by MAIB and Janine is finding she can prepare basic meals with one arm!

Unfortunately the Storms crew is one down for the Nationals but hopefully Janine will get a clean bill of health to cheer the rest of the team on at Champion Lakes. **More on the Corporate Regatta on Page 4**

MAST puts PFDs to the test

A recent safety demonstration by MAST tested a variety of PDFs including those used in dragon boat paddling.

The event at Kings Wharf in Hobart attracted a large lunchtime crowd including many dragon boaters.

It was encouraging to see that the PFDs used by Derwent Storms passed the test and inflated as expected and required. However, a few vests did not pass muster.

Hats off to the volunteers from the fly fishing and boating communities who jumped in the dock to put the vests through their paces.

It was a great exercise and included a demonstration by sea kayakers who showed how to assist in a capsize incident. If only righting a dragon boat was so simple!



Bumper stickers

Our dazzling green and black bumper stickers are good advertising for the club.

They are available in the cubby – three for \$10.

The MYCT has provided current financial year stickers for our cars. They intend patrolling the carpark, especially at weekends, to ensure it is being used only by bona fide MYCT members.

Do the maths.....

Adverse weather has really interfered with paddling sessions this 'summer' but, according to Ali Mourant's stats, we have still managed to get out on the water quite a bit. Of the 129 rostered opportunities, 21 sessions have been cancelled completely leaving 108 sessions. Fifteen of those sessions have been on land so we have made it on to the water 93 times. How's that for maths?

NEWS IN BRIEF

Health and Fitness Expo: The Tasmanian Health and Fitness Expo is being held at Princes Wharf in Hobart on Saturday 28 March 9am to 5pm.

Admission is \$10. Alas, we were informed too late to have a booth but our friends from MoCo will be there. More info here <http://tasfitnessexpo.com.au/>

Head lamps the go: With twilight closing in on evening paddling sessions, it's time to dust off our headlamps, arm bands and paddle lights. Please remember to bring your lights from now on. With the end of Daylight Saving on 5 April, nightfall will be even earlier.

Pre-Easter nosh up at Beltana: Due to popular demand we are returning to the Beltana after paddling on Tuesday 31 March. Denise is organising the booking so please let her know if you are coming: phillipshobart@gmail.com

Masters regattas: Storms President Angie is accepting EOLs from paddlers for the Masters Games in Adelaide in October. Preliminary investigations show that accommodation is tight in Adelaide so another event - the Far North Queensland Masters Games in Cairns (13-16 August) - could be an alternative. Please chew the fat about this and contact Helen Crosby if you are a starter for Cairns. A whole crew is not required for this event. Paddlers will be registered individually and put in composite teams.

Dragon Boating Calendar

March

Saturday 28 Health and Fitness Expo, Princes Wharf

Tuesday 31 Last Tuesday in the month meal at Beltana

April

13-19 National Dragon Boat Championships, Champion Lakes, Perth WA

June

Saturday 13 Canadian Trivia Night for Auroras at LRC

July

Saturday 4 End of season dinner 7pm MYCT

August

13-16 Far North Queensland Masters Games, Cairns

October

9-10 Australian Masters Games in Adelaide

Eskimos and maple syrup are the go on June 13 for Canadian-themed quiz night

With five of our paddlers heading off to Canada with the Auroras in August, the call is out to help send them on the way. Please assist with the fundraising effort by hunting around for some suitable items for prizes and auction items on the night. Donations of vouchers are particularly welcome but given that we are pretty good at this, you know the types of items that go down really well on these great fun nights.

Helen Russell and others will be in your ear about this in the weeks to come so you have been warned! How about donating some time for a lawn mowing session or a spot of gardening. Do you have a shack you could provide for a weekend break? We will also be required to help out with a plate of supper and some nibbles (boys you did so well at this last year).

We hope our northern paddling colleagues will attend this event so perhaps you could offer your spare room to them.



The TKOnes have been a great training tool for the Storms Aurora paddlers.



Weather gods smile on Lindisfarne Bay (at last) for Corporate Regatta

Great effort by the Storms club at the 2015 Corporate Regatta. We were pretty useful on the ground and on the water with some of our members also providing the corporate crews so necessary for a successful event.

DATH were over the moon with the support they received from supporter clubs, so well done everyone.

Next year we could think about running a "slave market" and providing a pool of brawny paddlers for hire. Dave Masters was so much in demand he could hardly keep tabs on which crew he was supposed to be paddling with.

