



GREAT LAKES PEARL DRAGONS

# Pearls of Wisdom July, 2012

## GLPD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**President:** *Robyn Macintosh*

**Secretary:** *Anne Ditton*

**Treasurer:** *Jan Brain*

**Women's Team Captain:**

*Bernie Dawson*

**Men's Team Captain:** *Allan Peter*

**Committee Member:** *Deb Verdich*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July ---BBQ breaky at the Container
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July ---Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August GLPD AGM
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September Grease Night
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October Whale Watching



## Urunga and Port Macquarie Regattas

Well done to our team of Pearlers who attended the Urunga and Port Regattas, we were well represented at both. For the six and a half km race around Urunga Island, we had a full boat of Pearl Power Paddlers for the first time, which was pretty fantastic. Congrats to Julie, Bernie, Jan, Suzan, Penny, Kathy P, Rejane, Robyn Mac, Wendy O, Wally, Kathy D, Venessa, Marg, Kylie, Joy, Milly, Natalie, Gloria, Helen, Sue C, and our Sweep Dan. Pat on the back Pearlers, you did yourself proud.



## Congratulations

Helen is now a level 3 sweep and Darren is now a Level 2 sweep. Both achieved their sweep's accreditation at Port Macquarie Regatta, well done!



## Special Guests

Since our last Newsletter, (it's been a while, SORRY Folks, still getting used to my new laptop) we have had not one but two (2) special guests come and mentor us.

Geoff Roberts, a Director of DBNSW, came on Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and gave paddlers coaching advice on Technique.

Annie Walsh, a Level 2 Coach and a Level 4 Sweep, came on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and again on Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Annie mentored us on paddling technique on land and in the boat, and also mentored our sweeps.

The mentoring was very well appreciated by the coaches and paddlers who were able to attend. I'm sure each of us got a lot out of it. So Pearlers don't forget, armpit, sit up, etc etc.

A Big Thank You to Geoff and Annie for giving us their time.



### **Fundraising**

Our most recent fundraising event was our Movie Night, 'Snow White and The Huntsman'. Tickets were slow in selling at the start but am glad to say everyone came through on the night and it proved an overall success. A profit of \$1,506,30 was made, not bad, hey. Well done to our hardworking Fundraising Committee. FUTURE fundraising events - more info as we get closer to the events.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Requests went out from the EC for expressions of interest from Pearl Dragons to join the regatta committee. Final date has since passed and successful applicants notified. They are Deb Verdich, Rejane Chapman, Julie Dornan, Marg Steel, Wendy Orman and Trish Ping. Anne will chair the committee and Robyn and Jan are ex officio members. As sub-committees will also be formed there will be plenty of work for other Pearlers to help in the organisation of the regatta. Therefore, for those who expressed interest in the committee, and for those who expressed interest in helping in general, please be aware we will need you all.
- AGM date set for August 30th, venue Tuncurry Bowling Club 6pm for 6.15pm start. Meal to follow, (optional).
- It is important you attend the AGM to achieve a quorum as GLPD has to bear the cost of setting up another AGM.
- The Executive Committee is comprised of the following 7 positions.
  - President
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Club Captain-Men's
  - Club Captain-Women's
  - Ordinary Member(x2)
- All office bearing positions are open for re-election.
- Nominations open Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 & close 4pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August.
- Nomination forms can be collected from the Secretary (Anne) or at the container from 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- Nomination forms can be handed to the Secretary (Anne) or put in the Suggestion Box before 27<sup>th</sup> August.
- Thank You on behalf of the Executive Committee.



### Suggestion Box

We now have a suggestion box at the container, (positive suggestions if you please). I'm sure the EC will appreciate all, and a big thank you to Wally our maintenance man for making it.

### Farewell

Two of our members Suzan Malligan and Robyn Goldsmith are leaving the area.

Suzan is heading for the Gold Coast and Robyn is heading for the Central Coast.

I spoke to both lovely ladies:

### Some of their Comments

Suzan says although they (she and Les) are downsizing there'll be room for her paddle, (once a paddler always a paddler, go Suze). Suzan says she will Treasure her time with the Pearl Dragons, who are a group of very special people and the memories she will have and keep always. Suzan is hoping to join a local dragon boat team at the Gold Coast and hopes to meet up with any Pearlers who venture to paddle up that way.(Regattas of course.)

Robyn says one of the best things she ever did was come to paddling, Robyn says one of the most motivating people she has met is Brenda, Robyn says, "She made me feel good about myself." Robyn also says she will miss the camaraderie of the group.

**Good Luck Suzan and Robyn we will miss you both and wish you nothing but happiness and good health always. (Love You Both.)**









Running Bear by Special Request



Farewell Speeches