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AICD Course

On the weekend of 29/30 May, AusDBF was finally able to hold the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in Adelaide. AusDBF was delighted to have representatives from DBQ, DBNSW, DBV, DBSA and DBWA join the AusDBF Board for the weekend. With COVID forcing a late lockdown for our Victorian friends, it meant they were unable to travel. Whilst not ideal and frustrating at times the Victorian contingent were congratulated for persevering for a day and half via video conference to be able to participate and complete the course.

Feedback received from those who attended, said it was most worthwhile and everyone took away at least one learning they would be able to implement in their own Board meetings and the opportunity to share ideas and network with other States.

New Payment classes

To support the growth of the 'Youth - 18- to 24-year-old age class' AusDBF has created a new paddler levy. For the 2021-2022 Financial Year this will be \$18.00 per person, known as 'Youth participation levy'. The payment class has already been created in revSPORT for State Administrators to link their membership fees to.

AusDBF encourages each State to consider what they could do to support this age group.

Northern Territory

AusDBF has formally welcomed Darwin Waterfront Warriors as Club members of AusDBF. It's great to have our Northern Territory friends back as part of the dragon boat community. We look forward to perhaps seeing them compete at AusChamps in Adelaide 2022.

Grants and Awards

Jon Taylor Memorial Award – AusDBF is delighted to announce **Peter Smith** from **South Australia** as the recipient of the **2021 Jon Taylor Award**.

Peter's dragon boating history goes back to 1992 where he was a member of Email Eliminators Club (which later became Seadragons). Peter then joined SADA. Peter was Chair of Dragon Boat Association of South Australia (DASA) from 1997/98 until 2000 and remained on the Board for many years. In 2003 Peter was honoured with Life Membership to DASA. Peter returned to the Board in 2004 as Secretary, following a restructure of the Board and was pro-active in implementing policy and constitutional change for the Association. Peter was considered to be a team player with hundreds of hours spent maintaining dragon boat equipment and repairing heads, tails and drums. He was one of the original sweep assessors in South Australia and was known for his patience and encouragement in developing sweeping skills amongst members.

"Our Mission: To connect people with dragon boating across Australia"

Peter Chaired the Organising Committee for the 1997 Australian Championships which were held at Glenelg, and part of the Organising Committees for the 2005 (10th) Australian Masters Games, the 2003 Australian Championships and the 2016 epic event (Australian Championships, Asian Championships and CCWC). He willingly gave up his time to volunteer for corporate, community and regional events, in addition to competing and representing his club and State at a number of Australian Championships and International events.

AusDBF Hall of Fame – AusDBF is excited to announce the impending launching their own ‘Hall of Fame’ to acknowledge outstanding achievements by individuals in dragon boating in Australia. There will be two categories available 1) Athlete 2) Coach, Race Official, Administrator. Details are still being finalised; however, this is an important step forward for AusDBF to honour individual achievements.

IDBF Hall of Fame – Thank you to all the States who submitted nominations for consideration. The AusDBF Board are reviewing all nominations and will be creating a short list which will be forwarded to the IDBF.

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 have recently been approved:

- National Code of Behaviour
- Adverse Weather Conditions Policy
- AusDBF Health & Safety Policy
- Cyber Security Policy
- Infectious Diseases Procedures & Guidelines
- Sun Protection Guidelines

AusDBF hopes the update of the policies will assist AusDBF Members. Should any Member States wish to submit suggestions for any of our policies, AusDBF would welcome this collaboration.

Pillar 2 – Development

Marketing Working Group (MWG)

The AusDBF Marketing Working Group under the leadership and direction of Deb Moran and Zijing Chu have been working hard on the next campaign. Extending what DBV have rolled out last year with ‘**DragonPass**’ AusDBF will be rolling out ‘**DragonPass**’ nationally following the learnings from DBV. AusDBF will be providing the State Members with the national DragonPass logo and FAQ package which will go through the rollout and how it can be implemented and administered at Club level. ‘DragonPass’ will replace the old ‘come & try’ concept and allow for greater data collection across all levels of the sport.

Key points:

- To create national branding
- Ability for electronic data collection
- DragonPass allows ‘new members’ to come and try the sport for a maximum of 4 weeks as many times as they like including a regatta if there is one available (instead of the old 3/4 sessions).
- Whilst new participants must register with a primary club, if for some reason they find the club not the right fit, DragonPass allows the new participant to trial another club without having to pay additional money. The onus is on the club to make new participants feel welcome and join the sport, rather than leave the sport all together.
- The campaign will be run via social media with a QR code attached.

This is an exciting step forward. AusDBF is aiming to launch the 'DragonPass' by end of August ready for the start of most seasons in the spring.

Marketing Survey – thanks to all the States who encouraged your clubs and members to participate. The findings from this survey will be the starting point to enable a further breakdown on obtaining specific target marketing information. Overall, there was positive feedback provided with the majority of participants thoughts along similar lines. The additional comments will provide AusDBF with further insights into what members perceptions are.

AusDBF will be rebuilding its website, with specific focus on making the landing page more engaging capturing potential participants straight away. There will be the ability to direct them via the DragonPass to the relevant State and in turn Club websites.

Diversity & Inclusion (D&I) Survey

Thanks to all the States who encouraged your clubs and members to participate. AusDBF received a positive response to the survey and will be able to utilise the data to implement Diversity and Inclusion policies and campaigns nationally. The results from the survey will be distributed to States in the coming months. To support the work in the Diversity and Inclusion space, AusDBF will be creating a D&I Working Group, which will require a representative from each State to participate. Please start thinking about a suitable person to contribute to this working group. Further information will be distributed shortly.

revSPORT Users Group (RUG)

AusDBF wishes to thank each of the State representatives who are part of this group. The group was established almost 12 months ago and has been very proactive in sharing experiences and knowledge to better utilise revSPORT nationally.

Martin Hastings has been working hard with each of the State Administrators to ensure the rollover to new financial year goes smoothly and the capturing of data going forward is as accurate as it can possibly be from the bottom up.

A few of the projects being worked on over the coming months include:

- Regatta Module – there are a number of improvements and functionalities being looked at here with the aim to streamline efficiencies for crew list submission and electronic marshalling, online results and ability for clubs to enter other State regattas from their own portals instead of having to be added to State portal where the regatta will be held. The aim is to have the improvements completed by the start of Spring for the next regatta season.
- Injury/Incident reporting module – Investigating the opportunity for when Clubs submit injury/incident reports through their portal (to enable them to keep a record) that there is a box which can be ticked to forward the report to the State and AusDBF to be able to view.
- Investigating the option of State Administrators being able to view accreditations for members from other States. This would be useful to confirm if a visiting member says they are a coach or sweep that they actually are.
- Creation of automated certificates within revSPORT for the Coaches and Race Officials.
- Sweep accreditation upload has almost been completed. Just waiting on one last State to provide their data.
- Following the sweep accreditation upload, AusDBF will be working with each of the State Administrators to upload First Aid Qualification expiry dates. This was determined to be an important part of accreditation because it is a mandatory criterion for both coaches and sweeps to maintain current First Aid Qualification. The benefit in uploading this information into the revSPORT Accreditation module nationally will mean members will receive automated reminders when their expiry is due, which will assist members to remain current.
- There is still ongoing work to clean up the shared National IDs which have impacted on accreditations being allocated to the incorrect person, and the upload of race official attendance at each AusChamps as a record of their participation.

- National Event portal - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events/list/>
Thanks to all the State Administrators who have been pushing their regattas and courses through to the national page, as this provides a wholistic overview as to what is available across Australia for dragon boaters to participate in.

Athletes Commission

Welcomed 2 new members – Daniel Foucar (WA) and Daniel Kim (QLD). Over the coming months the Athletes Commission will be working on rolling out forums via social media with the aim to engage the dragon boat community across a variety of topics with guest speakers and panelists. – Stay tuned for further information when the forums are launched.

Coach Presenters

The AusDBF Coach Presenters have all completed their Level 2 training and are now able to present the Level 2 Coach course within their State (same as Level 1). This is another step forward in the education and development of coaches within Australia. The Level 2 course will be a combination of online modules and face to face learning. Next on the agenda is working through Level 3 Course for which content and resources are due to be completed next year. AusDBF is appreciative of all the hours Rex Tindal has invested into Coach Education.

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/>

Sweeps Committee

DBSA has agreed to film the capsize drill once the weather warms up again, AusDBF is hoping to be able to launch the updated version before Summer starts.

The Sweeps Committee has agreed to be proactive with all the clubs in their State to ensure each club has a number of qualified and skilled sweeps, across the genders and age competition classes, to ensure clubs have the ability to enter their desired competition classes at the 2022 AusChamps without having to apply for exemptions at the last minute. The key is in the planning and encouraging of clubs to train up sweeps as early as possible in the season. This will provide new sweeps with ample opportunity to gain confidence prior to AusChamps.

ROMP Group (Race Officials Mentor Program)

At their last meeting, the ROMP group shared their experiences over the last season and how COVID had changed the landscape of Officials' roles. States are reducing the number of race officials required and investing in the use of technology such as the electronic marshalling process. The ROMP is reviewing the change in skills required by Race Officials moving forward.

All agreed States had a number of Level 1 race officials, but limited Level 2 and 3 therefore more mentoring was required to build up the capacity, knowledge and experience of Level 1 race officials. The Level 2/3 training course and resources is hoping to be released late August/early September. The current online re-accreditations will move across from SurveyMonkey tool to the AusDBF Learning Management System (LMS) over the coming 12 months.

Pillar 3 – Events

Masters Games

DBWA is gearing up to host the Australian Masters Games (15 and 16 October 2021). For 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@inet.net.au

Congratulations goes to the winners of our Masters Games Team Spirit Competition, DA Bendigo for the 50+ Dragon Boat 10's crew event, who won a trip to Rottne Island for the whole team.

AusChamps 2022

DBSA are well under way with the planning for AusChamps next year. Confirmed dates are Tuesday 05 April to Sunday 10 April 2022 inclusive (6th -10th racing days) and hosted at the AM Ramsay Rowing Course, West Lakes.
<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/>

After a 2-year hiatus, it will be wonderful to have the entire dragon boat community back together again for AusChamps, where friendships are bound to be renewed and stories shared from the last two years.

In another initiative AusDBF is finalising the design for an AusChamps logo (similar concept to the Auroras logo) which is aimed at providing consistent branding and recognition for AusChamps in the years ahead. Watch this space for the launch of the AusChamps logo.

AusDBF wishes to thank DBV for hosting the Cross Border Cup and DBQ the Coast-to-Coast Dragon Boat Festival. From feedback received from clubs who attended, both events were given the thumbs up by paddlers. Whilst uniquely different events, they were well received and were able to provide additional racing for clubs who missed out on the opportunity to compete at an AusChamps or to travel to an overseas festival. Word on the street is that both DBV and DBQ are considering including these events again next year as part of their regatta calendars.

Pillar 4 – High Performance

CCWC 2022 – Sarasota, USA

AusDBF has finalised and confirmed all the club entries based on the EOI's received for the IDBF Club Crew World Championships which is scheduled to be held in Sarasota, Florida, USA in 2022 all going well.

15th IDBF World Nations Championships – Hong Kong

Repeating the EDM which was distributed to States on 17 May. Since the beginning of 2021, AusDBF had been continuously planning and monitoring the various obstacles we need to overcome for the Auroras to participate in the 15th IDBF World Nations Championship in Hong Kong.

With the Australian government's announcement that International travel from Australia will unlikely not happen until mid-2022, AusDBF has communicated with IDBF that Australia will not be in a position to send a team to participate in the 15th IDBF World Nations Championships in Hong Kong.

While this is disappointing, AusDBF is working on high performance programs which will include development for athletes, coaches and supporting staff in the latter half of 2021. Once AusDBF has finalised the logistics, the details of the program will be shared with you.

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