



PEARLS OF WISDOM



Great Lakes Pearl Dragons

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Newsletter June 2015



- ◆ 31st May - GLPD Car Rally
- ◆ 6th & 7th June - Port Macquarie Regatta
- ◆ 18th & 19th July - Postponed Urunga Regatta
- ◆ 25th July - Social Night, Trivia/Christmas in July details coming
- ◆ 12th September - "Pearlys" Birthday Bash Tuncurry Races stay tuned for information



GREAT LAKES PEARL DRAGONS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:-	Chris Dowell
Secretary:-	Denise Marr
Treasurer:-	Jan Brain
Women's Club Captain:-	Marg Steel
Additional Directors:-	Brian Bruton, Kim Evans
Appointed Directors:-	Ken Watson , Paul McCann



UPDATE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC)

Bon Voyage to Chris and Leonie who will be travelling through Europe for the next couple of months.
Kimmer will be going to Canada to visit family

.....Life's tough for some!!!!!!!!!!

We wish them well and a safe trip.

Ken and Paul have been appointed as Appointed Directors to the Executive Committee in their absence for the next 3 months. They will attend meetings and have input but will have no voting rights.

Want to get involved in the Club more? Well you can, we are looking for people to nominate for coaching positions and also sweeps. Brian B is currently under training as a sweep and Carol and Paul have put their hands up to begin sweep training.

The Clubs AGM will be held in August where all executive positions will be up for election. We urge you if you are interested in taking an active role in the running of the Club to think about putting yourself forward. *August will come around very quickly.*

Regattas are an important part of dragon boating. It is a team sport. They are great fun, full of excitement and comradery. Our next regatta which we will participate in is at Port Macquarie. As you are aware the Urunga regatta was postponed due to the storm. The Urunga regatta has been rescheduled for July. If you have not already put your name down you are encouraged to do so. Go to our website.

Your executive applied for a Grant from Stockland Shopping Centre and we received \$1,000.00. I am sure that we can put this money to good use.



Chris Dowell



Denise Marr



Jan Brain



Marg Steel



Brian Bruton



Kim Evans

HELLO FROM YOUR FUND RAISING COMMITTEE



Brenda Taute

Hi there Pearl Dragons

Since the beginning of our club over 5 ½ years ago your **GLDP Fund Raising Committee** have organised some wonderful events allowing our Great Club us to afford the purchase of many items including:- Two Dragon Boats, our boat trailer, two shipping containers & cage for storage, a water tank, life jackets, paddles as well as assistance for the ongoing running costs which include training courses and insurances etc. This has amounted to approximately \$45000 to date.



Kathy Dayment

For example the Bunnings BBQ's 4 x per year, Trivia Nights, High Teas, Fashion Parades, Movie Premiere nights as well as our major Bi-Annual fund raising events of Sing-a-long, Dance-a-long Nights 'Grease' and 'Mamma Mia' held at Club Forster which catered for approx. 350 guests at a time.



Wendy Lum

As well we have put on many social events throughout the years:- Whale watch cruises, trips to the wineries, Car Rally's, BBQ brekky's and weekends away to celebrate Christmas together.



Rejane Chapman

Your FRC are the ideas people/organiser of these events, it is vital that we have the support of members though to ensure that they are successful so I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us over the years, ensuring that these events were always socially and financially successful.



Joy Gosby

But more so a Big 'THANK YOU to my committee of amazing *Fun' Raising Ladies* who always work tirelessly, with a smile and great enthusiasm for the good of everyone and the club as a whole.

So members please '*Support the Club that supports you*' and we your FRC look forward to continuing to work closely with you all In the future.

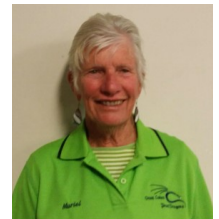
'Feeling proud to be a Pearl Dragon'

Kind regards
Brenda Taute

President of the GLPD Fund Raising Committee



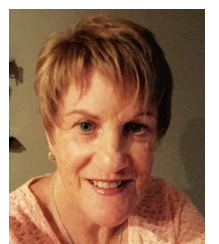
Deb Verdich



Muriel Bramble



Elsa Perededjian



Kathy Peter



Marg Steel





BRIAN BRUTON



There is an old saying if you want something done ask a busy man and this certainly applies to Pearler Brian Bruton.

Brian has been a member of our Club since about November 2013 and is proving himself to be a real “doer”. Last year Brian was part of our regatta committee concentrating on marketing and sponsorship which proved to be his forte. Currently Brian is a director of the Executive Committee and has been instrumental in seeking and applying for grants from varying bodies on behalf of the Club. As much as Brian enjoys paddling he also realises that if there is no sweep, there is no paddle, so currently he is busy training to be a sweep.

What does Brian do when not paddling or sipping lattes at Beach Bums? As a very active member of The Rotary Club of Great Lakes he is organising the staging of Opera by the Lake featuring an opera company from Sydney known as "OperaBites".

This will be an afternoon full of culture by our beautiful Wallis Lake at John Wright Park, Tuncurry on the 19th March 2016. The event will start at 3.00pm and finish at 6.00 pm .

Even though this event is just under 12 months away, Brian and his rotary club have been extremely busy. You will be able to buy your tickets on line shortly through Great Lakes Tourism or at their office. You can also visit www.operabythelake.com or their Facebook page. Don't forget to like us. If you would like further information email Brian at info@operabythelake.com or telephone 0408 180 866 .

Tickets prices

Adults	\$45.00
Concession card holders	\$40.00
Group of 10 or more	\$40.00
Child under 16	\$30.00
Family of 4	\$130.00



Pearlers

Bring

Back

Gold

Frank Fenech, Gina Barber and Wendy Orman competed in the NSW State Championships in Penrith on Saturday 4th April 2015. In the pouring rain and freezing conditions their team, Northern Pride, took out Gold medals in the Opens, Women's and Mixed 500m races. Northern Pride also gained bronze with their Mixed B team.

Gina was drummer for the victorious Opens team and the Mixed B team while Wendy and Frank paddled in the Mixed A together. Individually Frank paddled in the Opens crew while Wendy paddled with the Women's team.

Team members were extra proud this year as the Southern region team had robbed them of the gold medals in all these events in 2014 but were soundly defeated by the well trained northern contingent in 2015.

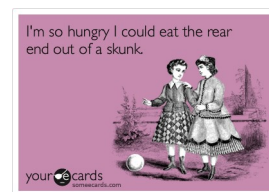
Frank & Wendy then went off to Perth for the National Dragon Boat Championships in April.

Frank paddled his way to a Bronze and received the Northern Region Award for Excellence.

Wendy came home with 2 bronze medals.



URUNGA, RISSOLES & A SKINK



By Kimmer

As a few of the Pearlers had made the drive north to Urunga on Friday, we were not the least bit surprised that the Regatta was postponed. The weather conditions were shocking.

We also had with us all the chicken, rissoles and sausages for the Saturday night team BBQ.

So on Saturday morning when we received confirmation that the regatta was postponed most of the Pearlers decided to travel back home to Forster. Rather than grab a quick breakfast at the local cafe we decided to collect and combine all our food stuff and meet at the covered BBQ area just outside our cabins. Cabin 14 was in charge of hot water for tea and coffee, Cabin 11 had eggs, salad and dessert, and Cabin 9 had all the meat, buns and fried onions. Cabin 6 had the condiments. It didn't take long to get the BBQ, going and breakfast sizzling.



Kimmer cooking breakfast, thanks

We had quite the breakfast selection and nothing says "healthy food choices" better than ending breakfast with a selection of caramel and chocolate tarts. We really did make the best of an unfortunate situation and a fun time was had by all.

Only Carol, Kimmer and Brian stayed over on the Saturday night. After driving between Coffs and Nambucca Heads searching for a cinema and a movie that Carol had not seen!, they decided to take the tourist drive back to the cabins. Had dinner and a couple of dances at the pub across the road and drove back Sunday morning just in time to BBQ once again with the Urunga paddlers at the Bull Ring in Forster. One thing about GLPD's is they know how to party and have fun.

SUNDAY LUNCH AT THE
BULLRING



Jo H
&
Wendy

The Guys



The Girls



Our Urunga Coach Rejane
& Carol the cook



GREAT LAKES PEARL DRAGONS CAR RALLY



Come and join us on **Sunday 31st May**

We are meeting at **11am in the Car Park behind Beach Bums**

It will be **\$10.00 for each person** - WOW that includes morning tea and BBQ Late Lunch/ Early Dinner at a Mystery location

Teams of up to 4 per car **Family and Friends are welcome**

Morning tea is in a picnic setting so please bring a thermos of hot water per car. Also warm clothes, clip board, pen, picnic chair or rug, drinks alcoholic or other, nibbles or dessert to share at dinner and your sense of humour



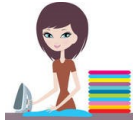
RSVP - by Wednesday 27th May to Gina on

0412 815 311 or peanut_63@yahoo.com.au for catering purposes

Prizes to be awarded to the team with most correct answers. Keeping in mind there may be some tie breaker questions that will be used if required
This is not a race – it is an Observations Rally



GLPD MEMBERS SERVICE DIRECTORY



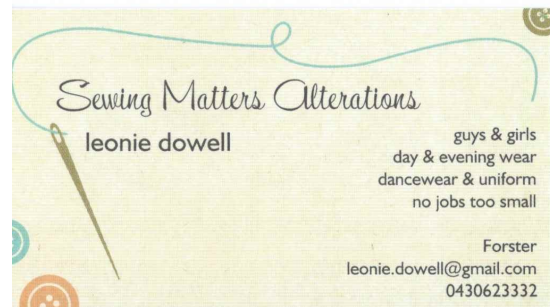
If your busy life makes you look at your ironing pile and groan then give me a call. Julie, your ever helpful ironing lady, \$50 a basket. I not only sweep, paddle and hairdresser but also iron.
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PADDLER'S PADDOCK

NOTICE BOARD



PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK 2015

Tuesday 26th May
Remembrance Service 10am
Cape Hawke Surf Club
Morning Tea to follow

Friday 29th May
Awareness Walk 10am
John Wright Park
Across bridge followed
by morning tea on
the foreshore

Trivia Night
7pm
Bridge Club (South St)
For Information
Ph Palliative Care
6539 6300



COMMUNITEE INTERESTS

Wednesday 3rd June

8pm Comedy Roadshow at Manning Entertainment Centre

Friday 5th June

10am & 1pm The Unknown Soldier at Manning Entertainment Centre

Saturday 13th June

FOGLLS Trivia Night. \$10 pp tables of 8 Tuncurry Memorial Hall. 7pm

Helen Bryan 0448261095 or 65559379 will be getting a table for this so ring her. If you want a whole table ring Helen Duggan on 6554 7781

Monday 29th June

10am at Forster Library

FOGLLS morning tea, with speaker of interest. Free.

Friday 17th July

8pm Sydney Symphony orchestra at Manning Entertainment Centre

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July

Caravan Show at Nabiac Showground

Saturday 25th July

Great Lakes Art Society trivia Night, Theme - Bollywood, dinner incl \$25 pp

Contact Mary McEnallay 0409743728

Monday 10th August

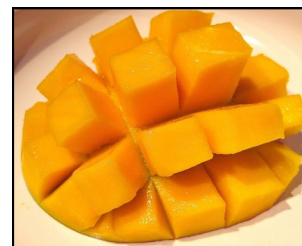
7pm Company of Voices Concert at Forster Library, probably \$12, bookings essential- at library

MANGO & SESAME SALAD

2 table spoons sesame seeds
4 Mangos
2 large carrots peeled and grated
6 green onions, thinly sliced
¼ small green cabbage, finely shredded

Orange tahini dressing

½ cup olive oil
¼ cup fresh orange juice
2 tea spoons castor sugar
1 tea spoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon tahini



Cook sesame seeds in a frying pan over high heat, stirring, for 4 minutes or until golden brown. Cool.

MAKE DRESSING – Combine all ingredients with salt & pepper in a screw top jar. Shake well.

Prepare mangoes using the cube system, place in a bowl.

Add carrots, onions, cabbage, sesame seeds and dressing to mangoes.

Toss gently and serve.

Compliments of Sarah Smart