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Pearls of Wisdom

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BRINGING HOME THE BLING



GLPD headed to the Nationals, paddled and came home with bling...



SENIOR A WOMEN'S 200M BRONZE MEDALLISTS



After more than 10 months of hard training the Great Lakes Pearl Dragons came home from their Nationals campaign with a hard-earned Bronze Medal in the Senior A Women's 200m event on Day 1. Commitment, hard training and a touch of 'mongrel' made it all possible.

President's Report June 2017

Welcome Pearls to our last newsletter of the 2016 – 2017 season.

As a Club we have had a very successful season. While not all members have competed at regattas, I know we take pride as Pearls in the achievement of our Club taking bronze in the Senior A Women's 200 metres event at Nationals and also for those members who paddled with the Northern Region team and our State team and who received a swag of medals.

The Club is always working hard to give you the best experience in each session you attend. We offer our members the best of equipment, boats, cox boxes, stroke coaches, well qualified and dedicated coaches and sweeps so you, our members, have the opportunity to work together as a team, improve your fitness and compete at a number of regattas in both the northern and metropolitan regions. Over the years we have done this through revenue we have raised through our 'pay as you go' paddling levy, grants, fundraising, and what has become our major annual fundraiser – our regatta.

We appreciate those that have the opportunity to give up their valuable spare time to fundraise, help with committee work, grants, do the constant maintenance work, coach, sweep, or help organise our annual regatta.

However, if we look at what brings us together in the first place, our love of paddling, let's go hard, support other regattas as a pearl team and others will support our major fundraiser, our regatta, come November.

Speaking of funds, our member fees have been set for the 2017- 2018 season. If we pay between July 1 and July 31 we are offering (renewing members only) a discounted fee of \$55. After this date the fee is \$60 for all renewing and new members. The DBNSW fee is yet to be announced.

When determining the member fee, the Executive Committee looked at the Club's base expenses for the year. These expenses include insurance for boats, trailer, and contents, DBNSW Club membership fee, post office box fee, trailer for Northern region and mandatory course fees. Also, we occupy crown land under an "Authority to Occupy" but the Crown has been notified that this "Authority to Occupy" is no longer sufficient tenure to protect the crown. As holders we have applied for a licence. If granted this we will be paying annual rent plus the possibility of council rates.

Our income which includes our paddling levy and fundraising is used for purchases, courses, maintenance and other expenses. We also save so as to secure the future of our Club.

The second 20 seat boat is on order, the total cost is \$12,000 including delivery. \$4800 will come from a grant (Dep. Sport and Rec. Local Sport Grants) and the remaining \$7,200 from Club funds. We have also accepted a quote to extend the little boat container

and have started work in the breezeway. The aim being that when the boat arrives we will have suitable housing. The arrival of the additional boat will be timely as even though we did considerable maintenance and repairs on the big boat a couple of months back, more repairs are needed.

Enjoy your winter paddling break.

Regards Denise



Ray and Fay being great ambassadors for our club. Fundraisers like this are one of the ways to support the Pearls.

Heads in the Boat

Reminders to morning paddlers:

- Continue to respect our neighbours to and from early morning paddles ...sshhh (be quiet 7.00am is still early)
- Continue to respect our neighbours in regards to parking of cars (driveways, garbage bins) park close together

What's Happening

RACING

Cancelled June 10-11 18kms & Port Macquarie Regatta

Sunday **June 11** Camden Haven fun racing starting at 9am

PADDLING BREAK

Monday **June 12** - Sunday **June 25** (returning Monday **June 26**)

NEW SEASON 2017 - 2018

Dates for the Regatta series at SIRC not yet available. Check DBNSW site for events on calendar

<http://www.dbnsw.org.au/events/calendar/&y=2017&m=8>

November 18 -19 Great Lakes Pearl Dragons Regatta, Forster

FUNDRAISER

Sunday **August 13** Bunnings

The Competitive Training

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ALBURY-WODONGA

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Acknowledgement and thankyou goes to all the wonderful people that have helped get us to that point. It is important to remember that we are all essential parts of the team.

Special mention to our coaches who have given up their time to get us on the water with some great training programs and push us to give our all each day.

Joe Iacano for giving us the expert advice and amazing training sessions when we really needed to get to the next level.



Oarsome, majestic, calm and controlled –Queen of Sweepa!

Our sweeps for steering us at every session and Carol for keeping us upright during our two-day adventure! And Peter for sweeping the Senior B turns race!

Vince for being our GLPD volunteer and showing all those great set of legs.

Megan for being the manager extraordinaire.

Ange for being the great collector of statistics and the route of all knowledge on the internet.

Jo H, Wendy L, Kim C and Marg for being brave enough to sit on the drummer's seat and encourage us all the way through the 200m, 500m and 2km turn race.

Kim C who checked and double checked all lists and team lists so no-one missed out on paddling.

Fay for keeping the money on track and checking my sums.

Denise for keeping me calm and on track when things got rough and letting me bounce new ideas off.

Our men who paddle so hard and give so much encouragement and support to us women.

The EC for being so supportive all the way through our journey.

Kez for bringing the sticky tape.

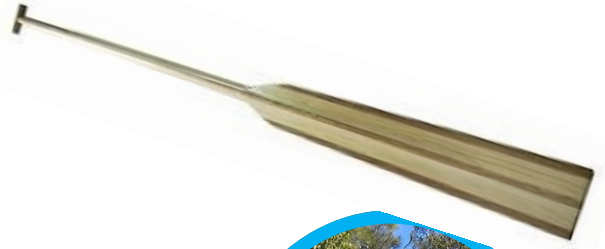
... and of course, MOST importantly, you, the GLPD Competitive Squad. You are the ones that made it all possible.

Bring on our 2018 Nationals Campaign!!!



Paddle in one hand, pen in the other - no hands spare for food & drink?

Wendy Orman



Yay Julie!!!

Congratulations on achieving Level 2 sweep. Your hard work and dedication is paying off.

From all your fellow Pearls.



We are very excited to have our two new trainee sweeps, Kerrie Gammage and Laurie Hayden, being mentored as they take us around the channel for some of our sessions.

Kerrie survived the hour and a half session recently on a Saturday with no mishaps. (Thanks to Helen as mentor on that occasion)

Laurie seems to be making sure the water is safe before he spends too much time at the back of the boat. (actually doing a safety demo prior to Auschamps)

“Now how many corners did they say a 2km race would have?”
Peter taking up the challenge at Nationals!



NORTHERN PRIDE



Our NSW Northern Region representatives Claire, Frank and Laurie. Claire won gold in the Womens, Laurie gold in the Mens while Frank won gold in the men and also the mixed. This was the first time competing at this level for Claire and Laurie. Gold certainly goes well on them. Well done guys -hard work and dedication to your sport paying off.



The proud pod of paddlers after finally snaring third place and collecting their medals.



Proud to have a paddler paddling for NSW at the Nationals. Wendy paddled with the Senior B's against 4 other states. Great haul Wendy: Gold Mixed, Silver Women and Silver Open/ Women's Relay (a new National event). Joe I was the coach. Great work Joe.



"What rain? I've got this lovely warm jacket for volunteering!"

Life is better on the water



"Come oooooonnnn!!!!!!
POOOOOWERRRR!!!"



"Hold my shoe please. I've got to race now!"



"Pretty sure they won't know we've taken all their medals!"

URUNGA REGATTA

Great work pearls at Urunga. Our numbers were down so we joined Nambucca, Manning and a couple of Rainbow Dragons to paddle in the 7.5k on Saturday, coming a respectable 4th.

Sunday, we merged with Nambucca to become the Sea Pearls. The women worked together to take 4th in the 200 metre final.

Thanks Titivators for hosting a top weekend.





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WANTED

SECOND HAND PADDLES NEEDED TO HELP NEW CLUB STARTING AT PORT STEPHENS. DO YOU HAVE A PADDLE FOR SALE?

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FOR SALE

May have been painted by a local artist as it was framed by Great Lakes Picture & Tapestry Framing Forster. Size 86cms x 67cms. \$50 Ono.

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Forster Keys Family Fun Day
Sunday 2 July 2017 at Elizabeth Reserve, Forster Keys

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DANCE FLOOR

FM GREAT LAKES 101.5
A MASSIVE WEEKEND OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT & FUN!
870 off-street car parking spaces but you will need to come in early or leave your car at home.

ALL DAY!

THE TOWN & COUNTRY SHOW BAND

Glen Mead Full Sound production

JIM & SUE **LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY** **NIGHTMOVES** **GALLER!**

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