



# The Derwent Drum

Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club Newsletter

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## Club Committee 2014-15

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## A new-look "tighter" Drum

The "Two Jays", Jane Lovibond and Jenny Willing, have taken over production of the Derwent Drum.

It is a big task as their predecessors, Leonie Mickleborough and Anne Carey, have done such a great job keeping us all informed about club news.

These two wonderful editors have compiled a terrific archive of our club so there is a big task ahead for Jane and Jen.

The newsletter format has changed a bit and the aim is to use the Drum as the main vehicle to keep all Stormers regularly informed about activities, events, training, and committee decisions as well as news from other clubs and DBTAs.

By issuing the Drum more regularly and consolidating information into a tighter format, hopefully the club can reduce email traffic to members.

So watch out for the Drum as it aims to become your link with important information as well as a record of club events and achievements.



Derwent Storms has welcomed several new members including (from left) Judelle Burrows, Chris McCormack, Anna Pyke, Eli Pelletie and Vicki Flukes. Some of the "newbies" have really spread their wings and going great guns at intensive paddling sessions.

## Nationals update

DBTAs has extended the deadline for State team applications until September 7.

Please consider this opportunity. The [2015 Nationals](#) are being held at the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre in Perth, WA, from 14-18 April (to avoid Easter from 3-7 April and the centenary of Anzac landing at Gallipoli on April 25).

You may need to consider this if you plan to extend your stay in WA after the championships.

Congratulations to Stormer **Brendan Breen** who has been appointed Manager of the state team.

It is a demanding job and one requiring cooperation from our Nationals paddlers. Our very own **Martin Turner** has stepped up as State Fitness Coach.

If you have seen Martin at work in the gym you will know why he is a great choice for this role.

EOI's will go out soon for club crews.

## New Derwent Storms committee

Congratulations to Angie Turner who is Derwent Storms' new president. Angie has a very hard act to follow with her presidential predecessor Jenny Willing setting the bar extremely high in the administrative arena. Jen's efficiency is awesome and her dedication to the Derwent Storms club is inspirational.

Angie wants to share the joys of presiding over the club and is very pleased that committee members have volunteered to take on several responsibilities in 2014-15:

**Angie Turner** – President/ New Membership / Come & Try

**Ali Mourant** – Vice President/ Coaches / Sweeps

**Janine Atkins** – Secretary

**Jenny Smith** – Treasurer

**Jen Willing** – Newsletter / Membership Data Base / Grants

**Jane Lovibond** – Newsletter / Marketing

**Jan Breen** – Uniforms

**Pam Hunt** – Safety Risk management / Equipment Maintenance

**Grady Koolhof** - Safety Risk management / Equipment Maintenance

**Denise Phillips** – Social Coordinator / Fundraising

**Martin Turner** – Recruitment

Sub committees for fundraising, recruitment, maintenance, social activities etc will help spread the workload even further.

## Flying the green and black flag at the Hobart Chinese Dragon Boat Festival



**Angie, Helen C, Robyn, Roz, Leonie, Anne and Martin keep an eye out for recruits and attempt to keep warm at Short Beach, Sandy Bay, at Hobart's inaugural Chinese Dragon Boat Festival. There are more photos of the event on the Derwent Storms and DBTas facebook pages.**

Calm conditions prevailed for the inaugural Hobart Dragon Boat Festival at Short Beach, Sandy Bay on Sunday 1 June.

While it was overcast, the primary consideration was good water for the novice paddlers from the local Chinese community.

Organised by DBTas and the Chinese Community Association of Tasmania, the event included safety and water orientation sessions before a series of races.

Derwent Storms joined DATH and MoCo to provide the experience and grunt for the crews which included 20 young representatives from the CCAT.

Chinese dumplings, noodles and other goodies provided paddling fuel and helped ward off the cool June conditions.

The event aimed at raising the profile of dragon boating and at the same time assisted the Chinese community to celebrate one of their great cultural traditions.

A Chinese New Year Festival is planned for Sunday, 22 February 2015. It is anticipated on-water events will be held in Sullivans Cove. Watch this space for more details.

## Dragon Boating Calendar

### September 2014

7 State team applications close

### October 2014

18 DBTas AGM & lit boat ceremony

### November 2014

8-9 Pan Pacific Masters Games, Qld

### December 2014

13 Derwent Storms-DATH Xmas party  
Tasmanian Hockey Centre

### January 2015

24 St Helens Regatta

### February 2015

7-8 State Regatta, Lake Barrington

22 Chinese New Year Regatta TBC

### April 2015

13-19 National Championships,  
Champion Lakes, Perth WA

### October 2015

Australian Masters Games, Adelaide

## Recruitment drive

The club is pulling out all stops to recruit more paddlers over the next 12 months. While Derwent Storms welcomes all ages and fitness levels, the new recruitment subcommittee is particularly focused on attracting more men. How good would it be to enter a men's crew at the Nationals!

There is no doubt "the boys" add a great element and balancing the gender ratio can only be good for the club.

If you have any positive thoughts (within the realms of public decency of course) about how to lure some more males on to the water, please get in touch with Martin Turner or Mike Percey.

More women would be good too of course so please keep an eye out for likely, sporty contenders!

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Training:** With the days now drawing out it is very welcoming to see the sun at our Saturday and Sunday sessions. Given the very cold and uncomfortable mornings we have endured over the past couple of months, next winter we will change our starting time to 9 am for 9.30am on the water. The weather over the past week has been sensational and the night sessions in particular have generated lots of positive vibes. Commencing this weekend, Sunday sessions will be for 1.5 hours during spring and summer (8.30am – 10.am).

**Pan Pacs campaign:** Pan Pac paddlers have been able to boat their own crew at training on most occasions. Those bound for the Gold Coast owe it to your team mates to make every effort to get to as many training sessions as possible. Enthusiasm for the event needs to be matched by a dedicated physical contribution. We know only too well how we like to bring home that Pan Pacs bling! A huge thank you to Helen Crosby and Mike Percey for the arrangements already made for the team trip to Queensland. Go Stormers!

**Derwent Storms Xmas party:** This year we are combining festivities with DATH for a joint celebration at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre on Saturday 13 December. Put this date in your Xmas diary now. The theme will be "DISCO" so start planning your John Travolta/Donna Summer wardrobe! The three-course carvery will come in at around \$50 per head. We know Denise Phillips and her team of "socialites" will put on another great show this festive season. Thanks Denise and co for the work done already.

**World Club Crew Championships Italy:** It is very exciting that two Derwent Storms paddlers are competing in Ravenna this month. Jenny Willing is part of the Brisbane River Dragons contingent and our new member Charlotte Sainsbury is paddling with her old club Adelaide Sea Dragons. We wish them both well and many of us will be following the event on the net.

**Revised incident report forms:** Thanks to Grady Koolhoff for his work on drafting a new incident form. If anyone has a mishap at training or a Storms event, please complete one of these forms.

**Club paddle bag:** Thanks to Helen Crosby for her research and suggestion that Derwent Storms purchase a multiple-paddle bag. This will be handy to transport paddles to and from interstate events especially when "unattended" paddles need to be sent home..