



2023 Annual Report

#2022-2023 – Embracing Diversity and Inclusion

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Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) acknowledges and pays respects to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. AusDBF recognises and respects these practices acknowledging that our sport in Australia is conducted, administered and celebrated on the land and waterways of these Traditional Custodians.



Message from the Chair

Dragon Boat is often referred to as the ultimate team sport where success can only be achieved by everyone working together. This applies equally to the administration of the sport where we all need to work together for the advancement of our sport and set aside our personal aspirations and look to the common good.

Over the past few years, it has been evident that the spirit of cooperation is growing and the teamwork is seeing us achieve a number of our strategic objectives.

Governance

A responsibility Assignment Matrix has been developed and there is clarity on the roles and responsibilities of AusDBF and our members.

Sub-committees are largely operating as planned and are providing solid input for the Board to consider. These committees look at issues on a national basis and focus on the “big picture” rather than their own states needs. Open discussion has enabled a common and consistent approach within our sport.

revSPORT is now our national data base and the home for our national accreditations. We run our competitions and national championships through it and we are reaping the benefits of this national system. The pressure is now taken off our club administrators with the subscription membership mode and direct payments.

An Audit and Risk Committee has been established and the introduction of Safe365 nationally has aided in monitoring incidents and initiating action to minimise risks. The take-up of Safe365 has not been as quick as we were hoping but we are now starting to see incidents reported and this will enhance our ongoing risk evaluation.

After a hesitant start, the National Integrity Framework (NIF) is in operation with our National Integrity Manager, Liam Bourke, leading us through the processes and helping us align our policies.

Liam has made himself available to members to answer integrity-related queries and advise members what options are available and to identify those issues which would come under his jurisdiction.

Development

We have several sponsorships which have been negotiated with our suppliers but we have been keen to explore sponsorship opportunities which will support our sport nationally. We recently filled the vacant Marketing Director role by appointing Lachlan Marginson, who will use his experience to lift our profile and make us more attractive to potential sponsors.

To increase participation, we have introduced a number of initiatives nationally and some are already coming up with impressive results and others are still in their infancy. Dracademy, through the Government's Sporting Schools program, is introducing an impressive number of school children to our sport and has now been expanded into Years 5 and 6. AusDBF has purchased a quantity of smaller paddles to cater for the smaller children (some in the past have been trying to use a paddle almost as tall as they are) and these paddles are being distributed to our members who are active in the program.

Dragon Pass is now being utilised by every member and our thanks to Dragon Boat Victoria for coming up with the concept and to every member for refining and adopting it.

AusDBF has signed an agreement with Invictus Australia to promote Dragon Boat to their members and coordinate a series of "come & try's" around the country.

There has been considerable work done nationally in the diversity and inclusion space and numerous webinar opportunities promoted. A series of rainbow "come & try" opportunities were held around the country and with the aid of a grant, publicity material was produced.

In the education space, our E Learning modules are constantly reviewed and updated and our thanks go to Rex Tindal for his work in this area. We have also promoted the opportunities from the Australian Sports Commission's professional development E Learning

courses with the AusDBF Board completing both the Start Line Director and the Director Defence Education Courses – both the courses could be valuable to club committees.

The National Coach Accreditation program is working well and is maturing into an excellent resource for our sport as the ongoing development of our coaches is vital for our future success.

The National Official Accreditation program has recently undergone a review and we now have four official training course presenters who will provide a consistent training experience across the country. They are also producing a series of Professional Development sessions which provide our officials with opportunities to develop their officiating skills and to network on any areas of concern.



The National Sweeps Accreditation program is taking shape and the sweep documentation has recently been updated and there have been many hours spent on getting us to this stage.

1. Sweep Classification Levels (v10.4)
2. Sweep Guidelines (v13.3)

We're on versions 10.4 and 13.3 respectively and I'm sure that there will still be more adjustments going forward.

Events

AusChamps are now back on track, which was evident at the most recent event in Albury-Wodonga. Congratulations to Victoria who not only turned on a great event, but provided us with exceptional weather over the five days of competition.

The next two AusChamps are already allocated – Perth 2024 and Sydney 2025 – but looking further out, the AusChamps Review subcommittee will be meeting to formulate suggestions for the AusDBF board to consider.

The board recently met with the New Zealand Dragon Boat Association (NZDBA) and amongst other things, discussed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which sets the parameters for each country's involvement in the others national championships. The current agreement expired in June 2022 and it is currently with NZDBA for their input and agreement.

High Performance

The Aurora's 2023 campaign has recently been completed and the survey results from participants are being reviewed – this was the first campaign after the COVID crisis and the momentum from previous campaigns had to be reinvigorated. The administration and coaching teams did a great job in preparing our athletes and we came away with some very pleasing results. As with anything, there are always opportunities for improvement and in particular, the future focus will be on the uniform and paddle suppliers as well as the appointment of the Team Managers and Coaching staff.

The usage of the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) grant opportunity was more successful for this campaign and these results should see more effort put into it for the next campaign. Finding a commercial sponsor for the team is very difficult when we consider the expense involved, the sponsorship would need to be very impressive to make any meaningful contribution to our athlete's costs. Having said that, we will continue to seek out potential sponsors and give it our best shot.

General

AusDBF has instigated a Hall of Fame which was prompted by the establishment of the IDBF Hall of Fame into which John Taylor was the first inductee from Australia. We now have a register of nominees from which two have been chosen to be the inaugural members of the AusDBF Hall of Fame and they will be announced in 2024.

We're blessed with a wonderful body of volunteers who work in our Committees, Working Groups and Events and participate as Officials, Coaches and Team Managers. We rely heavily on their efforts and they are a vital component of our system without whom our sport would not exist. We thank each and every one of

you.

I would also express my thanks and those of the Federation to Melanie Cantwell for her efforts and dedication to the role of Business Services – we're truly fortunate to have her experience and enthusiasm for our sport working with us.

Our Auroras Coach, David Abel and Auroras Team Manager, Emily Zitkevikius, worked as a solid unit to bring our Aurora team together and we express our gratitude for the time they freely gave to the campaign and the support they provided to our athletes.

The members of the AusDBF Board, Zijing Chu, Carlos Diz, Ian Gearey, Martin Hastings, Janine Lette, Lachlan Marginson, Philippa McLean and Sylvia Wong have all worked diligently and collaboratively on their portfolios and have always looked to the best outcomes for our sport and I am very grateful for their support and advice.

This year we are losing three of these Board members as both Martin and Philippa have completed their maximum terms and changing circumstances has meant that Carlos found himself unable to continue. As Finance Director, Martin leaves our treasury in great shape and his advice has always been well prepared and has helped us remain financially sound. Philippa has been excellent in ensuring that our communications were always accurate and presented as professional as possible. Carlos used his experience in helping to keep the Development portfolio on track – they will all be missed but we look forward to new board members stepping up and continuing the good work.

As this is my last report as Chair of AusDBF I am taking the opportunity to thank everyone for their support and cooperation and for giving me the opportunity to be involved in the growth of our sport. If everyone continues to work together, the base that has been established will see Dragon Boat be accepted as a mainstream sport and I am looking forward to watching this ongoing development.

John Holland

Chair - AusDBF

The Team



John Holland - Chair

Elected in 2017, completed 3 terms (6 years)



**Martin Hastings
Director - Finance**

Elected in 2019, completed 2 terms (4 years)



**Carlos Diz
Director - Development**

Elected in 2021, completed 1 term (2 years)



**Janine Lette
Director - Events**

Elected in 2019, completed 2 terms (4 years)



**Philippa McLean
Director - Communication**

Elected in 2019, completed 3 terms (6 years)



**Ian Gearey
Director - Diversity and Inclusion**



**Sylvia Wong - Director
High Performance**

Elected in 2019, completed 2 terms (4 years)



**Zijiang Chu - Director
Youth and Digital**

Elected in 2022, completed 0.5 term (1 year)



**Lachlan Marginson
Director - Marketing**



**Declan West
School Coordinator**



**Liam Bourke
AusDBF Integrity Manager**



**Vanessa Pooley
AusDBF Bookkeeper**



**Melanie Cantwell
Business Services**

Board Attendances

	JH	MH	PM	JL	SW	CD	IG	ZC	LM
14/11/2022	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	
13/12/2022	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
16/01/2023	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
13/02/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	
23/02/2023 Q1 Members Forum	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	
13/03/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	
11/04/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	
19/04/2023	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
15/05/2023	√	√	√		√	√	√	√	
25/05/2023 Q2 Members Forum	√	√		√	√	√	√	√	
02/06/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	
10/07/2023	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
21/08/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√
24/08/2023 Q3 Members Forum	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
11/09/2023	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√
10/10/2023	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√

IDBF Commission

AusDBF would like to acknowledge the following individuals who have contributed their time to the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF):

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- » Loretta Lewis – IDBF Deputy Treasurer
 - » Melanie Cantwell – Chair – IDBF Competition & Technical Commission
 - » Belinda Chung – Chair – IDBF Marketing & Media Commission
 - » Sylvia Wong – Member - IDBF Competition & Technical Commission
 - » Laura Hennessey / Zijjing Chu – Member - IDBF Youth Commission
 - » Chris Alexandrou – Member - IDBF Athletes Commission
 - » Janelle Gamble – Member - IDBF Women's Commission

Ian Gearey

Diversity and Inclusion Director

As my first official report as D&I Director, its good to look back over last year and provide an update of what the board and the D&I Committee has been working on to continue to better reflect the diversity of Australia and our goals within the inclusion framework we published last year. This is to support AusDBF Strategic Plan to support the continued growth of our sport. To better measure this in the future we have introduced D&I metrics during the registration or renewal of membership.

We continue to have representation from most states across the year as they understand the importance of supporting all our diversity dragon boat family and the important work that we are doing. The D&I Committee are:

- Ian Gearey Chair (AusDBF and DBNSW)
- Tasha Goodson (DBQ)
- Melissa Tan (DBV)
- Helen Howarth (DBTAS)
- Julianne Kuhlmann (DBSA)
- Jocelyn Morgan (DBWA) (resigned November 2022)
- Ros Webb (DBWA) (joined January 2023)
- Charli Murphy (DBACT) (joined October 202)

We have had six meetings this year - February 2023, May 2023, June 2023, July 2023, September 2023, October 2023.

Achievements

In March 2023, we supported the World Pride dragon boat festival in Darling Harbour Sydney, this was the first of its kind in Australia. This saw several clubs and corporates participate, dressed in their best rainbow outfits to support LGBTQ+ inclusion. It also had the first dragon queen performance on dragon boats in Australia, with 6 drag queens as drummers singing to the crowds.



Disability Sports Australia



We also signed a MOU with Disability Sports Australia and are now partnering with them to review our policies, procedures and ensure we can support States and

clubs be more inclusive for those that have a disability. This will also include dragon boat being involved in their activate inclusion program where participants can try dragon boating, so watch out for communications if you want to be involved! This will help support pathways to paradrasons representing Australia at World Championships in the future.

Polices and Documents

This year we continued to expand our resources to support states and clubs understand D&I and how they can be more inclusive. The key documents this year are:

- LGBTQ Participant Guide
- LGBTQ Inclusion Administration Guide
- LGBTQ Peers and Allies Guide

We're also working through our website to make it easier to find information and to make it accessible for those that are visually impaired or may use screen readers. We have also included acknowledgement of country on our website to recognise the importance of the land and waters that we enjoy our sport on every time we paddle.

Training and Education

We have held several training sessions with Pride in Sport over the year and this will continue in the future, we will also start to drive disability workshops and training. We have also created a D&I training and resources web page, so as we launch or partner to provide more sports related material, everyone will be able to access it.



Janine Lette

Events Director

Major Projects Achieved

2023 AusChamps

Hosted in conjunction with DBV and returned to Gateway Lakes, Wodonga Victoria. AusChamps had previously been held at Gateway Lakes, Wodonga in 2016 and our dragon boat family were keen to once again compete and visit the area.

Both the Wodonga Community (Vic) and Albany Community (NSW) contributed to welcoming our dragon boat family to their region.

Building a regatta venue from the ground up is similar to starting with a blank canvas. Whilst purpose-built courses do have their own challenges, there is no doubt building one from scratch takes an enormous amount of hard work and perseverance.

AusDBF thanks DBV and their Organising Committee for their efforts to make the 2023 AusChamps a resounding success.

Quick Facts

Total participant numbers

2022 - ADELAIDE, SA

Total participants: 1329

Participants per day:

Day 1 - Seniors	723
Day 2 - Seniors	702
Day 3 - State v State	617
Day 4 - Prems, Jnrs, BCP	696
Day 5 - Prems, Jnrs, BCP	708

Post AusChamps Online Survey

Following 2023 AusChamps, the online survey was distributed to participants to seek feedback regarding their participation and experiences at the event.

Key findings

- The highest number of responses were received.
- Our AusDBF Race Officials and volunteers received a 'Most Favourable' from 70% surveyed, which is a significant improvement on past years and wonderful to see the benefits of our regular personal development online meetings.
- Those surveyed would like to see improved food options keeping with the expectations of the participants – fresh food / salads, less fried food, more non-soft drink options.
- The positioning of the big screen provided a relaxed outdoor cinema feel especially in the afternoon to watch the 2000m racing.
- The family friendly 'chillout zone' with wooden games and beanbags was great and well used. The bunting and music added to the relaxed atmosphere.
- Disappointment that there was no professional photographer.
- Medal Ceremony needs to be improved and not be rushed.

2023 - ALBURY-WADONGA, VIC

Total participants: 1986

Participants per day:

Day 1 - Seniors	987
Day 2 - Seniors	942
Day 3 - State v State	353
Day 4 - Prems, Jnrs, BCP, ACP	855
Day 5 - Prems, Jnrs, BCP, ACP	658

Challenges for future AusChamps

- AusChamps participation of Clubs and competitors is again increasing each year (following our Covid hiatus). This presents an ongoing challenge to AusDBF and the respective Member's Organising Committee each year. Fitting the increasing number of required races into the same amount of daylight hours remains extremely difficult. The challenges of adhering to the AusChamps Race Program are also impacted by finals races being delayed, for various reasons, including safety issues, technical issues, weather issues etc.
- Following the 2019 AusChamps survey results, AusDBF committed to work towards implementing strategies that would make AusChamps competition fair for all Clubs and competitors, including not allowing participants being registered in more than one age competition class per distance. Due to Covid, this was not 100% achievable until 2023 AusChamps and we saw for the very first time in AusChamps History that our Senior Days ran not only to time but in fact ahead. This allowed all programmed races to proceed including 2000m racing.
- The continued availability of Livestream has been able to achieve our dragon boat family who could not travel to Wodonga. Further, the AusChamps Race Officials have also been able to successfully utilise the drone footage when dealing with protests in 2000m racing but straight line racing where sight of the entire course may not be available.

Darwin International Dragon Boat Festival, 3-4 June 2023

- Organised by the Darwin City Council.
- Darwin City Council sponsored 2 crews from China, including Guangzhou.
- The 2 local dragon boat Clubs, Darwin Waterfront Warriors & Arafura Dragons, assisted with the organising of the event.
- A combined crew was formed including AusDBF Board Directors.
- All participants were invited to a Reception at Northern Territory Parliament House.
- It was great to be able to race top Chinese Crews on home sale.

It is unknown if this event will be repeated but we are discussing with Darwin City Council.



Projects In Progress

- AusChamps Review Committee will be re-formed to discuss the AusChamps and its direction in to the future.
- AusDBF Rules of Racing – following the AusChamps Survey, there is still the need to make these Rules of Racing simpler to understand. This will require a significant update including language ('plain English'), grammar and typeset compatible with being able to be artificially read by various applications for inclusivity.
- Renewal and update of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with New Zealand Dragon Boat Association (NZDBA). This MOU clarifies the parameters for both countries to compete in each other's National Championships. Once updated and executed, the MOU will strengthen the relationship further between AusDBF and NZDBA, including continuing the development of Oceania.

Projects Tracked against Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is the cornerstone of AusDBF Business and the Events is only one of our pillars.

Martin Hastings

Finance Director

As you all know, this will be my last AusDBF Finance Report and as per last year, while you will see the signed accounts in the general report, at the meeting I will present a copy of the accounts in the layout that we use for the management accounts on a monthly basis. This layout compares to our budget and to last year with some relevant percentages.

Some specific commentary on the accounts is as follows.

While we had always budgeted to make a loss this past year as we knew conditions were going to be tight, the actual result was some \$35k worse than predicted and \$38k worse than last year. The main reasons for this are touched on below:

Revenue and Direct Costs Variances

- Paddle levy up by 4% on LY but slightly (\$2.6k) under budget.
- We managed to get a sponsorship deal with Team Elite, some of which was allocated to AusChamps but the rest has flowed directly to our accounts. This agreement of \$25k pa is in place for a few more years.
- As mentioned last year we managed to finally get a term deposit at 3.1% for 12 months versus 0.1% previously. This will have matured by the time of writing and renewed at 4.9%.
- As agents for Peisheng, we expected to sell some boats but didn't manage to sell any in the period. However, at time of writing 16 are being manufactured and will have been delivered by the time of the AGM. This was \$7.5k unfavourable variance to budget.
- Staffing costs were over budget by some \$1.6k. This was due to us hiring a person to run Dracademy discussed below.
- We started a new income stream in Dracademy that has been closely developed by Zijing Chu. We generated some \$24k of income with \$14.5k of

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direct costs. The whole scheme gets us into the Sporting Schools system and hopefully will lead to future paddlers coming on stream. To help foster this development we have recently purchased 100 smaller paddles to make it a more appealing thing for the young students to do. We also appointed a co-ordinator to manage the bookings and issues. The costs of that appointment is in the staffing sections of the account.

- While AusChamps was profitable, it didn't meet our expectations being some \$10k short on budget. Most of this can be attributed to the costs of getting the boats from Adelaide, which turned out to be near three times what was expected.

Other Costs Variations

- We introduced PinPayment charges through the year and is now mandatory for all payments that happen through revSPORT. Yes this is expensive, but we feel that the alternative is employing more people to look after the various charges. It does indeed reduce that overhead. While we budgeted for \$7.7k for this, it came in at \$12.1k. More people used it than we expected.
- We spent some \$3k on some draft legal agreements that we can use for the various engagements that we have. As State bodies, I suspect you will have the same issues that we do where you have people accessing confidential data and they are volunteers. We still need to hold them accountable, so we got some documents we can use for that purpose. If State bodies want to use them, as well, they should talk to us so that we can have consistency.
- We spent some \$7k on the website which was over the budgeted amount of \$4.5k.
- With regard to the streaming service at AusChamps, we have taken the view that the drone footage is needed by the officials, particularly for 2000m racing, so the near \$10k variance has been allocated to the AusChamps budget.

- The other main unfavourable variance is for High Performance (Aurora) support. There are a few reasons here, but we have allowed the additional support as it is the first time in a number of years that we have been able to prepare a full team. None of the Thailand expenses are in these accounts except as in the Balance Sheet as prepayments. Total support was some \$51.7k against a budget of \$27k.
- "Come & Try": This was a new initiative and cost some \$4.7k in the year.
- We spent \$8.3k on a trainer to develop a training program that will be used in future years.
- We took the decision in the 22 financial year that we would support the Premier Auroras going to the Asian Championships with free travel licences. This support was in the region of \$4.7K.
- Though not budgeted, we also supported the team to a try out event in Hong Kong & Macau in June just prior to World Nations event. This also cost in the region of \$8k for flights and insurance support.
- Historically paddlers paid a \$100 admin fee to help defray some of the costs of team managers and coaches for both Camps and the World Nations event. Not only is the admin fee now \$150 but it barely covers the supported international costs of the Thai event without the costs of the camps. Going forward, this will need careful management.

For the last few years, I have sat in on on-line meetings with the ASC Finance Network. This is in the main attended by the sports that the ASC funds (i.e., Olympic sports) but does have a few smaller ones as well. These have been useful discussions to be a part of as they touch on the issues we all face. It was through that group that we found out about the Paddle Australia United Management plan. This to me is something that we should strive to do for ourselves as it may take a lot of duplicated work out of the system. I also completed the ASC forms to compare our accounts with other sports. We finally got the reports back recently and while there weren't too many insights that we weren't aware of, we did get the tick of being a sport in "low financial risk" when they worked on our Balance Sheet and non-reliance on Government funds.

Obviously, the Finance portfolio is not just the "Accounts". There are a couple of major items in there that affect us all that naturally fit in my bailiwick. Some of these are:

Insurance

This affects all of us and is one of the tools we often use to keep people agreeing to our processes. Things like, "if you don't do this you are not covered by insurance" sort of thing. You all know from the media and from your personal lives that insurance costs are rising sharply. We cover Cyber and Management policies (the old D&O) and currently these premiums are not that expensive. The main issue we have is with Public Liability policy. At the risk of repeating what I have said previously, some insurers are walking away from the Sport Insurance market, and are getting choosy as to what they will cover. Some sports such as windsurfing can't even get cover. Our national PI policy has gone from \$12.2k back in 2020 to \$105k this year. In an increasingly litigious world with success fee lawyers, it's a growing problem. This policy covers all paddlers but also vendors when we do regattas and as well as corporate paddlers. Currently we have split this up along the lines of paid members plus corporate numbers. By the time of this meeting we may well have all decided on a different allocation method. There is a further issue here in that when a claim is made on this policy, they tend to be large and insurers often find it is cheaper for them to settle rather than fight the case. This means we can see claims being made and have no idea of the outcome until we go to do the next years renewal. No learning around fixing processes or anything.

revSPORT

We have now fully moved over to the Subscription method of membership with mandatory payment by credit card for all State and National levies. This has been a bit of a Curates egg: some good but some troublesome. We have hopefully lined out most of the kinks around dual membership etc but more keep popping up that we had never thought of. As a sport we have invested a lot of time and money into this company. They "run" our websites for state bodies and the clubs, are used as the regatta entry system for teams and individuals as well as give us the ability

to sell products and book appointments etc. As we have not yet been given the approval to communicate directly with all members, AusDBF is refraining from using the system of sending emails and EDM's to specific people, but it does have that capability.

Australian Sports Foundation (ASF)

We set up six donation pages on this site for the World Nations Championships in Thailand. For those who aren't aware you can promote your team and you get 95% of the donations that can be used as 100% Tax deductions for giver. There are some simple rules that apply but many clubs use it to fund boats purchases and we have used it for Team travel. Across all the teams some \$45k (half done by the Senior A team) was raised and distributed back directly to the paddlers. One thing that seems to have changed on this in recent years is that some people were able to raise funds for themselves rather than put their efforts in supporting their team. While not against ASF rules, I feel that it is against the spirit of the team cohesion, though I find I am in a minority in that respect.

Safety

This has been my area of responsibility for the last few years but will be handled differently going forward. Safety is one of those things where we act as if it isn't important until something goes wrong and suddenly it is the only thing you are thinking about. Each month we summarise and report on any incidents that may have happened in the month and look to see if there are any learnings that can be used to help elsewhere. Further, there are two working groups: One specifically for AusDBF where we periodically review our Risk Register and update where appropriate, the other is a State based one where each State body has a member and we use that to try and have common procedures and registers to save other bodies from rethinking the wheel. There have only been two of those meetings in the year (August and November 22) and as mentioned earlier, the difference approach is to be that we will be using the external consultant ERMS going forward. The first meeting should have happened by the time of the AGM.

Again, I reiterate the Balance Sheet is healthy and there are lots of initiatives to further develop the sport for its long-term future. Long may they remain so.



Philippa McLean

Communications Director

The Communications Director has specific roles including:

- Full editing of the complete Annual Report
- Vetting key communications to Member States
- Editing monthly Board Meetings
- Editing the bi-monthly Updates to Member States
- Other tasks that arise

These tasks require close communication with the Business Services role.

Other tasks completed this year include:

- Close liaison with the Events Director in the development of V11 of the AusDBF Rules of Racing.
- Close liaison with the High Performance Director in the analysis of the Auroras' survey 2022.
- Work on the revision of the training materials and online testing for all AusDBF officials.
- Leadership of the Race Officials Mentor Program which provides leadership to all our officials throughout Australia. This includes the online professional development sessions, supervision and assessment of the annual online assessments and feedback on Version 11 of the AusDBF Rules.
- Selection of four presenters to deliver online and face to face training of new and existing officials throughout Australia. Presenters provided a written application and were then interviewed by an independent panel who chose Melanie Cantwell, Mary Rogers, Janine Lette and Philippa McLean.

Projects in Progress

Online professional development monthly sessions for all AusDBF officials. These zooms attract very healthy numbers of officials from all States and Territories. Twelve months ago, the sessions started with 25 attendees and now numbers are regularly in the 70s. Officials who cannot make the zoom listen to recordings in their own time. Evaluation of the PD

sessions returned very positive results and a request to keep them going in 2023-24. These sessions ensure Officials feel valued. Their confidence, knowledge and performance have all improved greatly. Please note: the highest satisfaction rate in the AusChamps survey of participants was received for their satisfaction with the work and attitude of the Officials. Similarly, the highest rating of officials was for the respectful and friendly attitude of participants.

- Trialling of the second edition of Officials' online assessment materials.
- Trialling of the revised edition of the Officials training materials at Levels 1, 2.
- Development of new charters and ongoing updates of all existing charters.

Committee Reports AusDBF

Athletes Commission

This season after two years in their positions, Shirleen Ho and Daniel Kim say goodbye to the Commission. Michelle Van Niekerk then joined the Commission as the Victorian representative, and the rest of the current members continuing into a second term. We thank Shirleen and Daniel for all they have done and enjoyed welcoming Michelle, all have been an integral part of the group.

The commission has once again been kept busy with a lot of communication and feedback provided by members throughout Australia regarding a vast variety of subjects. From this communication we have either been providing the relevant information in return to members; or as required, collating and forwarding feedback onto AusDBF.

We also reviewed the following documents, providing our feedback/recommended changes to AusDBF for review:

- Athletes Pathway
- Code of Conduct
- Drummer's Master Class
- Rules of Racing 2023 edition

Throughout December, a lot of time was spent creating and providing recommendations for the 2022 Asian Championships Auroras Feedback questionnaire - noting that this was the first year that the Perpetual Auroras team had been implemented by AusDBF, therefore the feedback required was quite extensive. AusDBF utilised our recommendations and combined those with others requested by the Head Coach to allow for some great feedback from the squad to assist AusDBF with any changes that may be improved or retained for the 2023 Auroras selection and campaign.

In addition to the above, as Chair of the Athletes Commission Laura Hughes was a part of the National Selection Panel (NSP) for the individual 2023 Aurora categories, with Cheryl Warren stepping in on the Panel for the Snr A category given Laura had applied for the team.

The Athletes Commission thanks AusDBF for the continuation of the Commission and for being so accepting of our suggested editions in documents as well as the feedback we provide to them from members on their behalf. We hope it is a driving force in continual improvement of the sport.

Historical Committee

The focus of the Historical Committee was to develop the excellent publication of Fast and Furious. This is a wonderful history of 25 years of our sport. Once this job was complete it was decided that the ongoing work of capturing the history of dragon boat could be incorporated into the annual report of each Member State.

Examples Tracking Against Strategic Plan

Mission – addition of the new category All Cancer Participants (ACP).

Values and Culture - leadership through provision of Officials PD, Athletes Commission.

Transparency - officials are more knowledgeable, which also builds confidence in their roles and their approach to regatta participants. It also leads to a more professional and friendly relationship between Officials and participants. The existence of the Athletes Commission allows all athletes to question and understand issues. The Athletes Commission played a key role in the development of the survey to gauge feedback for the participation in the Asian Championships.

Governance - development of new charters and the updating of all existing charters. The existence of the Athletes Commission, which provides a role for interested athletes to develop more governance knowledge.

Development - ongoing training and high expectations of and pride in the role of AusDBF official and a transparent and accessible progression of pathways. The Athletes Commission which provides a development pathway for interested athletes to take on a leadership and representative role.

Events - currency of knowledge of officials helps to run a successful AusChamps. Asian Championship feedback survey designed by the Athletes Commission.

Good Communication is central to a successful relationship with our Members and we welcome Member States ongoing cooperation in this area. We are confident that we have made some important enhancements but are cognizant of the importance on focussing on continuous improvement. In this vein, the Board has made the decision to combine Communication with Marketing from 2023 ongoing.

Sylvia Wong

High Performance Director

Another exciting year for the High Performance Pillar in the Auroras space. AusDBF introduced several initiatives to support and create opportunities for athletes for the 22/23 campaign:

- **Auroras “Come & Try”** – the Head Coach travelled around Australia prior to selection camp(s) and conducted workshops which gave potential Auroras the window to experience “selection camp”. This initiative was well received by all member states and territories.
- **National Selection Panel (NSP)** – consists of 6 members – two x Level 3 accredited coaches, Athlete Commission Representatives, Auroras Head Coach, Divisional Coach(s). The High Performance Director attended for oversight and acted as a sounding board for athlete selection and provided the assurance that selection was not biased.
- **Perpetual Auroras** – where the selected Premier athletes trained and developed together for multiple events in each campaign and continued to work on future campaigns. This concept requires time to refine and build a more robust selection process to ensure the future growth of the division.

David Abel was re-appointed as the Head Coach post COVID to take the rein for the 22/23 Campaign.



Emily Zitkevicius was appointed the Head Team Manager after successful management of the Asian Dragon Boat Championship in November 2022. The appointment of the remaining Auroras Management Team includes:

Coaching Team

- Premier Division - Cat Anderson
- Junior Division - Jason Han & Michelle Arton
- 24 and Under - Tom Wicks
- Senior A - Martin Pavelka
- Senior B - Kristin Chick
- Senior C - Lindy Chester

Team Managers

- Premier Division - Belinda Chung
- Junior Division - Carin Hugginson & Sarah Harrison
- 24 and Under - Courtney Jonas
- Senior A - Diane Dugar
- Senior B - Pip Genge
- Senior C - Rosie O'Donnell

With the goal to create a strong competitive team across all Divisions, the Aurora Management Team selected 300+ athletes to compete at the 16th World Dragon Boat Racing Championships (16th WDBRC). The team consisted of 60% first time Auroras and they performed well by taking home a total of 60 medals: 7 Gold, 11 Silver and 42 Bronze.

A big congratulations to the team and we are very proud of their achievements.

Asian Championships

Besides the 16th WDBRC, the Auroras (Premier Division) also competed in the 14th Asian Championship in November 2022 where the Premier Women Team brought home 3 silver medals in the 200m, 500m & 1000m in Standard Boat.

Macau International Invitation Dragon Boat Festival

The Premier Auroras received an invitation to compete at the Macau International Invitation Dragon Boat Festival (MIIDBF) in June 2023. With several strong Asian teams in attendance, the Premier Auroras used this as a test event to benchmark their race preparation. The Premier Aurora Women's crew was successful in securing a berth in the Grand Final where they came 5th and the Premier Aurora Open came 3rd in the Minor Final.

Immediately following MIIDBF, the team was also invited to compete at the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Festival (HKIDBF). The Premier Aurora Women's performance was consistent and they achieved Silver in the International Women's Championships category and also came 4th in the International Women's Grand Championship. The Open's team raced against tough competition and secured a spot at the Grand Championship where they placed 5th overall.

These invitational races provided learning opportunities for the Premier Auroras in their preparation for 16th WDBRC. This way they can work towards becoming a well-bonded national team at future championships.

The overall success of the Auroras is built on the dedication from the Divisional Coaches and the support of the Team Managers and the Head Coach. Their long hours in working through training plans and race line up gave each division opportunities to make the crew achieve their very best. There are areas of improvement from the 22/23 campaign and I hope they will continue to support the Auroras and watch them grow strength to strength.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Coaches and Team Managers for their commitment to the sport.



14TH ASIAN DRAGON BOAT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

MEDAL TABLE

R	CATEGORY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	GRAND TOTAL
1	2002 WOMEN PREMIER 1000	—	—	—	—
2	2002 WOMEN PREMIER 1000	—	—	—	—
3	2002 WOMEN PREMIER 1000	—	—	—	—
	TOTAL	—	3	—	3



Liam Bourke

National Integrity Manager

AusDBF remains committed to keeping dragon boating safe and fair at all levels, with a robust approach to integrity threats like doping, illicit drug use, competition-manipulation and behaviours that impact people's positive experience of sport, such as discrimination or abuse.

Following an extensive review and consultation process, in partnership with Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) and Member States, AusDBF adopted amendments to the National Integrity Framework (NIF) in September 2023. While the underlying protective philosophy and definitions of prohibited conduct remain largely unchanged, there have been changes to the way that complaints are dealt with.

Complaints relating to Child Safeguarding and Discrimination continue to be managed independently by SIA; complaints about other integrity or disciplinary issues are now managed by the sport at the level at which they arise. Despite this change, there continues to be strong emphasis on ensuring that the complaints process is consistent, timely, fair and transparent. The process has also been improved with the introduction of a 3-tier Case Categorisation and Sanctions model, a risk-based approach which provides flexibility and efficiency with greater focus on preventative strategies such as education and awareness.

There continues to be a single first point of contact for all integrity complaints and concerns, with a new centralised online portal managed by the AusDBF National Integrity Manager, who also assists Member States and affiliated clubs manage complaints within their responsibility. Member States and affiliated clubs are encouraged to seek advice from the AusDBF National Integrity Manager before acting in any disciplinary matter, to ensure that the appropriate process is followed. The AusDBF National Integrity Manager is also available to anyone within the sport, as a Member Protection Information Officer, to confidentially discuss integrity concerns and how they may be addressed under the NIF.

Further to face-to-face presentations in late 2022, the AusDBF National Integrity Manager briefed representatives of Member States and affiliated clubs on updates to the NIF during two online sessions in September 2023. The AusDBF National Integrity Manager also delivered safeguarding and anti-doping training to Auroras team managers and coaches prior to embarking for the World Dragon Boat Racing Championships.

Information and resources remain available, and are regularly updated, on the dedicated sport integrity page on the AusDBF website. This year has seen the launch of a suite of child safeguarding resources, including handy guides and checklists to assist dragon boat organisations with recruitment, electronic communication, and travel and overnight stays.

To further strengthen safeguarding, AusDBF has recently joined the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program to access support from SIA in implementing best practice safeguarding practices and processes by way of an independent audit and tailored action plan. This will ultimately be extended to Member States and affiliated clubs across the lifetime of the Program.

As the sport transitions to a new year, a reminder that the NIF protects all members of the dragon boating community including paddlers, coaches, volunteers and administrators; who are all also responsible for meeting the expected standards of behaviour and reporting any issues that arise. Thank you for playing your part.



2023 AusChamps

Total Participant numbers

2022 - Adelaide	2023 - Albury-Wodonga
1329	1986

Total no of races

2022 - Adelaide	2023 - Albury-Wodonga
119 plus 12 (2000m)	310 plus 14 (2000m)

Participant numbers Breakdown by day

2022 - Adelaide	2023 - Albury-Wodonga
Day 1 – 723 (Seniors)	Day 1 – 987 (Seniors)
Day 2 – 702 (Seniors)	Day 2 – 942 (Seniors)
Day 3 - 617 (State v State)	Day 3 – 353 (State v State)
Day 4 – 696 (Premier+Junior+BCP)	Day 4 – 855 (Premier+Junior+BCP+ACP)
Day 5 – 708 (Premier+Junior+BCP)	Day 5 – 658 (Premier+Junior+BCP+ACP)

Total No of Race Officials - 57



Breakdown by entries

Standard boat

	Junior		Premier		Senior A		Senior B		Senior C	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Mixed	0	4	14	21	6	8	5	4	0	4
Women	0	3	6	11	2	4	2	2	0	0
Open	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

Small boat

	Junior		Premier		Senior A		Senior B		Senior C		BCP/ACP	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
Mixed	2	0	16	17	11	18	5	12	7	10		
Open	4	4	14	15	12	19	8	9	8	8	4	3
Women	0	4	13	22	13	16	5	11	6	5	0	1

Clubs who competed at AusChamps

1770 Dragons (DBQ)	Dragon Masters (DBV)	North QLD Phoenix DBC (DBQ)
ACCA Dragon Boat Racing Club (DBNSW)	Dragons Abreast Australia combined	Nowra Waterdragons (DBNSW)
ACDC (DBSA)	DA Brisbane (DBQ)	Outback Dragons Dubbo (DBNSW)
Beechworth DBC (DBV)	DSA (DBNSW)	Pacific Dragons DB&OC (DBNSW)
Bei Loon (DBNSW)	FFB DBC (DBNSW)	Peninsula Dragonflies (DBV)
Black Sea Dragons (DBSA)	Forza DBC Bunbury (DBWA)	Pittwater DBRC (DBNSW)
Brave Hearts (DBV)	Gold Coast Dragons (DBQ)	Powerblades (DBSA)
Brisbane River Dragons (DBQ)	Invictus DBC (DBACT)	Redcliffe Red DBC (DBQ)
Brisbane Typhoon (DBQ)	Komodo Paddle Club (DBACT)	Ryde DBC (DBNSW)
Canberra Grammar School (DBACT)	Lakers DBC (DBWA)	South Australia Dragons Abreast (DBSA)
Canberra Griffins (DBACT)	Mako Paddle Club (DBNSW)	Southern Storm (DBV)
Canberra Ice Dragons (DBACT)	Manly DBC (DBQ)	St Scholastica College (DBNSW)
Chinese Youth League (DBNSW)	Maroochy Sea Serpents (DBQ)	SUDU DBC (DBNSW)
Cockburn DBC (DBWA)	Melbourne Flames (DBV)	Sunshine Coast DB&OC (DBQ)
Currumbin (DBQ)	Melbourne University DBC (DBV)	Sydney Spirit (DBNSW)
CYSM (DBV)	Merimbula Water Dragons (DBNSW)	Sydney Tsunami DBC (DBNSW)
Danebank School (DBNSW)	Nature Coast DBC (DBNSW)	Sydney Zodiacs (DBNSW)
Derwent Storms DBC (DBTAS)	Navmat (DBACT)	Te Waka Dragons (DBQ)
Different Strokes (DBNSW)	Northern Beaches (DBNSW)	The Sloths DBC (DBNSW)
Dragon Flyers (DBACT)	Newcastle Hunter DBC (DBNSW)	Warriors Albury Wodonga DBC (DBV)
		Yarra River Dragons (DBV)

AusChamps Anniversaries at 2023 Auschamps

No of Years competing at AusChamps	Clubs
23	DSA, Pacific Dragons
20	Powerblades
19	Brisbane River Dragons, Canberra Grammar, Canberra Griffins, Sloths, Gold Coast Dragons, Cockburn
18	CYL
17	Currumbin Dragons, Canberra Ice Dragons, Sydney Tsunami
16	ACCA, Melbourne Flames, Navmat Dragons, SADA
14	Bei Loon, Northern Beaches, Te Waka,
13	Dragon Masters, Manly, Nowra Waterdragons, Dragon Flyers
12	Derwent Storms
11	Different Strokes, Newcastle Hunter Dragons, Komodo Paddle Club
10	CYSM, Pittwater DBRC, Yarra River Dragons, Danebank, Redcliffe Red Dragons
9	FFB, St Scholastica College, Sydney Zodiacs, Warriors Albury Wodonga
8	Southern Storm
7	Brave Hearts, Forza Bunbury
6	Sunshine Coast, The Lakers (WA)
5	Maroochy Sea Serpents, DA Brisbane
4	Peninsula Dragonflies, Nature Coast DBC, Merimbula Water Dragons
3	ACDC, NQ Phoenix, 1770 Dragons
2	Black Sea Dragons, Invictus DBC, Mako Paddle Club, MUDBC
1	Beechworth DBC, Brisbane Typhoon, Outback Dragons Dubbo, Ryde DBC, SUDU, Sydney Spirit

2023 AusChamps Results

Standard Boats 500m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed	G-Sydney Zodiacs S-Joeys B- Canberra Grammar	G- Sunshine Coast (2:05.41) S – Komodo (2:06.07) B – ACCA-DACCA (2:06.49)	G-Melbourne Flames (2:05.86) S-Sunshine Coast (2:06.15) B-Te Waka (2:07.03)	G-DSA S-Derwent Storms B-Pittwater DBRC	G-Dragon Masters S-Manly B-Powerblades
Women	G-Danebank Flames S-St Scholastic College B-Danenak Watermelons	G-Different Strokes (2:16.43) S-Te Waka (2:18.32) B- Sloths (2:18.80)	G-Different Strokes S-Te Waka B-Powerblades	G-Gold Coast Dragons S-Bei Loon B-Newcastle Hunter	
Open		G – Sloths S – ACCA B - CYSM			

Standard boats 200m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed	G-Sydney Zodiacs S-Joeys B-Canberra Grammar	G-Melbourne Flames (0:48.64) S-Sunshine Coast (0:49.17) B-Sloths (0:49.58)	G-Te Waka (0:49.06) S-Sunshine Coast (0:49.31) B-Komodo (0:50.01)	G-Gold Coast Dragons S-DSA B-Northern Beaches	G-Dragon Masters S-Powerblades B-Manly
Women	G-Danebank Flames S-St Scholastica College B-Danebank Watermelons	G-Different Strokes (0:53.583) S-Manly (0:54.545) B-ACCA (0:54.631)	G-Different Strokes S-Te Waka B-Powerblades	G-Gold Coast Dragons S-Bei Loon B-Pittwater DBRC	
Open		G-Sloths S-CYSM B-ACCA			

Standard boats 2000m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed	G-Sydney Zodiacs (10:03.91) S-Joeys (10:55.93) B-Canberra Grammar (11:27.23)	G-Sunshine Coast (9:15.850) S-Te Waka (9:17.430) B-Melbourne Flames (9:19.920)	G-Melbourne Flames (9:22.87) S-Te Waka (9:27.21) B-Sunshine Coast (9:29.52)	G-DSA (10:00.35) S-Gold Coast Dragons (10:03.57) B-Newcastle Hunter (10:40.57)	G-Dragon Masters (10:35.96) S-Powerblades (10:42.19) B-Manly (10:45.69)
Women	v G-Danebank Flames (10:54.60) S-St Scholastica College (10:57.46)	G-Different Strokes (10:26.97) S-Te Waka (10:30.42) B-Sloths (10:38.41)	G-Te Waka (10:17.29) S- Different Strokes (10:20.98) B-NQ Phoenix (10:54.27)	G-Bei Loon (10:55.56) S-Gold Coast Dragons (10:55.77) B-Pittwater DBRC (11:00.32)	
Open		G-Melbourne Flames (9:17.85) S-Sloths (9:19.75) B-CYSM (9:25.24)			



Small boats 500m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed		G- Melbourne Flames (2:17.28) S- CYSM (2:18.65) B- Peninsula Dragonfys (2:26.88)	G-Currumbin (2:19.18) S-Beechworth DBC (2:22.66) B-ACDC (2:23.23)	G-Bei Loon (2:26.69) S-Currumbin (2:27.18) B-Newcastle Hunter (2:30.53)	G-Black Sea Dragons (2:26.01) S-Nowra Waterdragons (2:29.24) B-Te Waka (2:31.08)
Women	G-Sydney Zodiacs S-St Scholastica College B-ACDC	G-Yarra River (2:24.00) S- Invictus DBC (2:27.53) B-Melbourne Flames (2:28.77)	G-Currumbin (2:29.63) S-Invictus DBC (2:29.72) B-Melbourne Flames (2:31.34)	G-Brisbane River Dragons (2:35.44) S-Currumbin (2:35.65) B-Sunshine Coast (2:40.89)	G-Pensinsula Dragonfys (2:40.32) S-Nowra Waterdragons (2:41.49) B-Currumbin (2:43.20)
Open	G-Joeys S-Sydney Zodiacs B- Canberra Grammar	G-Sunshine Coast (2:05.53) S-Melbourne Flames (2:06.51) B- Komodo (2:09.84)	G-Sunshine Coast (2:08.87) S-Melbourne Flames (2:08.95) B-Komodo (2:11.84)	G-Black Sea Dragons (2:14.76) S-DSA (2:15.35) B-Gold Coast Dragons (2:16.61)	G-Dragon Masters S-Derwent Storms B-Manly

Small Boats 200m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed		G-CYSM (0:52.95) S-Melbourne Flames (0:54.45) B-Peninsula Dragonfys (0:55.33)	G-Currumbin (0:54.53) S-Beechworth (0:56.30) B-CYSM (0:56.35)	G-Currumbin (0:57.37) S-Bei Loon (0:58.08) B-Navmat (0:58.60)	G-Black Sea Dragons (0:55.83) S-Gold Coast Dragons (0:57.00) B-Brisbane River Dragons (0:57.58)
Women	G-Sydney Zodiacs S-St Scholastica College B-ACDC	G-Yarra River (0:56.42) S-Invictus DBC (0:56.481) B-Melbourne Flames (0:57.278)	G-Invictus (0:57.16) S-Komodo (0:57.99) B-Currumbin (0:59.38)	G-Currumbin (0:59.14) S-Brisbane River Dragons (0:59.48) B-Sunshine Coast (1:01.36)	G-Manly (1:02.90) S-Currumbin (1:03.24) B-Dragon Masters (1:03.86)
Open	G-Sydney Zodiacs S-Joeys B-ACDC	G-Melbourne Flames (0:48.216) S-Sunshine Coast (0:48.987) B-Komodo (0:49.922)	G-Melbourne Flames (0:49.97) S-Sunshine Coast (0:50.21) B-Komodo (0:51.12)	G-Black Sea Dragons (0:51.63) S-DSA (0:51.85) B-Gold Coast Dragons (0:52.55)	G-Dragon Masters S-Powerblades B-Derwent Storms

Small Boats 2000m

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed		G-Melbourne Flames (10:26.81) S-CYSM (10:59.69) B-Powerblades (10:59.85)	G-Currumbin (10:43.63) S-ACDC (10:55.86) B-Beechworth (11:02.41)	G-Currumbin (11:14.75) S-Maroochy Sea Serpents (11:19.44) B-SUDU (11:35.11)	G-Black Sea Dragons (10:58.28) S-Nowra Waterdragons (11:09.05) B-SADA (11:22.47)
Women	G-Danebank Flames (12:16.18) S-St Scholastica College (12:36.71) B-Danebank Watermelons (14:10.62)	G-Yarra River (10:51.01) S-Melbourne Flames (11:05.53) B-Invictus DBC (11:31.32)	G-Melbourne Flames (11:19.87) S-Komodo (11:25.49) B-Invictus (11:36.28)	G-Brisbane River Dragons (11:37.86) S-Sunshine Coast (11:39.25) B-Currumbin (11:41.19)	G-Nowra Waterdragons (12:01.35) S-Dragon Masters (12:12.91) B-Manly (12:15.89)
Open	G-Sydney Zodiacs (11:17.96) S-Joeys (11:25.99)	G-Melbourne Flames (9:43.01) S-Sunshine Coast (9:46.53) B-Te Waka (9:56.71)	G-Melbourne Flames (9:44.19) S-Sunshine Coast (9:47.64) B-Komodo (9:47.81)	G-DSA (10:08.09) S-Gold Coast Dragons (10:14.34) B-Black Sea Dragons (10:18.85)	G-Dragon Masters (10:52.85) S-Derwent Storms (11:04.25) B-Manly (11:37.83)

2024 Club Crew World Championship Qualifications Accepted

Standard Boat Entries

	Junior	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C
Mixed	1. Sydney Zodiacs	1. Sunshine Coast 2. Melbourne Flames 3. Komodo 4. ACCA	1. Te Waka 2. Sunshine Coast 3. Melbourne Flames 4. Komodo 5. Different Strokes	1. DSA 2. Gold Coast Dragons 3. Pittwater DBRC 4. Northern Beaches	1. Dragon Masters 2. Powerblades 3. Manly 4. Bei Loon
Women	1. St Scholastica College 2. Danebank	1. Different Strokes 2. Manly 3. ACCA	1. Different Strokes 2. Te Waka 3. Powerblades 4. NQ PHoenix	1. Gold Coast Dragons 2. Bei Loon 3. Pittwater DBRC 4. Newcastle Hunter	
Open		1. CYSM 2. ACCA 3. Different Strokes			

Small Boat Entries

	Junior	24U	Premier	Senior A	Senior B	Senior C	BCP/ACP
Mixed	1. ACDC	1. Sydney Zodiacs	1. Melbourne Flames 2. CYSM	1. Currumbin 2. ACDC	1. Currumbin 2. Bei Loon	1. Black Sea Dragons 2. Nowra Waterdragons	
Women	1. Sydney Zodiacs 2. St Scholastica College	1. Sydney Zodiacs	1. Yarra River Dragons 2. Invictus	1. Invictus 2. Currumbin	1. Brisbane River Dragons 2. Currumbin	1. Nowra Waterdragons 2. Manly	1. DA Brisbane 2. Sydney Spirit
Open	1. Sydney Zodiacs		1. Melbourne Flames 2. Sunshine Coast	1. Melbourne Flames 2. Sunshine Coast	1. Black Sea Dragons 2. DSA	1. Dragon Masters 2. Derwent Storms	1. Dragon Masters



2023 Auroras

Head Coach: David Abel

Head Team Manager: Emily Zitkevicius

Australian Flag Bearer – Eliza Campbell (VIC)

Indigenous Flag Bearer – Lili Sampson (NSW)

Australian Female Captain – Laura Hughes (ACT)

Australian Male Captain – Chris Mills (ACT)



Division	Divisional Coach	Divisional Team Manager	Female Captain	Male Captain	Team Size
Junior	Michelle Arton (Firth) (ACT), Jason Han (NSW)	Sarah Harrison (NSW), Caren Hugginson (ACT)	Poppy Jones (NSW) Jean Li (WA)	Samuel Fowler (NSW) Maxwell Padmore (NSW)	48 athletes
24U	Tom Wicks (ACT)	Courtney Lees (Jonas) (ACT)	Sabrina Barutha (NSW), Charlotte Baird - VP(NSW)	Cassidy Burns (SA) Jack Stratton – VP (NSW)	49 athletes
Premier	Cath Anderson (NSW)	Belinda Chung (NSW)	Sophia Franke (VIC)	Andy Almenara (NSW)	52 athletes
Senior A	Martin Pavelka (QLD)	Diane Dugar (NSW)	Estella Ferri (NSW)	Dave Cooper (ACT)	28 athletes
Senior B	Kristin Chick (NSW)	Pip Genge (VIC)	Kerrie Wilmot (ACT)	Pete Jolly (NSW)	52 athletes
Senior C	Lindy Chester (NSW)	Rosie O'Donnell (NSW)	Jennifer Brown (VIC)	George Dimech (NSW), Bob Fauser VP (NSW)	69 athletes

The table below represents the number of campaigns Aurora athletes have represented Australia in 2023.

No of Campaigns	Athletes, Team Managers, Coaches
15	Jennifer Reilly
12	Kaizer Austin
11	Karen Morris, Joanne Petterson, Robert Turnbull
10	Bryan Buttery
9	Geoff Eldridge, Daniel Foucar, Courtney Lees (Jonas), Fiona Wells
8	Jennifer Brown, Eliza Campbell
7	George Dimech, Rosie O'Donnell, Tricia Ong
6	Zijing Chu, Rex Tindal
5	George Abuzo, Pip Genge, Laura Hughes, Emily Mason, Iain Sullivan, Natalie Trajcevski, Lucienne van Hilten, Kylie Warrington, Tom Wicks
4	Eric Cham, Lindy Chester, Kristin Chick, Joanne Dixon, Diane Dugar, Robert Fauser, Peter Fox, Michael Higginson, Shirleen Ho, Peter Jolly, Eleanor Keller, Wendy Orman, Martin Pavelka, Alex Pavic, Sharon Sloan, Erin Thomas, Cheryl Warren
3	Cassidy Burns, David Cooper, Vi Duong, Elsie Edmonds, Kerri Francis, Jason Han, Scott Ho, Therese Holgate, Ross Hyer, Daniel O'Neill, Marisa Rando, Philip Rando, Chelsi Trajcevski, Stefanie Voelker
2	52 athletes
1	119 athletes

Round Up of Results

Event Day	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Day 1 – 1000m (mixed/open/women)		16U mixed small	18U mixed small 18U women std 18U open std 24U women std Snr B women std Snr B open std Snr C mixed std Snr C women std
Day 2 – 2000m (mixed)	Snr C mixed small	16U mixed small	18U mixed std 24U mixed small Snr A mixed std Snr B mixed small
Day 3 – 2000m (open/women)	Snr A women small		16U open small 24U open std Snr A open small Snr B open std Snr C open std Premier women std
Day 4 – 500m (mixed)	Snr C mixed small	Snr B mixed small	16U mixed small 18U mixed std 24U mixed small Snr A mixed std Snr C mixed std
Day 5 – 200m (mixed/open/women)	Snr A women small Snr C mixed small Snr C women small	Snr B mixed std Snr B mixed small Snr C mixed std Snr B open std Snr C women std	16U open small 18U mixed std 18U women std 24U women std 24U open std Snr A mixed std Snr A open small Snr B women std Snr C open std
Day 6 – 500m (open/women)	Snr A women small	Snr C women std	16U open small 18U women std 24U women std 24U open std Snr B women std Snr C women small Snr C open std

Nations Cup - Premiers	Seniors Cup (A, B, C)	Juniors Cup (16U, 18U, 24U)	Women's Cup
1st - Canada (190 points)	1st - Canada (380 points)	1st - Canada (208 points)	1st - Canada (239 points)
2nd - USA (180 points)	2nd - USA (339 points)	2nd - USA (199 points)	2nd - USA (191 points)
3rd - China (174 points)	3rd - Australia (246 points)	3rd - China (104 points)	3rd - Australia (137 points)
4th - Thailand (161 points)	4th - China (212 points)	4th - Australia (99 points)	4th - China (87 points)
5th - Chinese Taipei (141 points)			
6th - Australia (136 points)			

	total
1. Canada	52 36 13
2. China	30 17 6
3. United States	24 39 19
4. Thailand	12 19 11
5. Australia	7 11 42
6. Philippines	6 3 5
7. Indonesia	5 - 1
8. Germany	2 2 6
9. Hong Kong China	2 1 6
10. Iran	1 2 4
11. India	1 1 2
12. Macau China	1 - 3
13. Chinese Taipei	- 3 2
14. New Zealand	- 3 2
15. Philippines [2]	- 2 6
16. Ukraine	- 1 5
17. Singapore	- - 1

National Accreditations

as at 24 October 2023

Note 1: Data uploaded and recorded in the revSPORT national accreditation portal as at 24 October 2023 includes active and non-active members. Any expired accreditations have not been counted in the data.

Note 2: The data is filtered by State address which means, for example, members who are in border towns whose residential address is NSW but, they are a member of QLD or residential address is NSW but, they are a member of DBACT, residential address is Albury but, they are a member of DBV, will appear under residential address and not the State Member.

Boat Skippers Licence

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
2020-21		2						
2021-22		5						1
2022-23		5					2	2

CPR Only

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
2020-21	16	3		1			2	
2021-22	89	122	20	42	27	59	25	1
2022-23	134	293	30	60	10	26	28	1

First Aid

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
2020-21	146	176	66	44	46	106	69	
2021-22	173	262	70	78	49	125	79	2
2022-23	228	478	64	129	53	117	81	2

Working With Children Checks

	QLD	NSW	ACT	VIC	TAS	SA	WA	NT
2020-21	92	197	24	52	26	31	32	
2021-22	127	291	57	63	34	37	28	1
2022-23	214	527	68	108	43	57	60	1

AusDBF Race Official

Level	QLD		NSW		ACT		VIC		TAS		SA		WA		NT	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
One	21	10	67	60	25	20	10	9	4	31	9	15	13	9	0	0
Two	4	3	5	15	5	4	3	3	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	0
Three	9	6	17	18	4	3	4	2	0	0	5	6	1	0	2	2
IDBF	3	3	11	11	3	3	1	2	0	0	2	5	2	2	2	2

Sweep Accreditation

Level	QLD		NSW		ACT		VIC		TAS		SA		WA		NT	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
One	4	10	149	116	27	27	2	2	9	12	46	50	12	17	0	0
Two	18	14	133	61	6	3	8	14	4	5	23	21	0	0	0	0
Three	131	133	440	233	40	37	81	86	24	23	50	48	48	48	1	1
Four	25	25	107	60	8	6	9	7	8	7	8	6	9	11	1	0
Five	10	10	18	15	1	2	6	6	0	0	7	6	2	2	1	1

Coach Accreditation

Level	QLD		NSW		ACT		VIC		TAS		SA		WA		NT	
	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23	21-22	22-23
One	87	80	196	194	29	25	53	57	10	16	40	47	21	19	1	0
Two	6	7	27	36	1	2	7	8	8	8	0	0	9	10	0	0
Three	3	3	22	22	1	1	7	7	1	1	3	3	2	2	0	0
Four	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Accreditation as at 24 October 2023

Boat Skipper License	9	PBTR – Walking the Talk	195
Coach Accreditation	550	SIA – Anti-Doping Fundamentals (level 1)	372
CPR Only	583	SIA - Anti Doping Annual update 2022 (level 2)	
First Aid Accreditation	1154	SIA - Anti Doping Annual update 2023 (level 2)	314
International Race Official	28	SIA – Child Safeguarding in Sport Introduction	20
National Race Official	223	SIA – Classification Fundamentals	11
Sweep Accreditation	1129	SIA – Clean Sport 101 – Intro rules for athletes	25
Working with Children Check	1078	SIA – Coaches Anti-Doping Knowledge	9
PBTR – Child Protection & Safeguarding	115	SIA – Competition Manipulation in Sports Betting	269
PBTR – Complaint Handling	30	SIA – Decision Making in Sport	8
PBTR – Ethics & Ethical Decision Making	73	SIA – Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport	263
PBTR – Harassment & Discrimination	175	SIA – National Integrity Framework	9
PBTR – Inclusive Coaching	13	SIA – Parents Guide to Clean Sport	64
PBTR – Introduction to Integrity in Sport	196	Pride in Sport Online Training	29
PBTR – Let Kids be Kids	3	ASC – Director Education Course – The Start Line	8
PBTR – LGBTQ Inclusive Club	119	ASC – Director Education Course – The Defence	8
PBTR – Member Protection Information Officer	13		



Committees

AusDBF wishes to sincerely thank and acknowledge all the individual listed for their valuable contribution to dragon boat during 2022/23. The AusDBF Committees are an integral part of AusDBF and provide an additional volunteer workforce to assist the AusDBF Board in achieving goals as outlined in the Strategic Plan. The AusDBF Committees provide their recommendations and expertise knowledge and skills in their specific areas.

Athletes Commission (AC)

- Laura Hughes (DBWA) – Chair
- Cheryl Warren (DBQ)
- Daniel Kim (DBQ)
- Tom Wicks (DBACT)
- Michelle van Niekerk (DBV)
- Daniel Foucar (DBWA)

AusChamps Review Committee

- Nicola Frowen (DBNSW) – Chair
- Jenny Cotton (DBQ)
- Nikki White (DBACT) – recently appointed
- James Hankin (DBV)
- Donna Fittock (DBTAS) – recently appointed
- John Holland (DBSA)
- Brad Brooksby (DBWA)

Diversity and Inclusion Committee (D&I)

- Ian Gearey – (DBNSW) – Chair
- Tasha Goodman (DBQ)
- Charli Murphy (DBACT) – recently appointed
- Melissa Tan (DBV)
- Helen Howarth (DBTAS)
- Julianne Kuhlmann (DBSA)
- Roslyn Webb (DBWA)

Competition and Technical Committee

- Janine Lette (Level 4 IDBF Race Official)
- Melanie Cantwell (Level 4 IDBF Race Official)
- Sylvia Wong (Level 4 IDBF Race Official)
- John Holland (Level 1 IDBF Race Official)
- Vic Fazakerley (Level 3 IDBF Race Official)
- Phil Reader (Level 3 IDBF Race Official)
- Chris Alexandrou (Level 5 sweep)
- Jo Grammatico (Level 5 sweep)

Historical Committee (HC)

This committee was retired during 2022/2023 having met the goals the committee was established for.

Marketing Working Group (MWG)

- Barb Clarkson – Chair (DBWA)
- Jenny Cotton (DBQ)
- Julie Dryden (DBACT) – recently appointed
- Jacqui Hillas (DBV)
- Helen Howarth (DBTAS)
- Christine Wood (DBSA)
- Zijing Chu (AusDBF)

National Athletes Pathway Committee (NAPC)

This committee was retired during 2022/2023 having met the goals the committee was established for.

Nominations Committee (ANC)

- Adrian Stephens – Chair (DBV)
- Paul Bruce (DBNSW)
- John Holland (AusDBF)

revSPORT Users Group (RUG)

- Leah Yea (DBQ) – recently appointed
- Ramsay Cobb (DBNSW) – resigned in May 2023
- Sue Pidgeon (DBACT)
- Craig Ryan (DBV)
- Donna Fittock (DBTAS)
- Marie Cunningham (DBSA)
- Debbie Fenn (DBWA)

Committees (cont)

Race Official Mentor Program (ROMP)

- DBQ - Janine Lette / Norm Hunt – resigned in September 2023
- DBNSW - Geoff Roberts / Maureen O'Neill / Elissa Mackenzie – resigned in September 2023
- DBACT - Gillian Styles / Sue Pidgeon
- DBV - Philippa McLean / Georgia Parry – resigned in September 2023
- DBSA - Christine Wood / Julie Clinch – resigned in Sept 2023 / Jennifer Bould – resigned in Sept 2023
- DBWA – Vic Fazakerley - resigned in September 2023 / Maureen Cowdell
- DBTAS/AusDBF – Melanie Cantwell

Safety and Risk Committee (SRC)

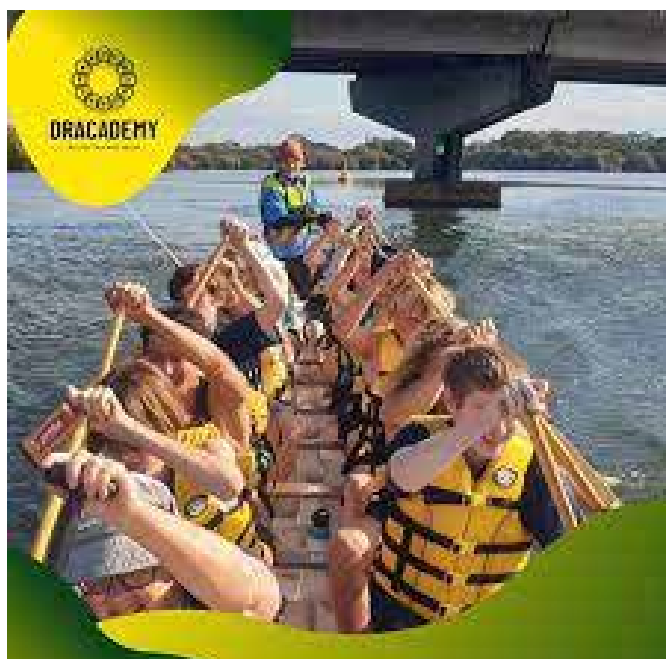
- Andrew Murray – Chairs (ERMS) – newly appointed, replacing Martin Hastings
- Janine Lette – (AusDBF)
- Darrin Bennett – (DBQ)
- Tony Henderson (DBNSW) – resigned January 2023
- Cath Croatto – resigned August 2023 / Tiff Sleep (DBACT) – appointed September 2023
- Stephen Arrowsmith (DBV)
- Andrew Dunn (DBTAS)
- Julie Lister (DBSA)
- Sheryl Kelly (DBWA)

AusDBF Sweep Coordinator Committee (SCC)

- John Holland – Chair (AusDBF)
- Norm Hunt – resigned November 2023 / Cathy Barnes (DBQ) – appointed November 2023
- Rob Turnbull / Rodney Moore (DBNSW)
- Kevin Shipp (DBACT)
- Jennifer Reilly (DBV)
- Susan Sanderson (DBTAS)
- Pat Doogue (DBSA)
- Laura Hughes (DBWA)

Youth Racing Committee (YRC)

- Zijing Chu – Chair (AusDBF)
- Teinanga Wordley (DBQ) – resigned in September 2023
- Laura Hennessey (DBNSW) – resigned in September 2023
- Sally Witchalls (DBACT)
- Natascha Stephanie Volkers (DBV) – resigned in September 2023
- Cassidy Burns (DBSA)
- Lexie Latto/Emma Troncone (DBWA) – resigned in September 2023



IDBF International Hall of Fame

Inductee - Jon Taylor



Before penning any more lines, one has to wonder what enticed JT to the sport of dragon boating and where it all started. Unfortunately, after contacting many paddlers from years gone by, what enticed JT to the sport is unknown, as is the name of the Club with which he commenced paddling.

What is known, is that JT must have got the dragon boating 'bug' and in the early 90's with the help from management, he formed the Barclays Bank dragon boat crew. The Corporate category in those days was very competitive, but JT took a few paddlers he knew, together with employees of Barclays Bank, and started to shape them into some semblance of a dragon boat crew.

In late 1993 four paddlers from 'across the ditch' arrived in Sydney and were looking to join a dragon boat crew. The four were impressed with the crew and joined the Barclays Bank crew. It quickly became quite apparent that JT was founder, President, Secretary, Fundraiser, Treasurer, Coach, Sweep, Motivator and general organiser of the crew.

For several years, JT more or less single handedly organised, coached and motivated the crew and at the 1994 and 1995 Chinese New Year Festivals, the crew won the Lord Mayor's trophy.

One of JT's training philosophies was to compete as much as possible and as a result, took the crew on tour, so trips to Moruya, Canberra, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Newcastle, Vancouver and Wellington were undertaken with many stories resulting.

As the sponsor changed its name, so did the Club's name change from Barclays Bank, to BZW then Barclays Global Investors. When the sponsorship was eventually withdrawn, Sydney Tsunami was formed. JT always maintained his association with the Club and was honoured with the first Life Membership of the Club.

JT also began a very significant involvement in the political side of the sport. His vision was that it became a true sport for paddlers and not a money-making

activity for individuals. Eventually, this resulted in the formation of Dragon Boats New South Wales in 1994 and once the constitution, bank account, etc were bedded down, JT became the President for the 1996/1997 season and the three seasons following.

This of course led to the Association needing to purchase its own dragon boats.

In early 1997 there were a number of meetings held at the Tilbury Hotel in Woolloomooloo where a plan was hatched to purchase four Geelong built dragon boats. Along with JT, four clubs were involved, Dragon Sports Association (George Louie), Mavericks (Grant Brewer), Pacific Dragons (Darren Ma aka Stevenson) and Sydney Tsunami (Steven Davidson).

Dragon Sports Association purchased one dragon boat outright and all four clubs donated money towards the purchase of the other three dragon boats, with the balance being put up by JT from his personal funds. This set the Association on the path to its current success.

Among JT's legacies are the large and colourful regattas which many take for granted on the dragon boating calendar. In 1998 with the help of Raymond Leung, JT resurrected the Chinese New Year Festival on Sydney's Darling Harbour. Held over two days, this has become one of the largest dragon boat events in the southern hemisphere and showcases the sport to thousands of spectators.

In 2000, JT was honoured as the first Life Member of DBNSW.

JT had a vision and goal that the newly formed Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) be accepted by the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) which JT knew was going to take some doing, but he was driven and full of passionate energy.

At the 1998 World Club Crew Championships held in Wellington, JT and Raymond continually hounded the IDBF delegates to accept AusDBF as the Australian representative. Although it took three to four years

and considerable effort by JT, (not to forget Raymond and Trevor Huggard) the goal was finally achieved when AusDBF was accepted by the IDBF Congress as a full member in August 2001 in Philadelphia.

Having achieved IDBF recognition, JT then turned his attention to the possibility of hosting the World Dragon Boat Championships in his home town of Sydney. He knew that getting the dragon boat countries throughout the world onside to come down-under was not going to be easy.

In 2003, Melanie Cantwell, Raymond and JT delivered a very strong pitch to the IDBF Congress during the 2004 IDBF World Dragon Boat Championships in Shanghai. After voting closed, it was announced the 2007 IDBF World Championships had been granted to Sydney.

JT's efforts were mammoth. He worked tirelessly and methodically to ensure that every detail would be covered so the AusChamps in Sydney would be successful. The rest is history and at the Championships, the Australian crews won 26 medals. At that time, this was the most won by Australia at a World Championships.

IDBF Executive President (Mike Haslam) described the Championships as "the most successful ever held" and following is an extract from the January 2008 Dragon Boat International publication.

"The one thing that will remain forever in the minds of everyone was the friendliness and helpfulness of both the Organisers, affectionately known as the 'Mel, Jon & Janine Show' and their 'band of volunteers' recruited by AusDBF to meet, greet and look after the Teams and Officials during their time in Sydney."

As the 2008 AusChamps came to a close, JT was honoured with Life Membership of AusDBF.

Having spent two decades as either President of DBNSW or of AusDBF, JT stepped aside at the 2008 AusDBF Annual General Meeting. JT left AusDBF with a sport that has grown from being obscure and novel, into one that oversees a successful, vibrant sporting community that all paddlers are proud to be a part of.

JT was instrumental in setting up the Oceania Dragon Boat Federation and drafted the Rules for the Federation. JT's vision was taking shape.

AusDBF Life Membership recipient and JT's friend for over two decades, Raymond Leung, perhaps sums up JT's standing among the dragon boating community when he wrote:

"Physically Jon was tall among men, emotionally and ethically he was as tall as the sky. He was a strong man who seldom divulged his feelings or emotions. He was a stalwart and didn't like to burden others or disclose confidences."

JT had a vision and goal and he never let go of that vision. He was driven and full of passionate energy.

Jon was central to dragon boat racing in Australia and he put many years of energy and passion into sharing his vision of growth of dragon boating in Australia and the world.

If something wasn't right, he tried to fix it, but if it meant naming anyone, he would leave it alone to develop its own outcome."

No doubt JT was a visionary; he stood tall while others around him fell, an amazing example of fortitude and courage and his legacy to dragon boating will live long.

JT passed away peacefully with his partner Anne and his loved ones around him on 17 December 2008.



Our Members



Our Mission

**To connect more
people with the
sport of Dragon
Boat across
Australia**



Dragon Boat ACT Board Members

Donald Jenkin	President
Nikki White	Vice-President
Nick Sifniotis	Treasurer
Jacqueline Ellery/Chris Lemon	Secretary
Heather Walsh	Events Officer
Kevin Anderson	Membership Officer
Robyn Woollcott	Equipment Officer
Kim Toussaint	Development Officer
Frances Heaney	Corporate Officer

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	24	17	
U24	8	20	
Premier	11	43	1
Senior A (40-49)	18	48	1
Senior B (50-59)	26	111	1
Senior C (60+)	29	114	

No of Come & Try events held

One

No Of Corporate/Community/One-off Participants 2022

Oct- Telopea Park School - 15 students
 Oct - Girl Guides - 13 students
 Nov - Scout Group - 20 students
 Nov - JSL Media - 14 adults
 Dec - Strength and Conditioning- Chris Giorgione Gym -14 adults

2023:

Feb - Geocon - 72 adults
 Feb. - Burgmann College - 153 students
 March - Telopea Park School - 25 students
 May - Radford College - 24 students
 May - Amaroo School - 20 students

Conversion rates from corporate events - unknown.

Dragon Pass - 25%

Five schools attended corporate/come & try session.

Member Clubs

- Canberra Griffins Dragon Boat Club
- Canberra Ice Dragons Dragon Boat Club
- Diamond Phoenix
- Dragon Flyers
- Dragons Abreast Canberra
- Invictus Dragon Boat Club
- Komodo Paddle Club
- NAVMAT Dragons
- Canberra Girl's Grammar School
- Canberra Boy's Grammar School
- St Edmund's College
- St Clare's College

Regattas

Regatta 1 – 15 October 2022: 100m (10s) and 1000m (10s)
 – 249 participants

Regatta 2 – 19 November 2022: 200m (10s) and 2000m (20s) – 297 participants

Regatta 3 – 3 December 2022: 500m (10s) – 262 participants

Regatta 4 – 14 January 2023: 200m (20s) and 2000m (20s)
 – 346 participants

Regatta 5 – 11 February 2023: 500m (20s) – 307 participants

Regatta 6 – 4 March 2023: 200m (10s) and 2000m (20s) – 363 participants

ACT Championships Day 1 – 18 March 2023: 200m (10s & 20s all age divisions) and 2000m (20s all age divisions)

– 263 participants

ACT Championships Day 2 – 19 March 2023: 500m (10s & 20s all age divisions) – 239 participants

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- Approval for the building of the new dragon boat facilities
- Selection of 29 members for Auroras
- Two clubs being invited to Club Crews in 2024

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Completion of the new dragon boat facilities
- Increase membership
- Increase member engagement across all Dragon Boat activities.

Governance improvements

- Review and implementation of portfolio budgets.
- Review and updated the ACT State team framework.
- Practical initiatives that increased participation at local regattas

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023

Combined Schools clubs , Flyers, Griffins, Ice Dragons, Invictus, Komodo, NAVMAT.

State Team participation at AusChamps 2023

DBACT entered crews in the Juniors, 24U, Premiers, Senior A & Senior B categories in Mixed, Opens and Women's with podium finishes in each category.





Dragon Boat NSW Board Members

Nicola Frowen (Chair), Belinda Fowler, Gillian McCallum, Kathy Cummings, Felix Hamilton, Cassandra Ballebye, Chen Li, Paul Bruce, Peter Kite

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	38	104	1
U24	6	44	2
Premier	187	209	1
Senior A (40-49)	141	308	3
Senior B (50-59)	233	633	1
Senior C (60+)	374	1035	1

No of Come & try events held

State Wide Open Day

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

- 802

Conversion rates from Corporate events and Dragon Pass.

Regattas

DBNSW Regattas (others listed in Annual report)

Winter Warmer – 372

Dragon Boats NSW Regatta Series Round 1 – CANCELLED

Dragon Boats NSW Regatta Series Round 2 – 588

Region v Region – 261

Dragon Boats NSW Regatta Series Round 3 – 572

Dragon Boats NSW Regatta Series Round 4 – 739

Dragon Boats NSW Regatta Series Round 5 – CANCELLED

Sydney Lunar New Year – 2145

Dragons on Darling – 463

NSW State Championships - 990

No of Schools involved

St Scholastica Danebank participated in all regattas.

Three achievements for 22/23

- Largest Paid membership number since 2014/15.
- Took ownership of Sydney Lunar New Year event.
- NSW State wide open day

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

- NSW Office Of Sport OSP

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Membership growth
- Event participation growth
- Sydney Lunar New Year Dragon Boat Festival to include International & Interstate crews

Governance improvements

- Change in financial structure



Member Clubs

Metro

- ACCA Dragon Boat Racing Team
- Bei Loon Dragon Boat Club
- Blackwattle Bay Dragon Boat Club
- BlueFins Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoeing Club
- Central Coast Dragon Boat Club
- Chinese Youth League Dragon Boat Club
- Danebank Anglican School for Girls
- Different Strokes Dragon Boat Club
- Dragon Sports Association
- Dragons Abreast Sydney
- Easts Dragon Boat Club
- FFB Dragon Boat Club
- Marist Dragon Boat Club
- Northern Beaches Dragon Boat Club
- Pacific Dragons Dragon Boat & Outrigger Canoe Club
- Pendragons Dragon Boat Club
- Pittwater Dragon Boat Racing Club
- Port Hacking Dragon Boat Club
- Port Stephens Dragon Boat Club
- Ryde Dragon Boat Club
- Sandy Point Dragons
- St Scholastica's College
- Sydney Tsunami Dragon Boat Club
- Sydney Zodiacs
- The Sloths Dragon Boating Club

Regional

- Deepwater Dragon Boat Club
- Flamin' Dragons Port Macquarie
- Forbes Dragon Boat Club
- Grafton Dragon Boat Club
- Great Lakes Pearl Dragons
- Hawkesbury River Dragons
- Hunter River Dragons

- Illawarra Dragon Boat Club
- Kalang River Dragon Boat Club
- Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat Club Inc.
- Lake Jindabyne Snow Dragons
- Lithgow Flash Dragons
- Mako Paddle Club
- Manning River Dragon Boat Club
- Merimbula Water Dragons
- Mudgee Muddragons
- Nambucca River Dragons
- Namoi Dragons – NEW 22/23
- Narooma Blue Water Dragons
- Nature Coast Dragon Boat Club
- Newcastle Hunter Dragon Boat Club
- Nowra Waterdragons
- Outback Dragons Dubbo
- Parkes Dragon Boat Club
- Pinnacle Dragon Boat Club
- Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club
- South West Rocks Dragon Boat Club
- Sudu Dragons
- Sussex Inlet River Dragons Inc
- The Blue Mountains Dragon Boat Club
- Wallis Spirit Dragon Boat Club



Dragon Boat Queensland Board Members

President – Jenny Cotton

Finance – Jenny Shapland – Portfolios – Finance, Insurance, Grants

Board Member 1 – Darrin Bennett – Portfolios – Risk Management, Events

Board Member 2 – Rachel Tenbrink – Portfolios – Social Media, Development

Board Member 3 – Terry Norris – Portfolios – Events, Logistics

Board Member 4 – Memory Inukhaangana – Portfolios – Safe 365, Junior Development

Board Member 5 – Tyrese Rini-Fraser – Portfolios – Athletes Pathway

Admin Officer – Leah Yea (Paid)

Operational positions:

Development – Margaret Messinbird

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	45	52	
U24	7	9	
Premier	68	93	
Senior A (40-49)	67	177	
Senior B (50-59)	104	416	2
Senior C (60+)	229	660	1

No of Come & try events held

- 25 events held across the state

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

- 10 Corporate events including: WNRL Titans, PTSD Support, Indian Cultural Festival, Hakka Festival, Naidoc, QUT

Conversion rates from

- Corporate Events : minimal
- Dragon Pass: upwards of 80%

No of school come & try events held

- Manly DBC – Dracadamy 4 sessions / 15 students
- Brisbane River Dragons – Dracadamy
- Maroochy Sea Serpents – worked with 32 schools and a total of 2908 students

Regattas

Club	Date	Participants
Cooloola Dragons	2/07/2022	70
TeWaka Dragons	7/08/2022	232
1770 Dragons	13/08/2022	65
NQ Phoenix DBC	13/08/2022	74
Burleigh Fire Dragons	23/10/2022	345
Manly DBC	27/11/2022	416
DA Gold Coast	11/12/2022	368
Redcliffe Red DBC	23/01/2023	371
Broadwater Dragons	5/02/2023	498
Brisbane River Dragons	26/02/2023	494
DBQ State	18/03/2023	680
Championships Day 1		
DBQ State	19/03/2023	715
Championships Day 2		
Bundaburg DBC	17/06/2023	65
Townsville DBC	18/06/2023	98

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- State Championships – renewed focus on competitive State Teams
- Started the process of upgrading and revitalising the website
- Streamlining record keeping, guidelines and administration systems

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

- No new grants for 22/23 grants from 22 rolled over and new ones secured 23/24

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Athletes' pathways
- Junior development
- Continuing Governance Improvements
- Marketing Dragon Boating in QLD
- Coast to Coast Festival

Governance improvements

- Rewrite of DBQ Constitution which aligns with Act amendments and reflects the contemporary provisions of good governance
- Supporting all DBQ Clubs to rewrite their Constitution to align with the Act and Model Rules
- Review of all DBQ website content

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023

- 1770 Dragons
- Brisbane River Dragons
- Brisbane Typhoon
- Currumbin Dragons
- Gold Coast DBC
- Manly DBC
- NQ Phoenix DBC
- Redcliffe Red DBC
- Sunshine Coast DB&OCC
- Te Waka Dragons

State Team participation at AusChamps 2023

- Queensland State Squad - 173
- Premiers – 12M/16F + manager
- Senior A – 13M/14F + coach and manager
- Senior B – 13M/16F + manager
- Senior C – 13M/17F + coach and manager
- CQ Region – 11M/14F + coach and manager
- NQ Region – 7M/14F (coach and manager paddled)
- Results: Gold – 2; Silver – 6; Bronze – 8;

- Premiers – 500m Mixed 20s – Bronze, 500m Women 10s – Silver, 500m Open 10s – Gold, Team Pursuit – Bronze
- Senior A – 500m Mixed 20s – Silver, 500m Women 10s – Bronze, 500m Open 10s – Bronze, Team Pursuit – Bronze
- Senior B – 500m Mixed 20s – Silver, 500m Women 10s – Gold, 500m Open 10s – Bronze, Team Pursuit – Silver
- Senior C – 500m Mixed 20s – Silver, 500m Women 10s – Silver, 500m Open 10s – Bronze, Team Pursuit – Bronze

Member Clubs**Metro Clubs**

Bribie Dragons DCS
Brisbane River Dragons
Brisbane Typhoon
Broadwater Dragons PC
Burleigh Fire Dragons
Coomera Dragons
Currumbin DPC
DA Gold Coast
Dragon Boat Pumicestone – New Club
Gold Coast DBC
Ipswich DBC
Kawana Powerblades DBC
Lakers DBC
Manly DBC
Maroochy Sea Serpents
Palm Beach Dragons
Redcliffe Red DBC
Regatta Waters Senior Paddlers
Sunshine Coast DB & OC Club
SCDA Mavericks
Te Waka DBC

Regional Club

Blaze Dragons
Cairns DBC
DA Mackay
Mackay DBC
NQ Phoenix DBC
Townsville DBC

Central
1770 Dragons
Bundaberg DBC
Cooloola DBC
Fraser Coast Red Dragons
Hervey Bay DBC
Rockhampton DBC

Southern

Kin Dragons
Tweed Dragons
Wollumbin DBC



Dragon Boat South Australia Board

Julie Lister – President (Safety & Risk / Equipment & Maintenance / High Performance)

Chris Wood – Vice-President & Secretary (Participation, Marketing & Publicity)

Tracey Gardiner – Treasurer

Mary-Ann Holt – (Volunteers & Officials / Cultural)

Jennifer Bould – (Policies & Procedures / Social Media & Website)

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	14	15	0
U24	8	0	0
Premier	15	21	0
Senior A (40-49)	5	14	0
Senior B (50-59)	24	75	0
Senior C (60+)	141	398	0

No of Come & Try events

Approx 50+ conducted by DragonBoat SA and our member clubs

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

1200+ individuals across these 3 areas

Conversion rates

- Corporate events Minimal
- Dragon pass As we are unable to extract this information from revSPORT, a reasonable guess would be 50-60%

No of school come & try events held

10 – 3 x Dracademy and 7 x Come N Try

New Clubs 2022-2023

Nil

Regattas

- Sunday 11.9.22 10s over 200m + 2000m
242 participants
- Sunday 25.9.23 - 20s over 200m + 2000m
186 participants
- Sunday 9.10.23 Cancelled due to bad weather
- Saturday 22.10.23 - Peter Bristow Long Course 7km
80 participants
- Saturday 19.11.22 - 10s + 20's over 200m + 1000m
130 participants
- Sunday 11.12.22 - 10s over 200m + 2000m
193 participants
- Sunday 15.1.23 - 10s over 500m + 2000m
211 participants
- Sunday 5.2.23 - 20s over 200m + 2000m
141 participants
- Sunday 19.2.23 - 10s over 500m + 2000m
232 participants
- Sunday 5.3.23 - 20s over 500m + 2000m
236 participants
- Saturday 25.3.23 - State Champs 500m + 2000m
188 participants
- Sunday 26.3.23 - State Champs 200m + 2000m
329 participants

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- Formally adopted NIF and relevant policies.
- Moved to Subscription mode registration.
Congratulations AusDBF for introducing this initiative which takes a lot of work off club administrators.

- Opening of new boat shed at Aquatic Reserve – still a work in progress. Once the gantry is installed it will allow storage of 12 boats enabling 2 sets of boats to be used at regattas, reducing the length of each event.



- Ran a very successful training day at West Lakes for regional and remote crews, mentoring them in all aspect of dragon boating.

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

- SA Government - \$25,000

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Brainstorm recruitment strategies aimed at gaining male representation on the Board.
- Due to the closure of the Sailing Club at Port Adelaide, DBSA will be endeavouring to procure another venue to maintain the presence of dragon boating in that vicinity.
- Increase membership to 1000 over the next 2-year period.



Governance improvements

- Working Group Charters – redrafted, updated or added.
- Continual review and adoption of Policies & Procedures and Constitution.
- Regular governance meetings.

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023

- 85 participants from four clubs.
- ACDC, Black Sea Dragons, Powerblades and SA Dragons Abreast.

Member Clubs

Metro Clubs

- Adelaide Combined Dragon Boat Club (ACDC)
- Adelaide Phoenix Dragon Boat Club
- Adelaide Survivors Abreast
- Black Sea Dragons
- Blade Runners
- Dragons Abreast Adelaide
- Powerblades Dragon Boat Club
- SA Dragons Abreast
- Subsonix

Regional Clubs

- Blue Water Raiders (Port Lincoln)
- Coorong Dragons (Goolwa)
- Copper Coast Battle Dragons (Wallaroo)
- Dragons Afloat (Port Lincoln)
- Kangaroo Island Dragons (Kangaroo Island)
- Mannum Dragon Boat Club (Mannum)
- Vicki's Pride (Murray Bridge)
- Victor Dragons (Victor Harbour)





Dragon Boat Tasmania Board Members

Ray Curran: President

Sue Sanderson: AusDBF Sweeps Committee.

Helen Howarth: AusDBF Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Andy Dunn: Risk and Safety Committee for AusDBF.

Donna Fittock: Aus Champs Review Committee for AusDBF and State Coordinator of revSPORT.

Ivan Walker: Treasurer

Number of clubs in Tasmania

Seven

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	0	0	0
U24	0	0	0
Premier	3	4	0
Senior A (40-49)	1	5	0
Senior B (50-59)	2	33	0
Senior C (60+)	29	134	2

No of Come & try events held

16 across the State.

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

- Derwent Storms: Bunnings BBQ X 1, Pride Day Aug 2023, Mates for Mates Sept 2023, Sandy Bay Regatta 2023, Wooden Boat Festival 2023, Assisted with DATH Corporate Day 2022
- MoCo: Chinese Lunar New Year, Ironman Volunteers, Donation Women's Shelter, Bunnings BBQs X 1
- Deloraine Flames: Deloraine Team Boat Challenge Community Day, (Health and Wellbeing Meander Council)

- DATH: Corporate Day Nov 2022, Bunnings BBQs X 5
- DA NW: Relay for Life, Devonport Sport Carnival, Devonport Christmas Parade, Pink Day Woodrising Golf Course.
- Georges Bay: NIL
- North Esk: Bunnings BBQs X 2

Conversion rates

- Corporate events: Deloraine Flames 1, DATH 1, MoCo 1, Derwent Storms 1
- Dragon pass/Come & Try: Derwent Storms 8

Member Clubs

Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club	76 members
Deloraine Dragon Boat Club	16 members
Dragons Abreast Devonport	23 members
Dragons Abreast Tasmania	43 members
Georges Bay Dragon Boat Club	19 members
MoCo	20 members
North Esk Dragon Boat Club	14 members

Regattas

DBTas sanctioned regatta's attended by all Clubs were:

- Deloraine Regatta – Dec 2022
- State Titles

Other regattas held by individual clubs were:

- DA NW - Yes Nipples on Ripples Feb 2023
- Georges Bay - Georges Bay Fun Day Jan 2023

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- Increased Membership around the State
- Successful 'Officials Course' run
- Derwent Storms qualified to attend the WCCC in Ravenna, Italy in 2024.

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

- DATH received a grant of approximately \$3000 to help purchase a new trailer.
- Derwent Storms received a grant of approximately \$1000.
- DBTas received a Bequest of \$75,000.

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Statewide Regatta Series
- Recruitment across the State, especially male and younger age paddlers
- Enhanced Sweep training
- Coaching and Officials training

Governance improvements

- Continual monitoring and information provision relating to Rev Sport and the importance placed upon the correct data entry and the use for financial reporting.
- DBTas will continue to work with all state clubs to realise the importance of continual and meaningful recruitment.

- Further, DBTas will work with all state clubs to ensure that the Statewide Regatta series becomes a reality and the importance of such regattas complying with AusDBF / IDBF rules. This is to ensure trained officials get to practice their new found knowledge as well as to allow participating clubs/organisers and paddlers to gain appropriate experience in sanctioned racing events.

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023

Tasmania competed in the 2023 Australian Championships in the following categories.

- Sen B Women's 10
- Sen B Open 10
- Sen B Mixed 20
- Sen B pursuit

Unfortunately no placings in the finals.





Victoria

Dragon Boat Victoria Board Members

President John Cuzzupi

Vice President Kerrie Waworis

Secretary Christine Watson

Treasurer Stephen Arrowsmith

Board Member Jacqueline Hillas

Board Member James Hankin

Board Member Caroline Mulcahy

Board Member Lucienne van Hilten

Board Member Stephanie Moncur

Board Member Heather Watts

Board Member Zein Benjamin

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	13	18	
U24	65	39	1
Premier	99	145	
Senior A (40-49)	100	262	
Senior B (50-59)	46	136	
Senior C (60+)	76	265	

No of Come & try events

Individual clubs had come & try; DBV marketed the Dragon Pass as the preferred method

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

900 participants for private sessions and 120 corporate participants at LNY

Conversion rates

- Corporate events 3.4%
- Dragon pass 57.5%

No of Schools

Three Schools, private sessions in Melbourne run by DBV

No of school come & try events held

Six regional clubs in Victoria had School come & try sessions

New clubs

- New clubs 2022/23 - Kingfisher Dragon Boat Club, based in Paynesville.
- Metropolitan and regional clubs: 28 affiliated clubs in Victoria.

Regattas

Lunar New Year – 12 February – 1200 participants

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- Hosting the Australian Championships in Wodonga 20-24 April.
- The membership growth rate of 14.27%.
- Increased average regatta participation to 389.28 unique paddlers, up from 21/22.

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

- Victorian State Government sponsorship of the AusChamps 2023
- City of Wodonga sponsorship of the AusChamps
- Albury City sponsorship of the AusChamps.
- City of Wodonga Five-year sponsorship of the Australian Cross Border Championships for 2023-2027

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Stream the Australian Cross Border Championships on Kayo.
- Further, stream regattas selected events on media and live stream.



Dragon Boat Western Australia Board Members

Brad Brooksby – President.

Georgina Smith - Vice President.

Debbie Fenn - Administration Director.

Daniel Foucar - Coaching Director.

Vacant – Finance Director.

Sheryl Kelly – Board Member (Risk Management).

Malcolm Anderson – Board Member.

Jack Menna – Board Member.

Karen Sigley - MPIO Board Position

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

	Male	Female	Non-binary
U18	26	24	0
U24	4	9	0
Premier	20	25	0
Senior A (40-49)	29	58	0
Senior B (50-59)	31	84	0
Senior C (60+)	45	111	0

No of Come & try events

- Cockburn Come & Try – 2 with 10 participants.
- Denmark Come & try – 1 with 15 participants.
- Forza Come & try – 2 with 10 participants.
- Forza 8 Week Fitness Challenge – 15 participants.
- Lakers Have a Go – 2 with 20 participants.
- Mandurah Have a Go – 2 with 30 participants.
- Pirates Have a Go – 2 with 22 participants.

All Clubs with people attending from seeing Facebook, Signage, discussion with friend etc estimated 100.

No of corporate/community/one-off participants

- Perth Pirates Wood PLC Corporate Paddle – 2 June 2023 – 45 participants
- Amazons National Pride – 10 September 22 – 50 participants.
- Mandurah Pride in Sport 25 September 22 – 30 participants.
- Malayalee Association of Perth Regatta – 17 September 22 – 220 participants.
- Lakers PUMA event – 8 Oct 22 – 60 participants.
- Forza School Teachers Paddle – 4 Nov 22 – 12 participants.
- Denmark FESA Cadets 13 Dec 22 – 12 participants.

Conversion rates

- Corporate events – 5%
- Dragon pass – 20%
- Come & Try – 50%
- Forza Dragon Boat Club trailed a Fitness Challenge which resulted in 90% conversion.
- 106 new members (22.5%)

No of School Events

- Perth Pirates Mercedes College Event – 25 Nov 2022 – Standard Boat - 120 participants.
- Perth Pirates La Salle College Event – 6&7 Dec 2022 – Standard Boat - 120 participants.



Regattas

- Ord River Marathon 55km 12 June 2023 – Standard Boat – 136 participants.
- Avon Descent Bond to Bayswater Belter 13 km - 14 Aug 22 Standard Boats – 80 participants.
- Claisebrook Challenge – Telethon 17 September 2022, 6km Standard boat race – 140 participants.
- Dragon Boating WA Dragon Boating Regatta 1 30 October 2022, 200m and 500m Small Boat racing – 200 participants cancelled after 5 races too windy.
- Dragon Boating WA Dragon Boating Regatta 2, 4 December 2022 - 200m & 500m Standard Boat racing – 180 participants. December regatta is typically low on numbers due to members on holidays.
- Dragon Boating WA Dragon Boating Regatta 3, 15 January 2023 - 200m & 500m Small Boat racing – 180 participants. Numbers lower than normal due to concerns with small boats.
- Forza Twilight Regatta 2023 – 28 Jan 2023 – 200m Standard boat racing – 220 participants.
- Fremantle Dragon Boat Festival Date – Short racing Standard boats – 250 participants with 1,500 onlookers.
- Dragon Boating WA Dragon Boating Regatta 4, 12 February 2023 - 200m & 500m Standard Boat racing – 240 participants.
- Dragon Boating WA Dragon Boating State Championship Regatta 12 March 2023 – 200m & 500m Standard boat racing – 280 participants.

Three achievements for 2022-2023

- A smooth Board changeover with 3 Board members retiring after all achieving 6 years on the Board. This results a large wealth of knowledge being removed

from the Board with little mentoring achieved.

The new look Board, which has high regional representation, has continued with a focus on updating policy and forms.

- Achieving the largest State team to the AusChamps in Albury Wodonga with the Prem's winning a Bronze medal, the first medal for the WA State Premiers team.
- Achieving the largest team of WA Auroras. The 18 WA Aurora athletes competed in 6 different divisions. Between them they shared 6 Gold, 18 Silver and 64 Bronze medals. While the medals are an achievement, it's the participation and sharing of experiences that will boost dragon boating in the community which should result in higher membership in future years. It was particularly good to see our 4 Juniors share 3 Silver and 23 Bronze medals as they are our future in Dragon Boating.

Sponsors / grants secured for 22/23

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – \$40,000. A focus on continuing to improve on the DLGSC KPI's.

Key focus points for 2023/24

- AusChamps 2024.
- Continuing the updating of Policy, forms and website.
- Updating the DBWA Strategic Plan.
- Reviewing and updating the DBWA Constitution.

Governance improvements

Continued development of Policy documents and linking policy documents to forms. This is a large task for the Board, and we are being thorough and methodical. All documentation is being branded as they are updated.

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023**Cockburn Dragon Boat Club as a combined crew.**

- 200m Senior A Mixed Small boat and came 4th in the semi final.
- 200m Senior A Women Small boat and came 4th in the semi final.
- 500m Senior A Mixed Small boat and came 5th in the repêchage.
- 500m Senior A Women Small boat and came 6th in the semi final.
- 2000m Senior A small boat came 10th.

Lakers Dragon Boat Club as a combined crew.

- 500m Prems Mixed Small boat and came 3rd in the repêchage.
- 500m Prems Open Small boat and came 6th in the semi final.
- 200m Prems Mixed Small boat and came 6th in the semi final.
- 200m Prems Open Small boat and came 3rd in the repêchage.

Forza Dragon Boat Club as a combined crew.

- 200m Senior A Mixed Small boat and came 5th in the repêchage.
- 200m Senior A Women Small boat and came 4th in the semi final.
- 500m Senior A Mixed Small boat and came 6th in the semi final.

State Team participation at AusChamps 2023

- 500m Senior B Mixed Standard boat 3rd.
- 500m Premier Mixed Standard boat 6th.
- 500m Senior B Women Small boat 4th.
- 500m Senior B Open Small boat 2nd.
- 500m Premier Women Small boat 3rd.
- 1000m Pursuit Senior B Small boat 3rd.
- 1000m Pursuit Premier Small boat 6th.

Metro Clubs

- Amazons Perth Dragon Boat Club
- Cockburn Dragon Boat Club
- Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club
- Fury River Dragons
- Indian Ocean Dragon Boat Club
- Lakers Dragon Boat Club
- Perth Pirates Dragon Boat Club

Regional Clubs

- Albany Dragon Boat Club
- Crewsaders DAA Bunbury
- Denmark Riverside Club Inc
- Forza Dragon Boat Club
- Kununurra Dragon Boat Club
- Mandurah Dragon Boat Club





Dragons Abreast

Connect. Move. Live.

Board Directors and Portfolios

- Pearl Lee – Chair
- Leonie Silk – Company Secretary
- Sue Von Richter – Treasurer and Public Officer
- Sharon Cooper – Membership Director and AusDBF rep
- Ann Boulton – Board Member
- Dr Kellie Toohey – Board Member

Individual membership – up to 30 June 2023

We have 889 members with ages ranging between 23 – 89, with an average age of 64.

No of Come & try events

Each of our 28 Member Groups hold regular Come & Try events

Conversion rates from Dragon pass - 9%.

Member Clubs

New Member Groups – Melbourne Pink Phoenix and Pumicestone (Qld).

We currently have 27 Member Groups – Adelaide, Ballarat, Bendigo, Brisbane, Bunbury, Canberra, Central Coast, Coffs Coast, Devonport, Gippsland, Geelong, Gold Coast, Hobart, Illawarra, Mackay, Melbourne, Newcastle, Orange, Patterson Lakes, Penrith, Pumicestone, Rainbow Dragons, Sunshine Coast, Sydney, Townsville, Wollumbin, Individual Members.

Regattas

- Pink Paddle Power – Melbourne Docklands 3/12/23 – 224 participants
- LNY – Darling Harbour 29/1/2023 - approx 120
- IBCPC Regatta – NZ April 2023 - 550

Three achievements for 22/23

- Formation of two new Member Groups.
- Excellent representation of Australian BCS paddlers at the IBCPC Festival in NZ.
- Formalising processes to allow composite BCS crews to paddle together at regattas.

Key focus points for 2023/24

- Increase Member Group numbers – already one signed up
- Increase awareness and participation levels
- Ord River paddle
- Next Festival Hobart Nov 2024

Governance improvements

The board of DAA were joined by a new member which has enabled us to continue reviewing and consolidating policies to be in line with AusDBF.

State Club participation at AusChamps 2023.

Composite DAA Crew entered the AusChamps achieving silver in both distances. Participation was down due to the dates being so close to the IBCPC event in NZ.





Financial Statements

for year ended 30 June 2023

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Directors' report

30 June 2023

- Cash decreased by 12%
- Revenue increased by 14%

Operating results

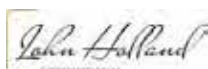
The profit/(loss) of the Company after providing for income tax amounted to (\$43,032) (2022: (\$3,930))

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company during the year.

Events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.



John Holland

Director



Martin Hastings

Director

Dated: 31/08/2023

Auditor's independence declaration to the Directors of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2023, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in section 307C of the in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Mark Schutters

of Dickensons Accountants

Date: 31/08/2023

Level 2, 3908 Pacific Hwy Loganholme QLD 4129,

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Statement of profit or loss For the year ended 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Revenue	5		
Revenue from contracts with customers			
Provision of services			
Paddler Levy		193,524	186,324
Membership - States		3,700	3,700
International Levy		22,345	545
Coaching Course Income		25,080	27,898
Official's Course Income		65	2,644
Reimb Travel Exps Domestic		4,479	-
Reimb Travel Exp - Intern		37,839	-
Australian Championship Income		405,705	238,125
Total Provision of services		692,737	459,236
Other revenue from contracts with customers			
Sale of Dragon Boat		-	120,829
Total Revenue from contracts with customers		692,737	580,065
Total Revenue		692,737	580,065
Gross profit		692,737	580,065
Other income	5	62,715	53,341
Administrative expenses		(91,549)	(87,304)
Finance expenses	6	(54)	(48)
Other expenses		(326,492)	(309,383)
Australian Championship			
Australian Championship Expenses		(342,778)	(191,542)
Shared Loss Australian Championship		(37,611)	(49,059)
Total Australian Championship		(380,389)	(240,601)
Profit (loss) before income taxes		(43,032)	(3,930)
Income tax		-	-
Profit (loss) from continuing operations		(43,032)	(3,930)
Profit (loss) for the year		(43,032)	(3,930)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Statement of financial position

As at 30 June 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	8	480,452	545,425
Trade and other receivables	9	8,076	4,400
Inventories	10	14,788	11,301
Current tax receivable	17	24,831	12,142
Other assets	12	40,829	1,578
Total current assets		568,976	574,846
Non-current assets		4,817	13,004
Total assets		573,793	587,850
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	13,282	9,572
Current tax liabilities	17	4,517	4,095
Borrowings	14	76	18
Employee benefits	16	10,586	11,896
Other liabilities	15		
Deferred income		34,480	8,386
Total current liabilities		62,941	33,967
Total liabilities		62,941	33,967
Net assets		510,852	553,883
Equity			
Retained earnings		510,852	553,883

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2023

2022	Retained earnings	Total	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	557,815	557,815	557,815
Profit for the year	(3,930)	(3,930)	(3,930)
Closing balance	553,885	553,885	553,885

2023	Retained earnings	Total	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	553,884	553,884	553,884
Profit for the year	(43,032)	(43,032)	(43,032)
Closing balance	510,852	510,852	510,852

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Statement of cash flows For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers	751,776	632,597
Payments to suppliers and employees	(816,731)	(642,709)
Net cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	(64,955)	(10,112)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(64,955)	(10,112)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	545,407	555,519
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	480,452	545,407

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Notes to the financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023

1. Basis of preparation

These financial statements comply with the Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and are consistent with prior reporting periods unless otherwise stated.

2. Transition to simplified disclosure

In the previous period, the Company prepared General Purpose Financial Statements.

In adopting this standard, the Company has applied AASB 1 *First Time Adoption of Australian Accounting Standards*.

There is no effects of the transition and description of the change in accounting policies to Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

a. Revenue

i. Revenue from contracts with customers

The core principle of AASB 15 is that revenue is recognised on a basis that reflects the transfer of promised goods or services to customers at an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services.

Generally, the timing of the payment for sale of goods and rendering of services corresponds closely to the timing of satisfaction of the performance obligations, however where there is a difference, it will result in the recognition of a receivable, contract asset or contract liability.

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None of the revenue streams of the Company have any significant financing terms as there is less than 12 months between receipt of funds and satisfaction of performance obligations.

ii. Statement of financial position balances relating to revenue recognition

Contract assets and liabilities

Where the amounts billed to customers are based on the achievement of various milestones established in the contract, the amounts recognised as revenue in a given period do not necessarily coincide with the amounts billed to or certified by the customer.

When a performance obligation is satisfied by transferring a promised good or service to the customer before the customer pays consideration or the before payment is due, the Company presents the contract as a contract asset, unless the Company's rights to that amount of consideration are unconditional, in which case the Company recognises a receivable.

When an amount of consideration is received from a customer prior to the entity transferring a good or service to the customer, the Company presents the contract as a contract liability.

iii. Other income

Other income is recognised on an accruals basis when the Company is entitled to it.

iv. Volunteer services

No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

b. Income tax

The Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

c. Cash and cash equivalents

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Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

d. Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost of inventory is determined using the first-in-first-out basis and is net of any rebates and discounts received. Net realisable value is estimated using the most reliable evidence available at the reporting date and inventory is written down through an obsolescence provision if necessary.

e. Property, plant and equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment.

i. Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

ii. Depreciation

Property, plant and equipment, excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a reducing balance basis over the asset's useful life to the Company, commencing when the asset is ready for use.

The estimated useful lives used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

Fixed asset class	Useful life
Plant and equipment	6 Years
Computer equipment	6 Years

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change

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in estimate.

When an asset is disposed, the gain or loss is calculated by comparing proceeds received with its carrying amount and is taken to profit or loss.

f. Impairment of non-financial assets

At the end of each reporting period the Company determines whether there is evidence of an impairment indicator for non-financial assets.

Where an indicator exists and regardless for indefinite life intangible assets and intangible assets not yet available for use, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated.

Where assets do not operate independently of other assets, the recoverable amount of the relevant cash-generating unit (CGU) is estimated.

The recoverable amount of an asset or CGU is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and the value in use. Value in use is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset or cash-generating unit.

Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Reversal indicators are considered in subsequent periods for all assets which have suffered an impairment loss.

g. Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits, those benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled, plus related on-costs.

i. Defined contribution schemes

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Obligations for contributions to defined contribution superannuation plans are recognised as an employee benefit expense in profit or loss in the periods in which services are provided by employees.

h. Foreign currency transactions and balances

i. Transaction and balances

Foreign currency transactions are recorded at the spot rate on the date of the transaction.

At the end of the reporting period:

- Foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate;
- Non-monetary items that are measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction; and
- Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value are translated using the rate at the date when fair value was determined.

Exchange differences arising on the settlement of monetary items or on translating monetary items at rates different from those at which they were translated on initial recognition or in prior reporting periods are recognised through profit or loss, except where they relate to an item of other comprehensive income or whether they are deferred in equity as qualifying hedges.

i. Adoption of new and revised accounting standards

The Company has adopted all standards which became effective for the first time at 30 June 2023, the adoption of these standards has not caused any material adjustments to the reported financial position, performance or cash flow of the Company.

j. New accounting standards and interpretations

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The Company has decided not to early adopt these Standards.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

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The Directors make estimates and judgements during the preparation of these financial statements regarding assumptions about current and future events affecting transactions and balances.

These estimates and judgements are based on the best information available at the time of preparing the financial statements, however as additional information is known then the actual results may differ from the estimates.

The significant estimates and judgements made have been described below.

a. Key estimates - impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Company assesses impairment at the end of each reporting period by evaluating conditions specific to the Company that may be indicative of impairment triggers. Recoverable amounts of relevant assets are reassessed using value-in-use calculations which incorporate various key assumptions.

b. Key estimates - inventory

Each item on inventory is reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether it is being carried at higher than its net realisable value. During the year, management have written down inventory based on best estimate of the net realisable value, although until the time that inventory is sold this is an estimate.

c. Key estimates - receivables

The fair value of investment properties was determined using a discounted cash flow model which used a number of unobservable inputs. Information about the inputs and assumptions used are included in the fair value and investment property notes.

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5. Revenue and other income

a. Revenue from continuing operations

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue from contracts with customers (AASB 15)		
Provision of services		
Paddler Levy	193,524	186,324
Membership - States	3,700	3,700
International Levy	22,345	545
Coaching Course Income	25,080	27,898
Official's Course Income	65	2,644
Reimb Travel Exps Domestic	4,479	-
Reimb Travel Exp - Intern	37,839	-
Entry Fees Auschamps	405,705	238,125
Total Provision of services	692,737	459,236
Other revenue from contracts with customers		
Sale of Dragon Boat	-	120,829
	692,737	580,065
	692,737	580,065

b. Other income

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other income		
Miscellaneous Income	180	180
Dracademy Income	24,510	-
History Book Sales	1,719	1,076
Sponsorship	12,500	32,500
Grant/Scholarship Income	17,246	19,284
Interest income	6,560	301
Total Other income	62,715	53,341
	62,715	53,341

6. Finance income and expenses

Finance expenses	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Interest expense	54	48

7. Result for the year

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The result for the year includes the following specific expenses:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Defined contribution superannuation	-	-
Impairment of non-financial assets	-	-
Other expenses	305,977	290,470

8. Cash and cash equivalents

a. Cash and cash equivalent details

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash at bank	480,452	545,425

b. Reconciliation of cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to items in the statement of financial position as follows:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	480,452	545,425
Credit Card	(76)	(18)
	480,376	545,407

9. Trade and other receivables

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade receivables	8,076	4,400
	8,076	4,400

10. Inventories

a. Inventory details

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
At cost	14,788	11,301

11. Property, plant and equipment

a. Property, plant and equipment details

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Summary	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Plant and equipment		
Go Pro Cameras	2,500	2,500
Accum Depn Other Equip	(2,321)	(2,234)
Total Plant and equipment	179	266
Computer equipment		
Computer software - E Learning Modules	27,840	27,840
Accum Amor - E Learning Modules	(23,202)	(15,102)
Total Computer equipment	4,638	12,738
	4,817	13,004

12. Other assets

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other assets		
Prepayments	40,829	1,578

13. Trade and other payables

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Trade payables	6,132	1,522
Accrued expenses	7,150	8,050
	13,282	9,572

Trade and other payables are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are normally settled within 30 days. The carrying value of trade and other payables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.

14. Borrowings

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Unsecured		
Credit Card	76	18

a. Defaults and breaches

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During the current and prior year, there were no defaults or breaches on any of the loans.

b. Fair value measurement

The Company measures borrowings at fair value on a recurring basis.

15. Other liabilities

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Deferred income	34,480	8,386

16. Employee benefits

a. Employee benefit details

Current	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other employee benefits		
Provision for Superannuation	-	1,875
Annual leave provision	10,586	10,021
Total Other employee benefits	10,586	11,896
	10,586	11,896

17. Tax assets and liabilities

a. Tax assets and liabilities details

Current tax assets	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other current tax receivable		
GST Paid	24,831	11,742
GST Adjustment	-	400
Total Other current tax receivable	24,831	12,142
	24,831	12,142

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Current tax liabilities	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Other current tax liabilities		
PAYG	4,517	4,095
	4,517	4,095

18. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company did not have any contingencies at 2023 (2022: None).

19. Cash flow information

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Loss for the year	(43,032)	(3,930)
Add / (less) non-cash items:		
Depreciation and amortisation	8,188	8,483
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(increase) / decrease in receivables	(3,676)	(4,400)
(increase) / decrease in inventories	(3,487)	(11,301)
(increase) / decrease in other assets	(39,251)	4,742
increase / (decrease) in payables	3,710	(6,882)
increase / (decrease) in tax provision	(12,191)	(9,650)
increase / (decrease) in employee benefits	(1,310)	4,440
increase / (decrease) in other liabilities	26,094	8,386
Cash flows from operations	(64,955)	(10,112)

20. Events occurring after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Company in future financial years.

21. Statutory information

The registered office and principal place of business of the Company is:

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The directors of the Company declare that:

The financial statements and notes for the year ended 30 June 2023 are in accordance with the and:

- comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures; and
- give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the Company.

In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable with the continuing support of creditors.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



John Holland
Director

Dated: 31/08/2023



Martin Hastings
Director

Independent audit report to the members of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a simplified disclosure financial report of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd (the Company), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023, the statement of profit or loss, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements and the .

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with the , including:

1. giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2023 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
2. complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures and the .

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code)* that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report is prepared to assist in fulfilling the directors' financial reporting responsibilities under the *Corporations Act 2001*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Company and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the Company. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.



Mark Schutters

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