



## Summary – Dragon Boat Tasmania meeting #86 18 July 2016

**Chinese Dragon Boat Festival:** The annual festival held at Short Beach Sandy Bay was cancelled this year because of the unavailability of dragon boats. The Chinese Community Association of Tasmania (CCAT) has accepted a suggestion from Dragon Boat Tasmania to change the venue of future events from Short Beach, Sandy Bay, to Lindisfarne Bay. Besides being a proven venue for spectator events, the bay serves as headquarters for two dragon boat clubs and their equipment. The CCAT is also considering an invitation to participate in the 2017 DATH Corporate Regatta.

**AusDBF update:** DBTas chair Donna Fittock attended the July meeting in Canberra. A new constitution was unanimously adopted. DB Northern Territory has been excluded as a member state of AusDBF.

**Member Protection Officer:** Leonie Silk, a member of DATH, has been invited to take on the role as DBTas' member protection officer. Leonie, an ordained church minister, recently completed a relevant course to boost her skills in this area.

**Masters Games 2017:** DBTas chair Donna Fittock and executive officer Brendan Breen recently met with representatives of the Masters Games to discuss the proposal to stage dragon boat racing at Lake Barrington (along with rowing, outrigger canoeing and kayaking). Tasmanian dragon boat clubs are now being invited to provide boats for the event. Games organisers are aware that it also might be necessary to procure boats from Victoria. They are hoping to have arrangements in place by November this year. DBTas will facilitate the formation of a sub committee of Tasmania dragon boat community representatives to assist games organisers.

**Courses for officials:** DBTas will investigate the feasibility of hosting a course for regatta officials in the lead up to the Masters Games 2017.

**State Championships 2017:** DBTas has booked Lake Barrington to stage the 2017 State Championships on the weekend of 11 and 12 March. It is anticipated racing will be staged on Sunday morning (250m in 10s; 500m in 20s) with other events in the afternoon. State team and other crew training could be held on the Saturday afternoon.

**Board member resignation:** The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Jenny Young due to ill health. The Board wishes her a speedy recovery. Lyn Gough will continue Jenny's work on the assets register.

**DBTas website:** This has now been updated and includes documents related to the proposed constitutional changes.

**DBTas Constitution:** The proposal for a new constitution was outlined at the meeting of club presidents in early July. Clubs are being provided with a copy of the draft constitution, a discussion paper, a summary of the major changes, a timeline for the introduction of the changes and an article about the proposal for club newsletters. Clubs are being asked for feedback.