



REDCLIFFE PINK

Snapdragons

Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Club Inc.
Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia

Pink Bits & Tit Bits Quarterly Newsletter

December Edition 2020



A note from the President

Although it has been a slow start for many, we are back in a rhythm of training and have one goal in mind NZ in March 2022.

The Pinks have had 2 very successful fundraisers of late - the plant sale and two Bunnings BBQ's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who helped Sue Drinkwater to make these both a success.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Kim



Redcliffe Club Birthday Breakfast & Presentations

On Saturday 31st October following training, the Redcliffe Red Dragons celebrated their 15th birthday with a BBQ breakfast and yummy sponge CAKE at the Paddler's Den. Thank you to the organisers and chefs...it was a lovely morning and, as always, we enjoyed the presentation of old club photos being shown on the TV.

As the club had to cancel their usual presentation night due to Covid-19 restrictions, the opportunity was taken to make the club presentations at the birthday breakfast.



Our past Snapdragon President, Christine, was asked to nominate a Snapdragon to be the recipient of the 2019-2020 Snapdragons President's Award. Unfortunately, Christine and Helen were unable to attend the breakfast, so our current Snapdragon President Kim happily agreed to present the award. It was with much delight, by all present, that the recipient was revealed to be....Fran Heales. I think Christine's words, which follow, captured Fran beautifully....

This year's recipient of the Pink Snapdragons President's Award has been a long-term member of the Pink Snapdragons and has formed part of the backbone of the club.

She is the quintessential quiet achiever, always first to volunteer to help and just gets in and does things with no complaints.

She is a regular paddler, leading from the front and always encouraging new paddlers.

She has contributed to the club through committee positions and been a reasoned and calm voice that is very much valued and appreciated.



She has put a lot of love into the club through her care of Jayne's garden and words of comfort to members going through tough times.

A valued member deserving of this award. She is an honest, no fuss person who even while dealing with a personal tragedy was there to support others. An absolute asset to the club. Well respected and loved by all.



Hello from the Desk of the Team Manager



Four years on from Florence, Italy and Lake Karapiro, Cambridge, New Zealand is the venue for the next IBCPC International BCS regatta. This is a purpose-built site for water sports and I recommend everyone 'google' the site...it looks absolutely beautiful, as does most of the scenery in New Zealand.

Currently we have 17 Snapdragon and 13 Sunny Coast BCS team members along with 16 Snapdragon and 11 Sunny Coast supporters as part of our "Coastal Breast Friends" team. We're also lucky to have Jan Booth, a BCS paddler from the Clarence Dragon Boat Club in northern NSW, joining our crew. Jan was introduced to our club by Lyn Stainlay and once borders re-open Lyn & Jan will be travelling up at regular intervals for training sessions.

57 Queenslanders sounds to me like....lots of....noise? fun? mischief? Queenslander!!!!

We're "proud loud Aussies"so look out New Zealand

As at the middle of August there were 71 full teams from all around the world registered and organisers were expecting 5,000 participants. I'm sure that number may have risen by the time this newsletter goes to press.

Coastal Breast Friends will be staying at the Novotel Hamilton Tainui Hotel for 7 nights - Monday, March 28 until Sunday, April 3 with the regatta being held on the Saturday & Sunday.

Organisers have set October 1, 2021 as the date when they will advise if the regatta will need to be postponed or cancelled due to Covid-19, let's hope that doesn't happen.

Hopefully any Covid restrictions will be in our rear view mirror in the New Year and we'll be able to join our sisters from the Sunny Coast for some training sessions, it will be lovely to spend some time getting to know each other over the 15 months we'll have from then until we head to New Zealand.

Festival Links

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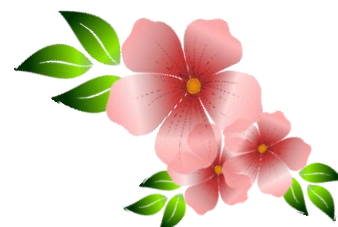
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Jayne's Memorial Garden Destroyed



Jayne's Garden was looking lush with lots of new plants ready for an explosion of spring flowers this year! For those who don't know the significance of our garden, it was created as a memorial to our club founder, Jayne Coe, and it is a place where we can spend a moment remembering our Angels. It is a beautiful reminder to us all to stop & smell the roses (or snapdragons!)

When we arrived at the clubhouse on the 17th September this is the devastation that greeted us again. This was the second time in two weeks, the memorial garden was vandalised.

The aftermath of coming to grips with Jayne's garden being utterly destroyed, the only piece we were able to salvage was Jayne's Teddy Bear Name Plaque. Through social media a woman by the name of Robin (graphic artist) made contact offering to do what she could to help us. Iciar put her in contact with me and after a couple of conversations telling her I would need to speak to the club members. I contacted Robin again after our general meeting and during the conversation she told me she had a broken foot that she was nursing and as soon as she is feeling up to it she would send me some sketches of what she has in mind. Her idea at the moment is drawings of Snapdragons with our Angels names on them.



A few club members have come forward with suggestions, so between us all I am sure we will be able to come up with a solution that everyone will be happy with.



One of our Snapdragon Members Honoured



Redcliffe Red Dragons had the pleasure of honouring Lyn Stainlay, with the Club's first Life Membership for her many years of service and dedication to the club. Although Lyn has moved to Northern NSW, she said she would maintain contact with the club and visit from time to time.

In her acceptance speech Lyn said "I would like to thank Red Dragons for gifting the honour of Life Membership. My membership with this club, is a pathway of dedication ensuring club safety, viability, stability and credibility throughout the years. The club strength is its members and their actions giving to each other, community, State, Country and World.

To the wonderful people who contributed to this journey, carrying the heavy old boat in the cold and dark to the water, regatta preparation /participation, boats, bums, band aids: Corporate, Pink, Red, Maroon, Green and Gold. Construction of our impressive club house- PADDLERS' DEN.

Your friendship through grant achievement/ negotiations, daily archival photography, rock wranglers, drain diggers, turf layers, and waterers. Thank you from the first muddy Monday night induction to Gold on the World Podium"



Fundraising

Plant Sale

Saturday 28th November. Another successful plant sale. Well done to all our team members who grew the plants and volunteered on the day and to Sue Drinkwater for organising and hosting the sale. ❤️



Our President Kim Weller presenting two of the raffle winners Karin Wagner and Georgina Donaldson with their \$100 gift voucher kindly donated by Bunnings North Lakes. The third winner was Jane Kennedy.



Neil Greentree also donated a Christmas tree with scratch it tickets on it, for the people who helped before and on the day. This was won by Debra Hall.



Congratulations to all our winners!



Bunnings

Sunday 2nd August was our first Sausage sizzle since the lockdown in March.

There were quite a few changes because of Covid Restrictions.

Overall it was a very successful day with many comments from the customers that it was good to have the BBQ back.



Sunday 6th December was our second Bunnings BBQ.

It was extremely hot that day but still a good result.

Cold drink sales went through the roof.

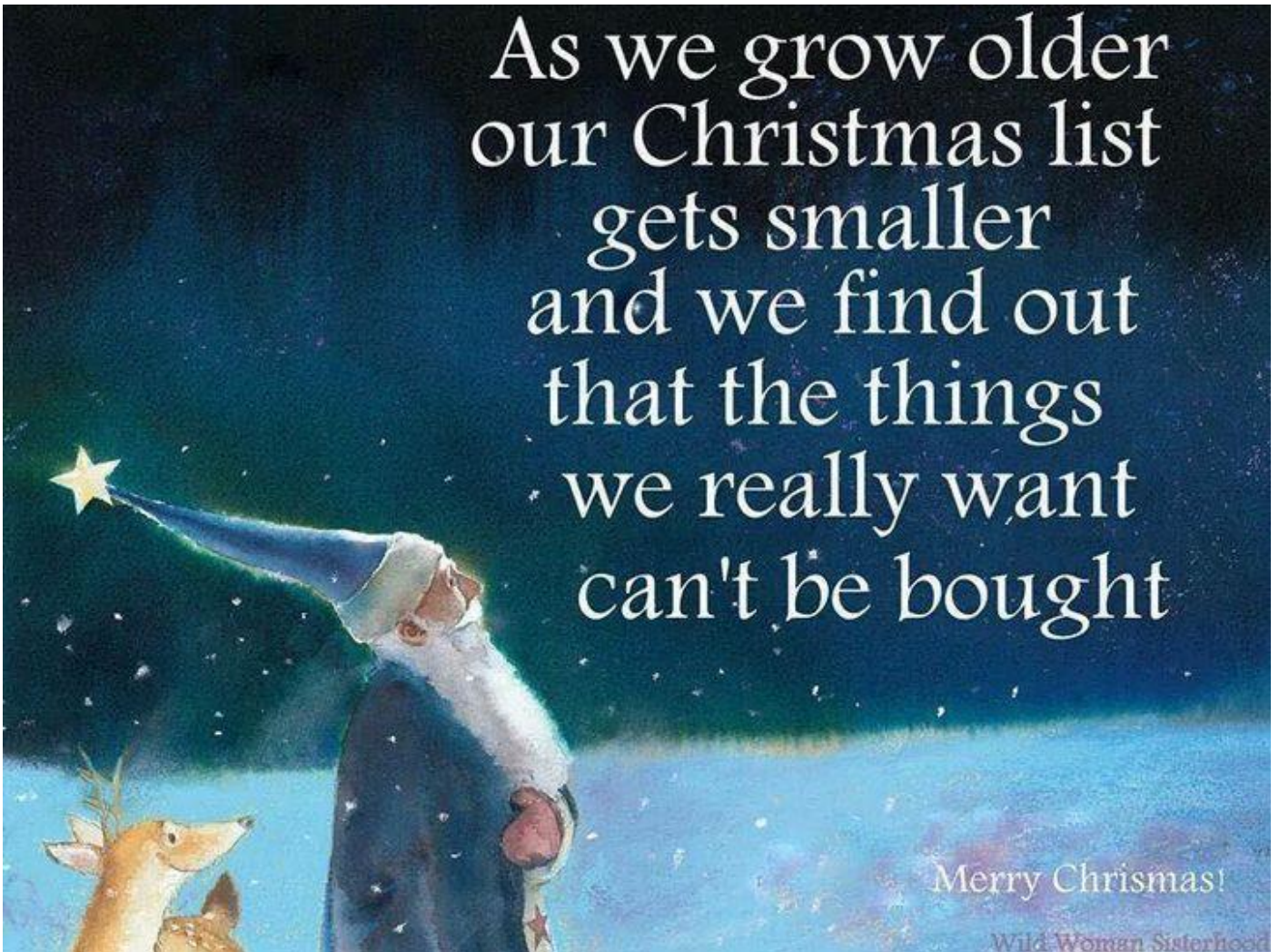


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As we grow older
our Christmas list
gets smaller
and we find out
that the things
we really want
can't be bought



Merry Christmas!

Wild Woman Sisterhood



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End of Year Christmas Celebrations

After spending so many months not able to dine out together due to Covid, after restrictions were lifted, we had a double celebration this year! Lunch at The Moreton Bay Boat Club on Wednesday 9th December and Dinner at Shield Street Eats on Sunday 13th December.

We sure know how to celebrate!



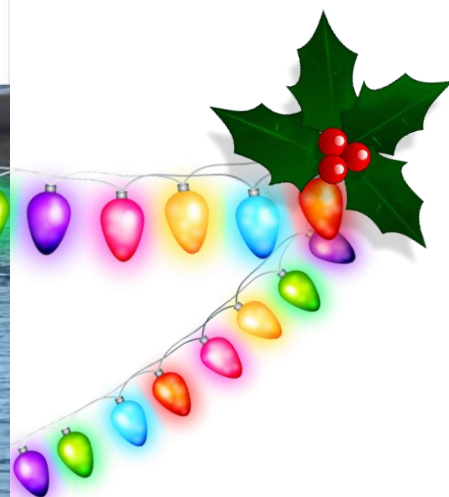


Christmas Lolly Run

On Wednesday 16th December, the Pink Snapdragons and Red Dragons had a fun evening paddling up and down the canals we train in handing out bags of lollies and singing out Christmas wishes to the canal residents and enjoying the beautiful Christmas lights displays. Any excuse to dress up and eat lollies!

Christmas in Newport 🌲🌲😄😄❤️❤️

Thank you 🌲😄❤️





Best Wishes to those celebrating upcoming Birthdays.

January

Sue Drinkwater 15th

Karen Hitchcock 17th

Erlinda May 21st

February

Jill Aplin 3rd

Jill Heuving 11th

Margery Barnes 14th

Calendar of Events

DATE	TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION
January 2021			
Saturday 30 th		NZ training with the Sunny Coast Girls	Talobilla Park Kippa Ring
February 2021			
Saturday 6th	7.15am-3.30pm	Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	North Lakes
Saturday 20 th	10:00am	General Meeting	Dragons Den
April 2021			
Friday 2nd		Good Friday	
Monday 5th		Easter Monday	
March 2022			
28 th – 3 rd April		IBCPC International Regatta	Lake Karapiro, Cambridge NZ



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