

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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As there is no AusChamps this year, dragon boating attention turns to the Cross Border Cup being hosted by DBV on 16-18 April at Wodonga and the Coast-to-Coast Festival hosted by DBQ on 07-9 May at Kawana, Sunshine Coast.

AusDBF has welcomed **Deb Moran** (from ACT) to the role of **Marketing Director** and **Zijing Chu** (from VIC) to the newly created role of **Digital Media Director** as appointed Directors to the Board and is excited about the contribution the two will be able to make to dragon boating. Zijing becomes the youngest person ever to be appointed to the AusDBF Board. - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about/board-of-directors/>

Four years ago, AusDBF recognised that our sport did not have any documentation of our evolution in Australia and set about developing an Historical Committee whose aim was to chronicle the history of Dragon Boating in Australia. As we were approaching the 25th Anniversary of AusChamps the committee was tasked with producing an historical book to celebrate the occasion and to be launched at the 25th edition of AusChamps. As we now know, COVID has delayed the running of AusChamps for the past 2 years and as the book was ready for publication it has now been printed.

AusDBF is excited to launch **‘Fast and Furious’ – A history of dragon boating in Australia, celebrating 25 years of Australian Championships**. AusDBF would like to thank the hard work from the current Historical Committee who invested hundreds of hours of research into this - Mel Cantwell (AusDBF), Barb Clarkson (WA), Julie Clinch (SA), Julie Davidson (TAS), Steven Davidson (DBNSW), Janelle Gamble (Qld), Daryl Manzie (NT) and Geoff See (ACT). An extra vote of thanks goes to Barbara Clarkson who utilised her graphic art skills to design and format the book.

The book includes:

- hundreds of photos – you may be one,
- the history of AusDBF, each member and their club
- a tribute to Jon Taylor (father of AusDBF)
- an Honour roll,
- the history of AusChamps outlining which clubs attended – checkout to see which clubs have attended the most and where your club fits in – you’d be surprised.
- club attendance at IDBF CCWC since 1998
- the evolution of the Auroras from 1995 when the first Australian team competed in the IDBF World Nations to present day, includes medal tally, honour roll for Flag Bearers, Team Captains, number of campaigns – check out this section to see which individual/s in Australia have represented Australia the most.

Copies of the book can be purchased from the AusDBF shop <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/shop/> for \$25 per copy.

“Our Mission: To connect people with dragon boating across Australia”

Grants and Awards

AusDBF Education and Upskill Grant is open, with applications **closing 30 May 2021**.

Grants can be submitted under – Governance, Development (coaching, race officials, sweeping), Events or High Performance. Further information can be downloaded from the AusDBF website -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>

Jon Taylor Memorial Award - Recognises outstanding achievements and contributions made by an individual who has assisted with the development and growth of the sport of dragon boat racing in Australia. Historically this award is presented at the Australian Championships, due to Australian Championships not being held, the 2021 recipient will be announced at the AICD Course in Adelaide. Applications **close 10 May 2021**. Further information can be downloaded from the AusDBF website - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/awards/>

Website redevelopment

AusDBF is in the process of revamping its website and working with revSPORT on the redesign. Watch this space in the coming months!

Pillar 1 - Governance

AusDBF continues to review its current documents and create new documents as required, to assist and improve its governance processes. **Policies & Documents** - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/>

The following documents are in the final stages of being approved:

- Adverse Weather Conditions Policy
- SunSmart Policy
- Cyber Security Policy
- AusDBF Safety Handbook
- National Code of Behaviour

AusDBF hopes the update of the policies will assist AusDBF Members. As Members can appreciate, there are always a number of administrative tasks to tackle. Should any Member States wish to comment on and submit suggestions for any of the above policies to be completed, AusDBF would welcome this collaboration.

AusDBF Committees continue to provide a valuable service to the dragon boat community with most having already met in the first few months of 2021. Quick updates can be found in the Development section of this update.

With Zijong Chu stepping up to the AusDBF Board, a position has now become available on the Athletes Commission. Applications close on 28 March and can be downloaded from here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/>

Pillar 2 – Development

AusDBF Buy-Sell-Swap-Donate Facebook Group (BSSD)

Currently has over 730 members and climbing.

To join, from your News Feed, click 'Groups' in the left-hand menu. Start typing '**AusDBF Buy Sell Swap and Donate**' (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/381645373055821>) in the search bar. Select the group and click 'Join Group'. Your eligibility will be verified (through revSPORT) and you'll be advised once you're in.

AusDBF encourages all members to read the Terms & Conditions before posting items.

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/ausdbfbuy-sell-swap-donate-facebook-group/>

Coach Presenters

Level 1 Coach coaches are currently being presented all over Australia. If suitable dates aren't available in your State, then have a look at the AusDBF Event Calendar to check if another State is offering the Level 1 Course -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/list/>. AusDBF encourages all the States to regularly update their Event dates and push them through to the National Event calendar for easy searching.

The Coach Presenters will be meeting in Sydney on 11 April where they will be updated on the Level 2 Coach Course content which will enable them to present the Level 2 within their own States.

AusDBF has received positive feedback on the eLearning platform, which is currently being used for the Coaching Course, but will eventually become the learning platform for the Race Officials, people management, Diversity & Inclusivity modules and lots more!

A table which clearly shows which modules must be completed for Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 courses can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/ausdbf-learning-management-system/>

Sweep Committee

Have completed their review of the AusDBF Safety Handbook and submitted their recommendations for updates to AusDBF to approve. In addition, the Capsize drill video is in the process of being updated and filmed and is due for completion by end of April. Watch this space for the launch of the updated version. The Sweep accreditations are in the process of being uploaded into the Accreditation Module (360). Thank you to DBQ, DBWA, DBTAS have been completed. DBNSW and DBSA are waiting on further information to be received before they can be uploaded, outstanding still is DBACT and DBV.

ROMP Group (Race Officials Mentor Program)

The ROMP group are pleased with the response rate shown by the Race Officials in trialing the online re-accreditation which was implemented in July 2020. This process has proven to be very useful for all the ROMP representatives as it has provided helpful insights into how best they can provide support and mentoring to the Race Officials across Australia.

The ROMP discussed how the last season for all States has been challenging with fewer regattas and fewer race officials required, which has meant many of the race officials have been unable to meet the minimum requirements to maintain accreditation.

Based on the recommendation from the ROMP group, AusDBF have approved both recommendations below:

1. For 2020-2021 season race officials don't have to have officiated at any events, they will simply need to complete the online re-accreditation when it is due during 2021.
2. The administration fee of \$15.00 per person remains unchanged for 2021-2022 financial year.

Stats as of 12 March on status of race official across Australia

	Level 1			Level 2		Level 3	
	New	Re-accred	Yet to re-accred	Re-accred	Yet to re-accred	Re-accred	Yet to re-accred
QLD	Nil	28	49	3	2	5	nil
NSW	5	17	89	4	7	14	6
ACT	5	22	18	6	1	2	Nil
VIC		10	5	6	1	3	1
TAS	Nil	2	14	Nil	Nil		
SA	14	1	0	Nil	Nil	5	Nil
WA	9	8	3	Nil	Nil	1	1

Post COVID Marketing Working Group (PCMWG)

Have are to be acknowledged for their hard work invested in the 'Are you ready' campaign with all the static and video interviews which started at the beginning of the year and will continue over the next few weeks – thank you to all those involved. Keep an eye on the AusDBF Facebook as it could be someone you know. The whole purpose of the campaign is sharing the posts with as many people as possible. Please encourage all your Club's members to share posts.

Next on the agenda was the 'State Frames' campaign. It was encouraging to see members display their State pride and showcase their State frames. Below is a snapshot of the take-up rate.

Thank you to Zijing Chu and Jade Murphy (NSW) who really stepped up and took the leadership in implementing both campaigns. If you have clubs not sure how to share posts on Facebook and Instagram, the PCMWG have created a simple guide – which can be downloaded here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/comms/>

revSPORT Users Group (RUG)

Have been working through a number of processes which is hoped can be adopted nationally for the benefit of everyone. The members in this group have been sharing information and experiences which has really helped in advancing better use and adoption of features in revSPORT. A few of the topics being reviewed are:

- National use of the Injury/Incident reporting – Clubs submitting injury/incident reports through their portal (to enable them to keep a record) and then ticking a box which would push the report through to the State and AusDBF to be able to view.
- Regatta module – clubs being able to enter other state regattas from their own club portal plus several other functionalities related to online crew lists.
- Seasonal and subscription base memberships and the impact of inaccurate data.

Diversity & Inclusion (D&I)

Following the discussion at the Members Forum, AusDBF has created a short survey which is aimed at ascertaining the current status of diversity and inclusion within our sport. This will form the basis of our plans going forward.

Pillar 3 – Events

Cross Border Cup

Hosted by DBV from the 16-18 April 2021 at Gateway Lakes Wodonga. This contest will have the flavour of a world cup style teams event promoting participation and competition. Juniors, Premiers, Senior A (40-54), Senior B (55+) and Cancer Survivors will race 100m, 200m and 500m plus a 1km pursuit race where the team's finish time is the combination of their women's and open boat times. Details in regular Bulletins, enquiries to craigr@dragonboatvictoria.com.au

2021 Coast to Coast Dragon Boat Festival

Hosted by DBQ from the Friday 7 to Sunday 9 May 2021 at Kawana Waters on the Sunshine Coast. Racing categories offered will include Premier, Junior and trialing Senior 40+ and Senior 55+, and BCS in small and standard. It is anticipated a different distance will be offered each day of racing. Bulletin 2 will be issued shortly.

Closing deadline for entries is Tuesday 06 April, with entry fees due Friday 16 April. Queries can be directed to info@dbq.com.au Entries can be submitted via here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/list/>

Masters Games

With 2021 AusChamps off the table, DBWA is now focusing their attention on hosting the Australian Masters Games (15 and 16 October). For eligible clubs keen to head west after months of border closures – click here <https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/dragon-boat/> or contact Barb Clarkson at DBWA - bclarkson@iinet.net.au

Pillar 4 – High Performance

AusDBF received over 300 EOI's to participate in the 2021 IDBF WNC campaign for Hong Kong in November.

We are closely monitoring the situation including travel updates on Hong Kong and following government recommendations. We recommend all potential Auroras regularly check the Smart Traveller website (<https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/destinations/asia/hong-kong>) for updates. The health and safety of the Auroras, coaches and team managers is our priority.

The Auroras Head Coach David Abel and AusDBF High Performance Director Sylvia Wong will be emailing all the individuals who submitted an EOI, with an update on amended timelines and plan going forward. AusDBF will be calling for EOIs for Divisional Coaches shortly.

Direct contact can be made with Dave Abel - headcoach@ausdbf.com.au or Sylvia Wong - highperformance@ausdbf.com.au

AusDBF Board