



# ANNUAL REPORT

## AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

### 2016 / 2017 SEASON

*Formed in 1997 the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) is the National Sporting Organisation for the sport of Dragon Boating in Australia and is a member of the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC).*

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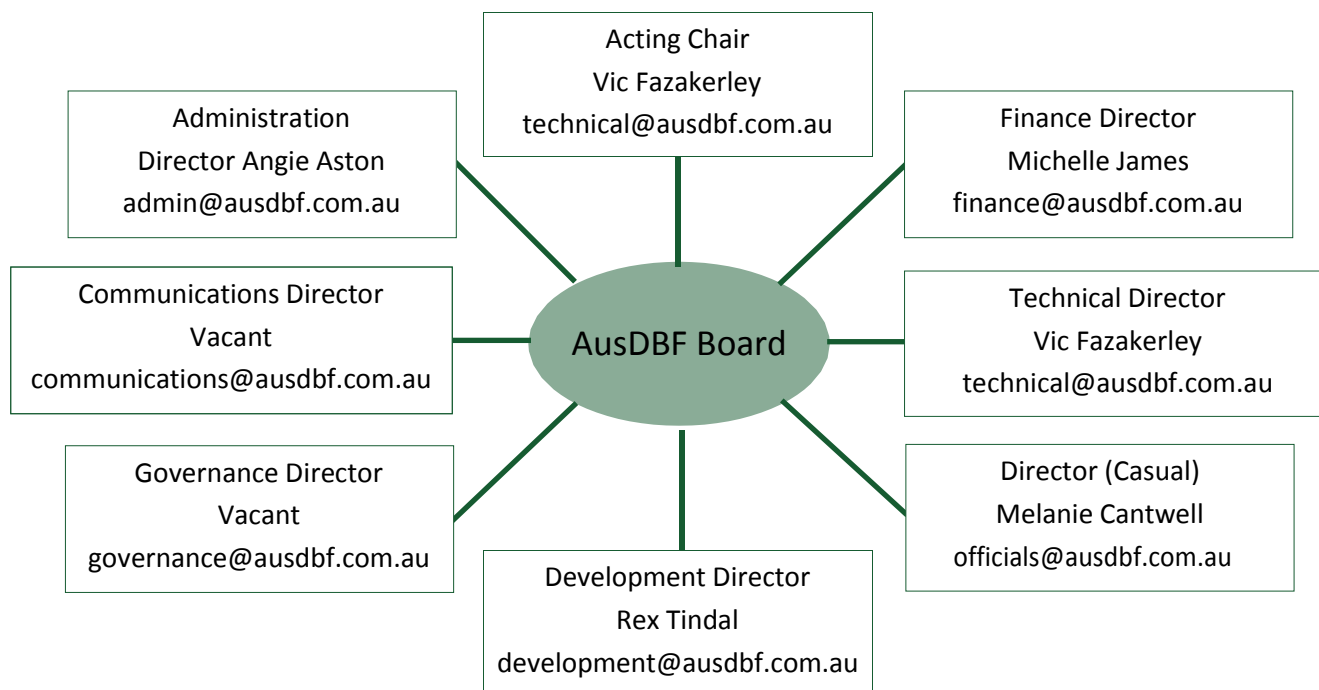
# MEMBERS



## NATIONAL PADDLER NUMBERS

	2016 SEASON			2017 SEASON		
MEMBER	Adults	Juniors	Total	Adults	Juniors	Total
DBTAS	217	2	219	227	1	228
DBWA	340	65	405	390	58	448
DBNSW	2925	311	3236	2931	248	3179
DBV	738	55	793	850	38	888
DBSA	571	7	578	591	15	606
DBACT	392	193	585	430	238	668
DBQ	1445	73	1518	1679	57	1736
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6742</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>7453</b>	<b>7098</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>7753</b>

# AUSDBF STRUCTURE



- All AusDBF Directors are elected as Ordinary Directors. Positions/Portfolios (including the role of President, Finance and Administration Director) are agreed upon and allocated within the AusDBF Board.
- All AusDBF Board members have an equal vote.
- Portfolios/Positions can be changed at the discretion of the Board according to operational requirements.

# CHAIR'S REPORT - VIC FAZAKERLEY

## OUR HISTORY

The Australian Dragon Boat Association Inc was first registered as an association in 1995. Since 2011 AusDBF has been registered as a limited company, Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd, we are 22 years young, and in 2020 will be 25, perhaps a time for celebration.

Next year in Queensland will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> AusChamps. The first AusChamps was in Fremantle in 1996 when, in standard boats over 500m, the Premier Open race was won by Cockburn DBC in 2.03.96, the Premier Women's was won by Fremantle Swan in 2.19.00 and, the Premier Mixed 500m was won by Gold Coast Dragons in 2.01.00. This year in standard boats over 500m the Premier Open was won by Pacific Dragons in 2.01.146, the Premier Women's was won by Komodo in 2.09.051 and the Premier Mixed was won by Yarra River Dragons – Black in 2.02.570. It looks like the women's crews have gotten a lot faster, the Open's a little and the Mixed crews a little slower over the last 22 AusChamps!

## LOOKING BACK ON 2017

Once again it has been a very busy year for AusDBF.

This year AusChamps was held in Albury – Wodonga in regional Victoria. Staging AusChamps in a regional setting is challenging, however the DBV organising committee and volunteers put together a great event which, as we all know takes many months of work to get the event off the ground, thank you. The local Government made a significant contribution to the event for which AusDBF thanks them. The venue was delightful in a rural setting, the rain made the site a little squishy underfoot but the 'abel' bodied bark chip shovelers helped to keep some of the mud under control. At the end of the day I believe you, the paddlers, enjoyed AusChamps and the setting, which makes AusChamps a success.

It has been a challenging year for the Board in being able to fill the full complement of Board positions. At the 2016 AGM, Martin Hastings and Maggie Boyce stepped down. I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication to Dragon Boating and AusDBF, but you don't get away that easily, Martin and Maggie are both working away in the background, thanks. Subsequent to the AGM, Lesa Horntveld resigned, thanks for all your hard work Lesa. At the 2016 AGM Michelle James joined the board as Finance Director and Rex Tindal joined as Development Director, welcome, I hope your time on the Board is fruitful and enjoyable. This left the Board with six members. Unfortunately after AusChamps this year David Abel and Melissa O'Brien resigned to pursue business opportunities. On behalf of AusDBF I would like to thank them for all their hard work; it was great working with you, but again you don't get away that easily. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for assisting with specific projects during the year. This left a band of four Board members and an inquorate Board. I am pleased to say that Melanie Cantwell agreed to join the Board to fill a casual vacancy. As most of you will know, Melanie has a wide knowledge and experience of Dragon Boating and indeed Sports Administration. I would like to welcome Melanie and thank her for joining the Board.

In August, Jo Grant, the AusDBF part time Administration and Accounts Officer resigned, thank you Jo for all the hard work and time put into AusDBF and best wishes for the future. With just five Board Members to run AusDBF everyone is very busy, particularly with busy lives to lead outside of AusDBF. This has meant that responses to Members questions have taken a little longer than desirable to respond, I thank you for your understanding and patience.

I sincerely hope that at the 2017 AGM there will be a number of nominations for AusDBF Board positions so that all positions can be filled and the work load spread.

At the end of March IDBF had confirmed that the World Championships would be split between France and China. The Junior and U24 World Championships would be at Divonne-Les-Bains in France, and run concurrently with the EDBF Club Crew Championships. The Premier and Senior World Championships would be run in China. This added a significant work load to the Board and in particular Angie Aston who as the Team Manager for the Auroras had to organise two overseas campaigns. Thanks Angie for all your dedicated hard work.

The Auroras campaign lead by AusDBF Head Coach Serghei Cusa to France was a great success with a medal tally of 6 Gold; 10 Silver and 9 Bronze. Congratulations to all in the team, your hard work and dedication to training paid off. I will leave the juicy details of the campaign for Rex Tindal, Development Director, to report on. On behalf of AusDBF I do thank all the Coaches and Team Mangers for their part in such a successful campaign.

I was fortunate enough to be in France at the Championships and attended the Auroras team dinner before the racing. What a wonderful sight to see a room full of young people, 104 athletes, in their team uniforms ready to represent Australia at a World Dragon Boat Championship.

The Auroras Campaign to Kunming in China medal tally was 5 Gold, 19 Silver and 12 Bronze medals. Congratulations to everyone, athletes, coaches and team managers on a job well done and again I will leave it to Rex to fill in the details.

## LOOKING FORWARD

In 2018 AusChamps will return to Queensland, Kawana Waters and be hosted by DBQ. The change of venue for 2018 is designed to coincide with the lead up to the Commonwealth Games and the unique opportunities to show case our sport in the lead up to the Games. It does mean that AusChamps will be early, beginning of March, and the order of events amended to show the best of the best Australian State teams race on Sunday to get maximum media and public exposure. I thank DBNSW and DBQ for agreeing to change their hosting years for AusChamps in order to take full advantage of the opportunities.

I am not one for dwelling on the past other than learning from the experience, trying to do better and looking for a new direction. In this vein, the AusDBF Board has agreed to appoint a full-time person to undertake the day to day running of AusDBF.

Since being on the AusDBF Board I have realised that the Board is very much a hands-on management Board. This can leave little time for the Board to act strategically as might be more usual with an organisational Board. The Board should be choosing the destination and setting the course for the ship, leaving the running to operational personnel. In addition, the amount of work that has fallen to the reduced number of Board members and recently the resignation of our Accounts and Administration Officer has become somewhat overwhelming at times. The Board anticipates that the role will be expanded from administration and accounting. This is a new step for AusDBF, one which I am sure will benefit our sport.

Lastly, this is my final term on the AusDBF Board, having completed three albeit some short terms due to the introduction of our new constitution. It has been a pleasure to serve Australian Dragon Boaters and I feel particularly honoured that the Board selected me to take over the Chair during the year. I wish the incoming Board all the best and, as with others who have served on the Board, I'm sure I won't get away that easily.

Thank you all.

**Vic Fazakerley**



# ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - ANGIE ASTON

This report begins with a HUGE thank you to those people who have so patiently supported me as I undertook to manage the two roles of AusDBF Administrative Director and Auroras General Manager, simultaneously since July 2016.

When this situation originally was proposed, it was believed that the World Championships would be held in China in August 2017, and the Board members were certain they could provide the necessary back-up needed, complemented by the support of our admin/finance officer. We recognised it would be a busy time but should be a manageable possibility. Having easy access to the Board members for quick turnarounds with decisions; overseas experience both as a paddler and as a manager; plenty of organisational event experience; and knowing most of the appointed managers/ coaches, were all presented as reasons why it couldn't fail to work.

The reality however, was a different story in that *change* was the constant for the entire period such as:

- World Championships dates/locations changed twice;
- National Championships dates/location changed;
- Unexpected Board vacancies;
- 2 managers and two coaches stepped down from the Auroras.

That we have now finished our most successful World Championships campaign resulting in a medal haul of 61 medals, no major mishaps and continuing to hold our place as a serious world contender across all age brackets, is a testament to the over-abiding energy and commitment you all give to this sport.

During this past year, within the Administrative portfolio, the key areas of activity have included:

- Attendance at all Board meetings (teleconference or face-to-face)
- Meeting minutes accurately transcribed, and decisions recorded.
- Outstanding actions followed up as necessary
- Maintenance of the Board meetings/teleconferences calendar
- Agenda items called for, and papers circulated in a timely manner.
- Arrangements for Board Face-to-Face meetings (3 pa) or General Members meeting (agenda preparation, flights, accommodation, catering, communication)
- Managing/expediting communications, invitations, travel insurance and visa arrangements with international sporting bodies, clubs and individual competitors
- Provision of copy, proof-reading for Australian Championships 2017 program
- Development and updating of AusDBF website
- Liaising with DBNSW at Sports House, Sydney Olympic Park for the AusDBF desk space

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

At every Board meeting, (teleconference or face-to-face), David Nairn, as Chair of the 2017 National Championships in Albury Wodonga, would attend to report on progress-to-date. The Board endeavoured at all times to provide advice and/or direction as needed; ensuring invoices were paid on time, and vendor contracts processed and signed, etc.

However, the Organising Committee appeared to be well in control, almost anticipating any questions coming from the Board before they were asked. Huge congratulations go to Dragon Boat Victoria and the members of the Organising Committee and the officials who worked diligently, often in the pouring rain, to ensure that races were kept on track and accidents/incidents both on and off water were kept to an absolute minimum. Everyone felt safe and happy, even while we all wallowed in the mud; the one element that could not have been foreseen. David Abel, our Chair, was even seen 'hands on' – spreading soil or bark chips from the Council to soak up the water.

Feedback from across Australia has been very positive about the venue, the vendors, the merchandise, and the racing including the 100m relay event introduced this year. Let's hope this becomes a regular item on the race calendar.

Jo Grant, our industrious Admin/Finance Officer, barely left her seat/computer in the Admin demountable as she compiled race results, and tallied statistics. Thanks Jo for all your efforts.

As well as providing advice/direction for the National Championships, the Board organised the Opening Ceremony and the President's Drinks held subsequent to the Opening Ceremony, to welcome and thank the local dignitaries for their support; to thank the Organising Committee members and to present awards to those who have gone above and beyond in the course of their volunteer duties during the year. This year, the Board recognised the

efforts of Phil Reader, the 'voice' at the start line, and awarded Life Membership to Loretta Lewis in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the sport through her time on the AusDBF Board; her efforts as Auroras Team Manager; and for her continued interest and involvement in the sport through her role as Assistant Treasurer on the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) Board.

In addition, the Board provided tablets (electronic kind) for the officials to help them communicate and record races rather than relying on paper.

The AusDBF Board is now working with Dragon Boat Queensland and the 2018 Organising Committee to conduct the National Championships at Lake Kawana on the Sunshine Coast.

### **Auroras General Manager & Admin Director – both busy roles!**

It is extremely heartening to note that there are more nominations than positions available on the AusDBF Board and it is hoped that, with the appropriate skill base that should be acquired, those items of business that have been slightly overlooked these past few months, will be immediately addressed. We have endeavoured to keep the website up-to-date, but without a regular admin/finance person in place, it's been slightly hit and miss; a situation that is not acceptable to any of us.

As the Auroras General Manager since July 2016, so much time was overtaken with 'urgent' matters such as ensuring the Aurora paddlers were adequately fed, watered and equipped for each of their training camps, and appropriately kitted out, transported and prepared for their overseas campaigns; that Admin Director almost took a back seat. Moving forward, the Board has determined to review the paid position of admin/finance officer, and to re-consider any suggestion that an active Board member could ever take on an additional volunteer role (such as General Manager), and expect to exceed in either capacity.

My biggest personal challenge this year has been trying to accept that it was impossible to meet my expectations of what each role should achieve. I reluctantly agreed to take on the Auroras General Manager role knowing that the Board was having difficulty finding someone; and it was a constant encouragement to work with such willing and committed coaches/managers, and to work closely with Serghei Cusca, a true professional who excels at challenging everyone to exceed their own self-imposed limits. I was privileged to watch how every paddler



improved and blossomed under Serghei's patient and persistent teaching. I am also personally very grateful for his protection and constant support, ensuring everyone was clear about their particular role in the campaign, and that no one took on more than necessary. Also, getting to know so many paddlers from across Australia has made the General Manager role worthwhile. However, a role on the AusDBF Board, requires diligence, time and a constant focus on the sport as it applies to all paddlers in Australia.

Therefore, my recommendation for the future is that a General Manager is groomed and supported by the AusDBF Board, but does not attempt to sit on the Board simultaneously!

### **Moving Forward**

The new Board will be kept busy this year simply dealing with the day-to-day issues that arise and ensuring they are looking forward in the development of the sport. A comment was made in an Annual report a few years ago about 'old resentments, deep wounds and misdeeds, either real and imagined' damaging the sport. It was very disappointing to read that, and to discover, that to some extent, these feelings are sometimes still evident. The Board has been working hard in the past two years to overcome any negativity by being as transparent and responsive as possible. It is hoped that this will continue. I have been pleased to represent the sport on the Board and if I am re-elected will endeavour to devote my time to supporting and promoting this sport. However, if this is my last term, then I am grateful to those Board members, past and present, who have given me such an excellent education.

Thank you,

**Angie Aston**



# AUSDBF BOARD MEETINGS

AusDBF Board Meetings attended by Board Directors as of last AGM 11th December 2016

	<b>F2F meetings held (3)</b>	<b>Teleconferences held (11)</b>
	18/04/2017	10/01/2017
	17/6/2017	07/02/2017
	09/09/2017	07/03/2017
		11/04/2017
		09/05/2017
		25/05/2017
		11/07/2017
		15/08/2017 (inquorate)
		21/08/2017
		04/10/2017
		08/11/2017
<b>Name of Director</b>		
David Abel	1	5
Angie Aston	3	11
Melanie Cantwell	2	4
Victor Fazakarley	3	9
Lesa Horntvedt	0	0
Michelle James	3	11
Melissa O'Brien	0	5
Rex Tindal	3	10

# DEVELOPMENT/HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT - REXTINDAL

## LEVEL 1 COACHING COURSE – DURATION OF CURRENCY 4 YEARS

Since July 2016 there has been over 120 participants attend the new Level 1 two-day coaching course. Of this number 112 coaches have been accredited or reaccredited with the remainder completing their post course requirements.

Feedback from the Level 1 coaching courses have indicated that the two-day course is more orientated towards Dragon Boating rather than just general principles, risk management and safety.

### AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course Presenters Appointed in Australia are:

**QLD:** Micah Roberts \*•, Maggie Boyce \* ^

**NSW:** Tanya White ^, Mary Davis \*, Sylvia Wong, Chris Cheung ^ •, Anni Yaringa, Debbie Clarke

**ACT:**

**VIC:** Jeff Saunders \*

**TAS:** Alison Mourant \* •

**SA:** John Holland\* •

**WA:** Rex Tindal \* ^

### Legend:

\* Completed Level 2 Coaching Course, ^ Experienced Auroras Coach, • Experienced Auroras Paddler

### Level 1 Coaching Reaccreditation

We now have in place options for Level 1 coaches to gain reaccreditation.

The Level 1 Coaching Course Accreditation has an expiry date of four years from its date of issue. At that time, in order to continue coaching coaches must either:

- 1) Upgrade their accreditation to the next level of coaching e.g. Level 2.
- 2) repeat the AusDBF Level 1 two-day Coaching Course in its entirety
- 3) update their accreditation through the re-accreditation process by completing a requisite number of updating education and / or activities totalling 80 hours.

It should be noted that coaches who were accredited under the one-day course are required to repeat the AusDBF Level 1 - Coaching Course in its entirety

If electing to do the reaccreditation process via the 80 hours rather than repeat the AusDBF Level 1 coaching course the following are the requirements:

### Updating

Updating is a policy that requires coaches to complete a variety of activities over the accreditation period to ensure quality coaching by maintaining current knowledge and practice at the level of their accreditation.

### Practical Coaching

Fifty per cent of the required updating hours (40 hours) must be completed through practical coaching.

Half of these practical coaching hours can be self-monitored through the use of a coaching logbook. The other half of the practical coaching hours must be signed off in the logbook by an authorised coach within dragonboating (state or regional coaching director or a coach with a higher level of qualification or an authorized AusDBF Level 1 Coach presenter).

Practical coaching can be undertaken with any level of athlete or team and may occur on a regular basis (weekly, fortnightly) or in specific situations such as camps, clinics.

The remainder of the updating hours can be completed by any combination of the following activities:

### **Coach Education**

- Lecture/attendance at a coaching course
- Become a mentor for another coach
- Supervise coaching practice hours for another coach
- Write and / or publish an article related to an aspect of coaching

### **Self-Education**

- Sport specific coaching seminar
- General coaching seminar (e.g. conducted through a state coaching centre, state institute/academy, Department. Sport and Recreation)
- Disability Education Program modules
- Sports Medicine Australia Sports Trainers course
- Recognised First Aid course
- Sports massage course
- Sports Administration course
- Leadership/communication training programs (for related topics)
- Attend another NCAS course e.g. Level 1 Swimming course
- Observe a coaching/officiating session of a senior coach/official
- Become a member of dragon boating's Coaches or Officials Association
- Other negotiated activities may be included in this category.

### **Coaching History:**

During the four-year period, the coach will be required to fulfil the following:

- Be actively involved in coaching dragon boating as part of a coaching team or working individually for at least three years during the length of the four year accreditation period.
- Produce sample records from coaching history such as training plans, training diary, mentoring sessions etc.
- Hold current membership of a State Association for a minimum of three years of the four year term of the accreditation.

## **Further Coaching Development/Education.**

Produce attendance records for the following:

- Attendance at coaching education courses – provide receipts for courses
- Attendance at IDBF, AusDBF, State Association convened coaching and development seminars (e.g. IDBF Coaching Workshop held in Adelaide 2016)
- Enrolment in professional development activities / courses - leadership, management, general sport development – provide receipts or have presenter sign work book
- Enrolment in complimentary physical skills course e.g., strength & conditioning, sports strapping, stretching & flexibility courses, sports nutrition or the like which will add value to coaching abilities – provide enrolment receipts for courses
- Coaching leadership – participation as club coaching coordinator, mentoring coaches
- Writing coaching articles, presentations and resources developed – supply copies or electronic links to material

## **LEVEL 2 COACHING COURSE – DURATION OF CURRENCY 3 YEARS**

To date three Level 2 coaching courses have been run (two at the Docklands Boating Hub, Melbourne and one at Port Macquarie NSW). We currently have 29 accredited Level 2 coaches and 13 completing their post course requirements.

### **ASC Coaches Database – Transfer to NSO**

The ASC has transferred the responsibility of maintaining coach databases and creating / maintaining coaching courses to the NSOs. As part of this process NSOs must upgrade their coaching courses so that they comply with the ASC course framework. Dangerous Minds are currently applying the ASC framework to the current AusDBF Level 1, 2, and 3 courses. Part of this piece of work is incorporating the Athletes Pathway guidelines.

### **AusDBF National Coaches Database.**

With the transfer of responsibilities from ASC (regarding coaches) AusDBF has created a new National coach database and it is currently being merged with the old data from the ASC coach database. Once completed all states will have access to one national coach database. This will be useful given the increasing number of coaches relocating to another state due to work activities.

## **LEVEL 3 COACHING COURSE – DURATION OF CURRENCY 3 YEARS**

The Level 3 coaching course is currently being reviewed by Dangerous Minds as part of the application of the ASC framework to all AusDBF Coaching courses.

## **AURORA'S DEVELOPMENT**

The Auroras continue to grow in standing and capabilities. However, the Auroras 2017 campaign has been a long drawn out process. Selections for all divisions took place between July – December 2016 aiming to compete in Kunming, China in August 2017. However, due to water quality problems the 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships had to be postponed until October 2017.

Due to final and end of year exams for students in Australia, Canada, Great Britain this postponement wasn't acceptable. So, 2017 was the first time an IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships was split between Juniors / U24 and Seniors and held in two different countries and two different dates.

The Junior / U24 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships were held in Divonne-Les-Bain, France 22<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the Senior 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships were held in Kunming, China 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.

### **Junior / U24 Divonne-Les-Bain results**

## **The future of Australian Dragon Boating excelled at the 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Junior / U24 Dragon Boat Championships**



**6 Gold**

**10 Silver**

**9 Bronze**

The 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Junior / U24 Dragon Boat Championship saw record numbers of countries in attendance. 12 countries competed at the championships in Divonne-Les-Bain France in July 2017.

U16: 6 Gold, 6 Silver, 2 Bronze

U18: 4 Silver, 2 Bronze

U24: 5 Bronze

Auroras Head Coach, Serghei Cucsă was pleased with the outcome given the high standard of the competition.

Divisional Coaches Mary Weaver, Sally Gates, Rex Tindal, Christopher Alexandrou expressed their thanks for being allowed to work with Australia's elite Junior / U24 Dragon Boat athletes.

"It has been amazing to see the high level of improvement they have been able to achieve both on and off the water since we first engaged with them at the selection camp."

Several of the U24 paddlers who competed in Divonne-Les-Bain were also selected to compete in the Premier division of the 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships held in Kunming, China. The Divonne-Les-Bain competition was a very valuable experience and allowed them exposure to the level of competition expected in Kunming, China.

It has been demonstrated over the last 3 Aurora campaigns how the focus, control and determination that the Juniors / U24 have been able to inject into their Dragon Boat experience has also flowed onto their academic and future career opportunities.

AusDBF wishes to congratulate Australia's elite Junior / U24 Dragon Boat athletes on their achievements in Divonne-Les-Bain, France and wish them all the best for their future academic, career and sporting endeavours.



## Premiers, Senior A, B, C Kunming, China Results

**The Future + the Heart & Soul of Australian Dragon Boating serve up a meal of sizzling Kunming Dragon at the 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat championships Kunming, China 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.**



**5 Gold**

**19 Silver**

**12 Bronze**

The 13<sup>th</sup> IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships Kunming, China 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 saw best ever performances for all divisions.

Auroras Head Coach, Serghei Cucsă was very pleased with the outcome given the number of countries entered and the high standard of the competition.

Divisional Coaches Christopher Alexandrou, Martin Pavelka, Christopher Cheung, Maggie Boyce expressed their thanks for being allowed to work with Australia's elite Dragon Boat athletes.

"The postponement of the 13<sup>th</sup> World Nations Dragon Boat Championships meant that athletes had an additional 3 months of training. Their focus, control and determination over this period allowed them to gain a high level of improvement both on and off the water since their selection camps. The overall results demonstrate the level of improvements since the Canada campaign. It was pleasing to see that several of the Premier paddlers who competed as U24s in Divonne-Les-Bain in July were able to use this experience to assist the Premiers in their amazing achievements"

The Premiers, Senior A, B, C paddlers were able to demonstrate in Kunming, China that they are the Future + the Heart & Soul of Australian Dragon Boating. They were able to grow on the ongoing spirit and passion of the AusDBF Auroras by showing that they do have One Heart, One Soul, One Team, and One Goal because they are Australia.

### Divisional Results as follows:

<b>Premiers</b>		<b>2 Bronze</b>
<b>Senior A</b>	<b>9 Silver</b>	<b>2 Bronze</b>
<b>Senior B</b>	<b>5 Gold 3 Silver</b>	<b>3 Bronze</b>
<b>Senior C</b>	<b>7 Silver</b>	<b>5 Bronze</b>

AusDBF wishes to congratulate Australia's elite Dragon Boat athletes on their achievements in Kunming, China and wish them all the best for their future academic, career and sporting endeavours.

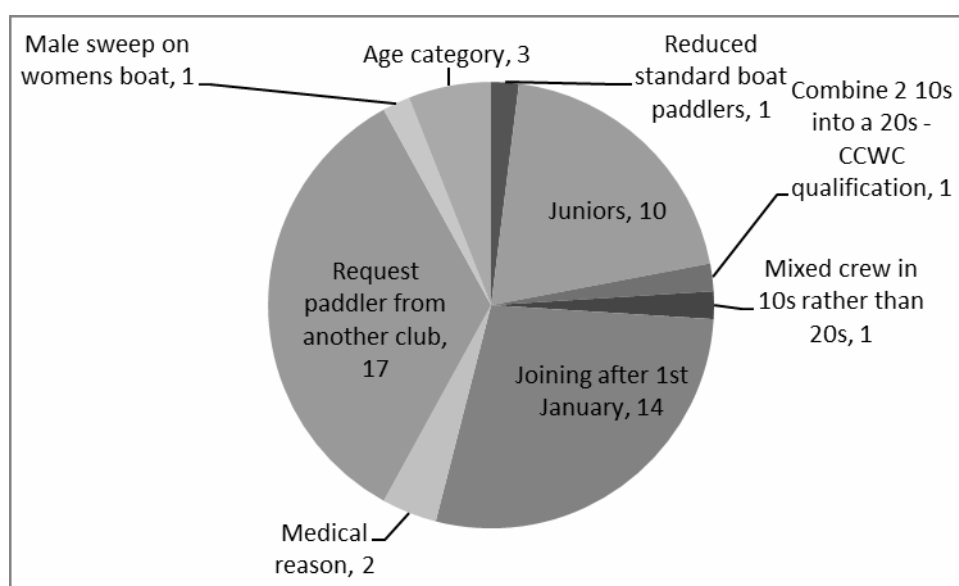
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**Rex Tindal**

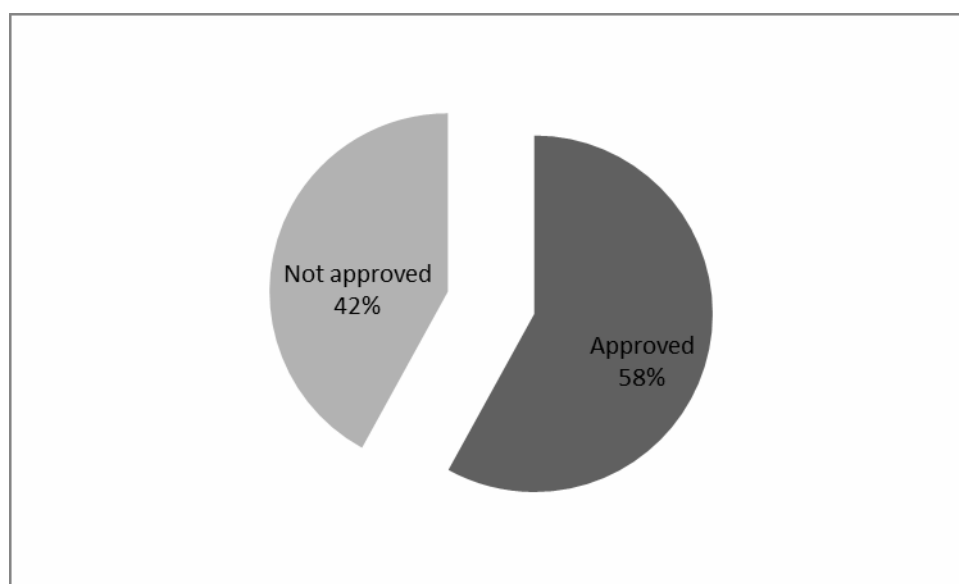
## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR REPORT - VIC FAZAKERLEY

This year AusChamps was held in Albury-Wodonga in regional Victoria. As with all race sites that are not dedicated race venues there are technical challenges and a lot of work in setting up the site for AusChamps in order to provide paddlers with a fair course to race on. The Organising Committee did a great job in putting the site together from a technical perspective in what was a very picturesque setting. In addition, and on behalf of AusDBF, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the Race Officials and Volunteers who were involved in the events for a job well done, you did your part to make AusChamps a success.

Each year AusDBF receives a number of exemption applications from clubs who want to race at AusChamps. This year 50 exemption applications were received. The pie chart below illustrates the breakdown of those exemption applications.



The pie chart below shows the percentage of exemption applications that AusDBF approved and the percentage that were not approved.



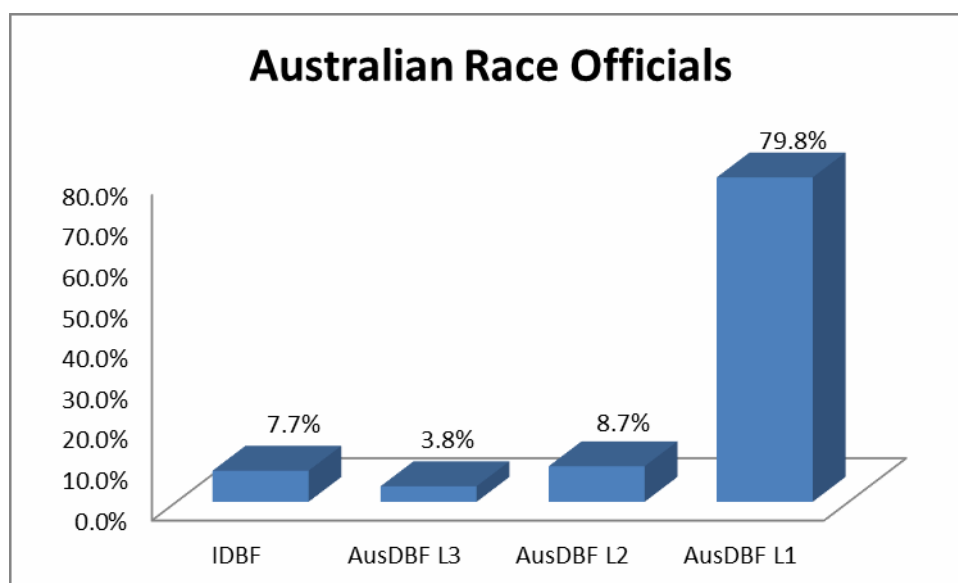
The 21 exemption applications that were not approved all comprised applications for:

- 17 - Requesting a crew member from another club to compete for a club to which they are not a financial member; a contravention of Competition Regulation 3.1.3
- 1 - Requesting a male to sweep a women's crew; a contravention of Competition Regulation 2.1.2
- 3 - Requesting a crew member to compete in an age division for which they do not qualify; a contravention of Competition Regulation 2.2

I trust this provides some useful information and gives an insight into what exemption applications AusDBF will approve and not approve. An underlying principle that AusDBF applies to the approval or non-approval of exemption requests is to have a level playing field for all crews in-order to find the best club crews to qualify for IDBF's CCWC.

The database of Australian race officials has now been exported into the Revolutionise system used by AusDBF. The data requires cleansing and verification before use.

Currently there are 366 Australian race officials comprising 292 AusDBF Grade 1, 32 AusDBF Grade 2, 14 AusDBF Grade 3 and 28 with IDBF race official accreditation at various levels. The chart below shows the percentage distribution of the race officials. It is very pleasing to see so many accredited race officials the challenge going forward is for the level 1 race officials to further their experience and take on more responsibility by upgrading to level 2 and 3.



In the last year five race official courses were held around the country from which 54 people successfully completed their Grade 1 exams and are now inducted into the AusDBF family of race officials. Four people successfully completed their upgrade to level 2 and two people upgraded to level 3, congratulations to all.

I would like to thank Melanie Cantwell for all the time and effort she has put into developing Australian Race Officials and conducting race official exams across the country.

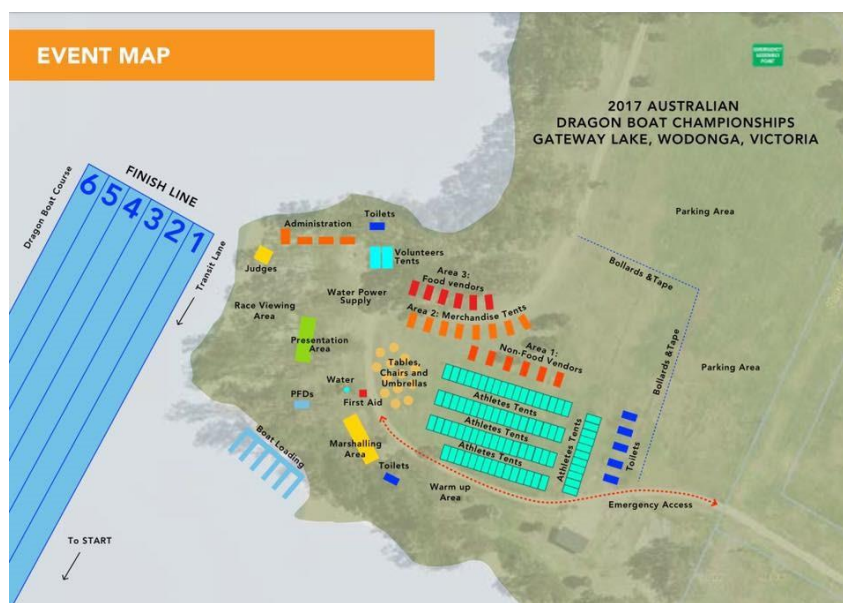
The AusDBF Competition and Technical Committee (C&TC) continued its work in reviewing and recommending amendments to the AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing (CR&RoR). This year the CR&RoR have been rewritten mainly for points of clarification and reformatted. There are some significant amendments in the latest version that Members should note:

- Provide for Junior Under 16 age division and Junior Under 18 age division
- Small boat is no longer a development pathway
- Qualifying years for CCWC and clarification on accepting a qualifying position
- Racing lanes at least 13 m wide
- Entry forms via online system that AusDBF uses
- No changes to crew list after submission
- Add procedures for electrical storm
- Crew to marshal 2-3 race prior to their race
- Add rules for 100m relay

Members are encouraged to read the latest version of the AusDBF CR&RoR available from the AusDBF web site.

Thank you

**Vic Fazakerly**



## DIRECTOR REPORT - MELANIE CANTWELL

Having previously served 2 terms on the AusDBF Board (2002 to 2007) and (2008 to 2012) I was honored when the AusDBF Board asked would I consider being appointed on the Board until the AGM, which I accepted. After a break of five (5) years it has been an interesting experience to return to AusDBF, whilst there has been a number of improvements and changes (as one would expect), it's also been comforting to be able to step back in and be able to assist using my knowledge and experience attained over the years.

Whilst Vic has held onto the Technical portfolio, both of us have been working very closely on updating the Competition Rules and Regulations and the Australian Championships Hosting Guidelines. In addition to these two (2) large pieces of work I have been assisting each of the Directors where possible.

Vic has included in his report the current numbers of Officials in Australia. AusDBF is very fortunate to have a core group of very experienced Officials both nationally and internationally who bring a diverse wealth of expertise and professionalism to AusChamps each year. It is pleasing to know they are willing to mentor Officials moving through the officiating pathways to ensure there is continuous succession planning and depth of officials available at all levels and knowledge is being transferred.

What seems to have been a moving object with the 2018 AusChamps finally settled in QLD at Kawana in early March, I would like to thank the DBQ Board and their Organising Committee for moving so quickly to ensure the major infrastructure has been locked down, communications on a regular basis are already being had with Council, so they can now start to focus their attention on the smaller details which bring the AusChamps together. I think we would all acknowledge early March is not ideal for AusChamps, as it throws out State Championships, making them much earlier in the season than they would otherwise be. That said the States should all be acknowledged for seeing the bigger picture and amending their season calendars to incorporate this one-off change and opportunity. I am looking forward to going back to Kawana for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

Many thanks to the current Board – Vic, Angie, Rex and Michelle for making me feel so welcome. They are a hard working group of volunteers who certainly give up plenty of time for AusDBF and the benefit of all paddlers.

**Melanie Cantwell**



## FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT - MICHELLE JAMES

This is my first report for AUSDBF as Finance Director and this year has been a steep learning curve for me especially filling the shoes of Martin Hastings who was an excellent Finance Director. In my time with the Board there has been a number of changes within the Board along with the resignation of Jo Grant, our Administration officer which has added extra challenges.

The accounting system continues with AUSDBF financials being managed in a cloud based program which is working well. The advantage of the cloud based program is that live data is accessible to our Administration staff

member and Business Manager which eliminates the issue of us being in different states. The wholly owned subsidiary Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd is managed with in MYOB which is also cloud based. The wholly owned subsidiary was established for the Adelaide triple event in 2016.

### AUSCHAMPS

In 2017 the AUSCHAMPS was hosted by Dragon Boat Victoria in Albury and this was managed in Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd under the rights agreement between AUSDBF and Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd. Well done to the Dragon Boat Victoria and their team of volunteers who put on a very successful event.

This year was the first year where the invoicing for the AUSCHAMPS for the entries into the competition was based on boat entry price by club instead of per paddler. The clubs were charged per boat, be it small or standard. The Early Bird and Normal fee set by AUSDBF was based on the fees received for the Adelaide AUSCHAMPS based on paddler numbers and the number of boats entered. The AUSDBF change in pricing did not create any extra profit for AUSDBF and not the motivation behind the change.

The change was instigated for the following reasons:-

1. to alleviate the administrative work load for both AUSDBF and more importantly,
2. to allow AUSDBF to create a the first race draw in a timely manner for all which would be of great assistance to the clubs

The change in invoicing for the AUSCHAMPS worked reasonably well but there were two areas of concern.

Firstly, the Early Bird invoicing, some clubs registered via REVO but did not pay by the due date. The conditions of Early Bird were detailed on the AUSDBF website. Also, when entering a Boat via REVO there was a check box which the administrator needed to check acknowledging the conditions prior to proceeding to the booking. It is important to note this was an issue with some clubs, but we had 58 Clubs making Early Bird bookings and only 8 clubs did not pay their Early Bird fee by the due date and were subsequently charged an extra fee.

Secondly, some of the Clubs were concerned with how they invoiced their individual paddlers who competed at AUSCHAMPS. The invoicing of individual paddlers is not the responsibility of AUSDBF; but concerns have been raised by Clubs. One scenario that clubs adopted was to invoice their paddlers by dividing a standard boat by 22 to strike a paddler fee, this had the potential to disadvantage a paddler/sweep/drummer who entered numerous events. Another scenario may be to set a daily fee per paddler. This scenario results in paddlers who are in less events subsidising those who have entered more events. Each scenario would be different, and Clubs will need to ascertain how many boats they are entering and then work out the best option to invoice their paddlers for their participation.

### AURORAS

The Auroras campaign this year resulted in a compounding of administration due to the campaigns being split between the Juniors/Under 24s competing in Divonne-Les-Bains, France between 27<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and



the Adult crew competing in Kunming China between the 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017. This has impacted on the financials as the campaigns were split over two financial years. The Juniors/Under 24s campaign preparation was a short lead time and resulted in higher costs to the participants due to the location and high cost of accommodation as it was peak season in Divonne. You will note that the Trade Receivables and the Australian Team Revenue is higher than in the prior year and this is as a direct result of the invoicing of the Junior Campaign at the end of the 2017 financial year. Both campaigns are now completed and both very successful but there are administrative lessons that I have learned from the process and I will be working closely with the Board and Auroras Head Team Manager to streamline the invoicing processes for upcoming Aurora Campaigns.

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2017 Financial Statements for AUSDBF and consolidated with the wholly owned subsidiary Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd are included in this report and these have been audited by Dickenson's Accountants.

Overall the Audited Financial reports show a solid 2017 financial year for AUSDBF and Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd. I have continued the analysis carried out by Martin in previous years to provide more details to be read in conjunction with the Audited Report.

Source of funds	2017	%	2016	%	2015	%
Paddler levy	153,720	63%	155,135	84%	149,386	67%
Regatta Surplus	47,000	19%	-	0%	44,906	20%
Courses (Net)	17,902	7%	12,623	7%	10,035	5%
Sundry income	7,824	3%	4,087	2%	7,137	3%
Membership	4,000	2%	4,500	2%	4,500	2%
Interest income	1,236	1%	3,356	2%	3,099	1%
International levy	10,575	4%	4,234	2%	2,416	1%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>242,257</b>		<b>183,935</b>		<b>221,479</b>	<b>100%</b>

Expenditure	2017	%	2016	%	2015	%
Loss on Asian Champs	0		84718	34%	3127	1%
Travel	12872	9%	31353	13%	52319	23%
Auroras Coaching and Support	27982	20%	26623	11%	29105	13%
Bookkeeping/Admin	19862	14%	25644	10%	41928	18%
Other Admin Exp.	4658	3%	22409	9%	29978	13%
Training and Development	4356	3%	14707	6%	3440	2%
Depreciation on Assets	20285	14%	13811	6%	12865	6%
Wages and associated costs	35248	25%	0	0%	0	0%
Marketing Sponsorship	8081	6%	6608	3%	7271	3%
Accounting/Audit Fees	6700	5%	6395	3%	6195	3%
IDBF/ADBF travel/membership	1399	1%	360	0%	9229	4%
	<b>141442</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>232628</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>195457</b>	<b>85%</b>

In conclusion, I appreciate the support provided to me by the current Board members as they have assisted me learn the machinations of the AUSDBF Board. The next year will provide AUSDBF with challenges and I look forward to working with the new Board to work through these.

**Michelle James**

# HEAD COACH REPORT, FRANCE 2017 - SERGHEI CUCSA

The European part of the World Championships has finished.

104 athletes, 3 team managers, 4 team coaches (originally there were 5 coaches), General Australian team manager and Head coach actively participated in this campaign.

The initial selection was done in Canberra. Unfortunately, later on, we lost a lot –of paddlers, drummers, sweeps, manager and coach during preparation due to injuries, financial and family problems. Most of them were successfully replaced.

The training program and structure of the campaign was designed and supplied to all athletes and coaches. Constant supervision and recording (training diaries) of the training were put into place for monitoring athletes. I believe that everyone trained hard. We compared video records from the selection camp and the last day of the training camp. The improvement of every single athlete was significant.

The last stage of preparation was designed to build the racing boat configuration and speed development. We used two short camps (3 days and 2 days) with 1 day off between the camps in Australia and two half training days in Divonne.

The first part (final team set up and technique) was achieved successfully but we didn't develop enough speed to be competitive at the short distance (200m racing). We got our best results in 2000m.

Paddling technique and performance in all our teams was very good. U16 athletes were physically on par or fitter than their opposition. U18 and U24 teams were significantly physically weaker than our competition and this factor was shown clearly on in the results of the races.

A quick change of weather (compared to Southern states) and high intensity drills during camps created a lot of injuries and illness in the team on the first three days of the camps. These factors significantly reduced the team's ability to develop maximum speed and racing speed endurance. 27 jars of Manuka honey and 5-6 kg of lemons were used during training camps and competitions to keep paddlers healthy.

The facilities in Maroochydore were great, food was good and the volume of the food was adjusted to our needs. Staff were also great and very helpful. The water conditions were good, there was easy access to water and boats. Very good variety of the training venues.

All coaches did a great job working in their own divisions although there were some negative disputes between divisions, making everyone's job unnecessarily harder. In the end, we all found the right solutions for the problems and the end result was very good. All athletes received at least one medal and the spirit in the team at the end of the campaign was great.

Summarising all above, my advice for the future is:

1. Make the first training camp earlier in the campaign to give kids more time for the adaptation and to recover after high intensity impact training. Have a longer break (1-3 weeks) and preferably with the last camp at the racing site (as in previous campaigns). This will give us a safer environment and more controlled preparation (less injuries and sickness);
2. Reinforce fitness training for the U18 and U24 athletes;
3. Keep the training camps separate and where possible the accommodation for adults and juniors teams;
4. I highly recommend using Maroochydore facilities for future campaigns;

5. Junior teams should travel overseas together as one/two units, it is much easier to supervise them;
6. I would advise IDBF to introduce only one junior age division – U18 (there is not enough competition in U16 division);
7. Campaigns like this are very important for the future of the sport and we have to support them as much as we can

Unfortunately, we had two broken Burnwater paddles during the competition. They were sent to the supplier for assessment and replacement.

I will leave it to Angie to give full assessment for the divisional managers. I would just like to say a very big thank you to all of them for the great job they've done at the camps and during competition.

I would like to thank BRD and Sea Serpents dragon boat clubs for the supply of the dragon boats for the camps. Special thank you to Ross and Maggie Boyce for organising two additional 10's boats and last but not least huge thank you to Blair Gamble for taking care of the AusDBF Dragon boats and the power boat.

Medal tally for this part of the 2017 campaign: **Gold 6; Silver 10; Bronze 9.** Kind regards,

**Serghei Cucsa**

Head Coach AusDBF

11 August 2017



# HEAD COACH REPORT, CHINA 2017 - SERGHEI CUCSA

## 17 IDBF 2017 World Championships Kunming, China

### Total Medal Tally: 36 - Gold 5; Silver 19; Bronze 12

The preparation for this competition started more than a year ago. It was a long campaign with changing dates for competitions and the splitting of one competition into two.

I believe that the general structure of the campaign was correct and worked well. Preliminary selection in the states was organised and held in a very professional manner. A very big thank you to all of the people and sporting organisations that helped us to test all applicants.

There was around a 20% drop in the number of applicants for this campaign compared to Canada. The explanation could be that a lot of Australian paddlers have already travelled and raced in China before and it may not be considered a particularly attractive holiday destination for travel after competitions.

All selection camps ran well. The teams were selected:

Premier division – 12 men, 12 women, 2 sweeps and 2 drummers;

Senior A division - 12 men, 22 women, 3 sweeps and 1 drummer

Senior B division – 12 men, 24 women, 3 sweeps and 2 drummers

Senior C division – 22 men, 24 women, 2 sweeps and 3 drummers.

In every division there were athletes put on a stand-by list in case someone withdrew from the team. Unfortunately, we had to use nearly all our stand-by athletes in each division. In Senior A and C we even had to invite more athletes to ensure we had an adequate number of paddlers during racing.

Every division had an additional training camp between July and September. I think it would be beneficial for all future campaigns to have this type of camp as a compulsory component.

The training program was designed and sent to all states and territories. Once we found out the location and dates for 2017 World Championships the training program was adjusted. The preparation for the WC in all divisions started on 1<sup>st</sup> of July. As in previous campaigns local programs were the responsibility of the state coaches.

We had some problems with coaching in ACT due to Sally Gates moving to Sydney. She was replaced by Ursula Tonkin.

One of the requests for athletes in this campaign was they had to supply diaries to their divisional and state coaches. A lot of athletes were successfully using Motion Master (until it crashed) for control and feedback. Combining the information from these sources led me to the conclusion that even if the training program is the same for everyone, a lot of the athletes didn't complete their training properly due to not understanding exercises or reasons/goals for exercises.

The last two camps in Sydney and Melbourne were designed in the same format used for the World Cup 2016. I believe they worked very well for all divisions. Maggie brought to my attention that there was not enough rest for Senior C division after the camp in Melbourne and World Championships.

Chris and I travelling to Kunming in June was essential for securing the best possible deal for the Australian team, saving a lot of money for athletes and providing the best possible accommodation and food. The team didn't have any problems during travel and everyone was happy with the accommodation. Thank you for the great work by Angie, Adelina and Tricia. The food in the hotel was excellent, a huge variety and good quality.

The transportation to the racing venue was unnecessary but buses were always on time.

It was one of the toughest competitions I have ever seen at the World Championships. IDBF allowed any countries to put teams in 20's and 10's boats as long they are separate crews. It made the competition much harder but more interesting in small boats.

I believe that all teams performed their best during the whole competition. Some athletes felt a lack of oxygen but for the majority of the team the high altitude didn't impact much on their performance.

The morale and attitude of the whole team was very good. There were no problems (compared to Canada) in communications or behaviour between athletes, coaches and managers.

Taking into consideration the size and difficulty of the competition the whole team performed very well on and off the water.

Analysis of the campaign and suggestions:

Campaign advertising – we need more support from clubs to promote Auroras;

Testing and selections - All tests worked well. We just have to make sure that applicants receive the information about the test and technique ASAP and train for the test;

Training programs – General program worked well, I've been sending out the program I used in Victoria and I've been informed that it helped state coaches; the last two months of the program was designed by me; the suggestion for the future will be – I have to supply general program for whole campaign and also send out monthly guiding programs to all state and territories; gym training program proved to be very helpful for athletes but a lot of them still don't understand the program completely; maybe I have to do some traveling between states to educate coaches and athletes;

Control and assessments – Motion Master helped to assess athlete's technique and training; weekly TK 1 trials and monthly fitness tests definitely brought better monitoring and structure into the athletes preparation; weekly training diaries from athletes was also very useful; we have to keep using all these tools in the future;

Pre-travel assessment – I would highly recommend sending a party to investigate any location before sending Australian team, especially in Asia; I've just been informed that the proposed area for the World Championships in Thailand is known as "A Red light" district;

Training camps – a lot of athletes liked the dual camp set up for pre-competition preparation; I believe it worked very well for all divisions except Senior C, they need longer recovery between last camp and competition; as I mentioned previously, an additional compulsory camp in every division (organised by divisional coaches) is highly recommended;

Paddles – Burnwater – good strong paddles, just a little bit expensive;

Racing – all team raced at their best at the World Championships; we do however need the more experienced paddlers to return to the team for the next campaign; Coaches – I would like to recognise and thank all divisional coaches – Maggie Boyce, Christopher Cheung, Martin Pavelka and Christopher Alexandrou – all did excellent work; they were very dedicated to their teams and showed high professionalism and knowledge during preparation phase and competitions;

Managers – big thank you to Angie for her dedication and support during both the France and China campaigns; Angie took on a very big role of general manager and did an excellent job organising both teams; I will leave it for her to assess the divisional manager work.

Conclusion – Dual campaign for this World championships brought some challenges (running two different programs, more camps and travel) but at the same time advantages (more focus on individual divisions, smaller groups for travel)



There were more than 260 athletes, 8 managers and 8 coaches participating in both campaigns.

Special thank you to DBV, NSWDBF, Dragon boat clubs –BRD, Sea serpents, YRD for their assistance and support during this year's campaign.

I would like to thank the AusDBF board for their support of the Auroras. To date from the first Auroras campaign 2010 we have won 220 medals.

I look forward to working with everyone in the future. Kind regards,

Serghei Cucsa

Head Coach AusDBF



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<sup>1</sup> Photo courtesy of Havelco Australia Pty, Limited, trading as MMS Sports Photography, Earlwood, NSW



# **Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd**

ACN: 151 895 046

## **Financial Statements**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2017

# Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

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## **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report, together with the financial statements of the Group, being the Company and its controlled entities, for the financial year ended 30 June 2017.

### **1. General information**

#### **Information on directors**

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Victor Fazakerley

Angela Aston

Michelle James

Appointed	11 December 2016
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Rex Tindal

Appointed	11 December 2016
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David Abel

Resigned	9 May 2017
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Melissa O'Brien

Resigned	9 May 2017
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Lesa-Jayne Horntvedt

Resigned	11 April 2017
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Margaret Boyce

Resigned	11 December 2016
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Martin Hastings

Resigned	11 December 2016
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Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

## Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

ACN: 151 895 046

### Directors' Report

#### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group during the financial year were to organise dragon boat racing at the national level and administer a formal National Sporting Organisation structure for dragon boating.

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

#### Performance measures

The following measures are used within the Group to monitor performance

- Net Assets have increased by 47%
- Gross revenue has decreased by 11.50 %

#### Members guarantee

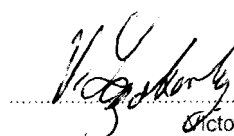
Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$1 for members that are corporations and \$1 for all other members, subject to the provisions of the company's constitution.

#### Auditor's independence declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration in accordance with section 307C of the *Corporations Act 2001*, for the year ended 30 June 2017 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

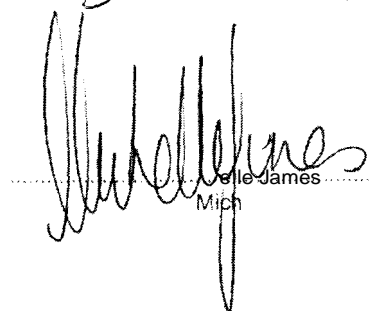
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

Director:



Director Fazakerley

Director:



Michelle James  
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Dated 31 October 2017

## Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

ACN: 151 895 046

### Directors' Declaration

The directors of the entity declare that:

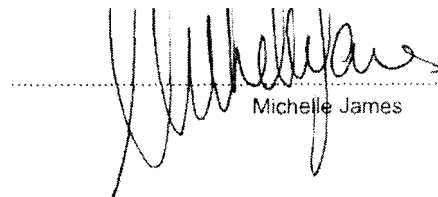
1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7, are in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the entity.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Director

  
Victor Fazakerley

Director.

  
Michelle James

Dated 31 October 2017

**Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd**

ACN: 151 895 046

**Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 The Members Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd and Controlled Entities**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2017, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



Mark Schutters of Dickensons Accountants

Registered Company Auditor

30 October 2017

Loganholme, QLD Australia



## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Australian championship revenue		454,651	335,678		
CCWC Adelaide revenue			566,578		
Asian championship revenue			21,495		
Australian team revenue		466,279	311,187	466,279	311,187
Coaching camp income		37,480	23,740	37,480	23,740
Interest received		1,284	3,554	1,236	3,356
Membership		14,575	8,734	14,575	8,734
Other income		143,715	11,864	54,824	4,868
Paddler levy		153,720	155,135	153,720	155,135
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>1,271,704</b>	<b>1,437,965</b>	<b>728,114</b>	<b>507,020</b>
Employee benefits expense		(35,244)		(35,244)	
Administrative services		(270)	(25,644)	(270)	(25,644)
Australian team expense		(395,770)	(293,981)	(395,770)	(293,981)
Australian championship expense		(404,691)	(299,284)	9	
CCWC Adelaide expense		(3,414)	(521,446)		
Asian championship expense		(4,498)	(103,578)		
Coaching expense		(29,492)	(54,372)	(29,492)	(54,372)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(21,443)	(14,344)	(20,285)	(13,811)
Other expense		(204,492)	(72,209)	(73,825)	(46,163)
Travel & meetings		(17,160)	(37,027)	(17,160)	(37,027)
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>(1,081,230)</b>	<b>(1,421,885)</b>	<b>(536,793)</b>	<b>(470,998)</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>155,230</b>	<b>16,080</b>	<b>156,077</b>	<b>36,022</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Financial Position

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>ASSETS</b>					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	2	272,628	453,858	209,591	335,449
Trade and other receivables	3	176,006	44,794	252,911	32,162
Inventories		22,584	158,697		
Other assets			8,530		8,530
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>471,218</b>	<b>665,879</b>	<b>462,502</b>	<b>376,141</b>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments in subsidiaries				100	100
Property, plant and equipment	4	61,779	15,314	59,744	13,254
Intangible assets	5	670	913		
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>62,449</b>	<b>16,227</b>	<b>59,844</b>	<b>13,354</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>533,667</b>	<b>682,106</b>	<b>522,346</b>	<b>389,495</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	6	8,784	361,389	5,432	38,601
Current tax liabilities		39,929	(9,008)	11,169	1,226
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>48,713</b>	<b>352,381</b>	<b>16,601</b>	<b>39,827</b>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b>48,713</b>	<b>352,381</b>	<b>16,601</b>	<b>39,827</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>484,954</b>	<b>329,725</b>	<b>505,745</b>	<b>349,668</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>					
Retained earnings		484,954	329,725	505,745	349,668
<b>Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company</b>		<b>484,954</b>	<b>329,725</b>	<b>505,745</b>	<b>349,668</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b>484,954</b>	<b>329,725</b>	<b>505,745</b>	<b>349,668</b>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended

2017

	Note	Parent	
		Ordinary Shares	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2016		349,668	349,668
Profit attributable to members of the entity		156,077	156,077
Balance at 30 June 2017		505,745	505,745

2016

	Note	Parent	
		Ordinary Shares	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015		313,644	313,644
Profit attributable to members of the entity		36,024	36,024
Contribution of equity, net of transaction costs			
Balance at 30 June 2016		349,668	349,668

2017

	Note	Consolidated	
		Ordinary Shares	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2016		329,725	329,725
Profit attributable to members of the entity		155,229	155,229
Balance at 30 June 2017		484,954	484,954

2016

	Note	Consolidated	
		Ordinary Shares	Total
		\$	\$
Balance at 1 July 2015		313,644	313,644
Profit attributable to members of the entity		16,081	16,081
Balance at 30 June 2016		329,725	329,725

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flows

### For the Year Ended

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2017	2016	2017	2016
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Operating Cash Revenue		1,139,209	1,185,722	641,906	333,843
Operating Cash Expense		(1,252,772)	(1,374,588)	(565,213)	(623,358)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	10	(113,563)	(188,866)	76,693	(289,515)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Equipment Purchased		(67,667)	(1,849)	(66,775)	499
Net cash used by investing activities		(67,667)	(1,849)	(66,775)	499
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>					
Loan				(135,776)	(20,108)
Net cash used by financing activities				(135,776)	(20,108)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(181,230)	(190,715)	(125,858)	(309,124)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		453,858	644,573	335,449	644,573
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	2	272,628	453,858	209,591	335,449

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended

The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements and notes of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd and controlled entities (the Group) and the separate financial statements and notes of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd as an individual parent entity (Parent), incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee.

Each of the entities within the Group prepare their financial statements based on the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (functional currency). The consolidated financial statements are presented in Australian dollars which is the parent entity's functional and presentation currency.

#### 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### (a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

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.

##### (b) Comparative Amounts

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

Where a change in comparatives has also affected the opening retained earnings previously presented in a comparative period, an opening statement of financial position at the earliest date of the comparative period has been presented.

##### (c) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

##### (d) Revenue and other income

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and is presented net of returns, discounts and rebates.

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### For the Year Ended

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

#### **Interest revenue**

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

#### **Rendering of services**

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case, then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period.

If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

#### **(e) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenue, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payable are stated inclusive of GST.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included as part of receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows in the statement of cash flows are included on a gross basis and the GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is classified as operating cash flows.

#### **(f) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Classes of property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost or revaluation model as specified below.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

Assets measured using the revaluation model are carried at fair value at the revaluation date less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Revaluations are performed whenever there is a material movement in the value of an asset under the revaluation model.

#### **Plant and equipment**

Plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

#### **Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all property, plant and equipment, except for freehold land is depreciated on a reducing balance method from the date that management determine that the asset is available for use.

Assets held under a finance lease and leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the term of the lease and the assets useful life.

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### For the Year Ended

#### (g) Intangible Assets

##### Amortisation

Amortisation is based on the cost of an asset less its residual value.

Amortisation is recognised in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of intangible assets, other than goodwill, from the date that they are available for use.

Amortisation methods, useful lives and residual values are reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted if appropriate.

#### (h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

## 2 Cash and cash equivalents

### Reconciliation of cash

Cash and Cash equivalents reported in the statement of cash flows are reconciled to the equivalent items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents	<b>272,628</b>	453,858	<b>209,591</b>	335,449
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## 3 Trade and other receivables

### CURRENT

Trade receivables	<b>180,547</b>	44,925	<b>117,233</b>	32,260
Provision for impairment	<b>{8,060}</b>	(1,650)		
	<b>172,487</b>	43,275	<b>117,233</b>	32,260
Related party receivables	<b>3,519</b>	1,519		
Other receivables			<b>135,678</b>	(98)
<b>Total current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>176,006</b>	44,794	<b>252,911</b>	32,162

### Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentration of credit risk with respect to any single counterparty or group of counterparties. The class of assets described as 'trade and other receivables' is considered to be the main source of credit risk related to the Group.

On a geographical basis, the Group has significant credit risk exposures in Australia

The carrying value of trade receivables is considered a reasonable approximation of fair value due to the short-term nature of the balances.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the Year Ended

#### 4 Property, plant and equipment

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
PLANT AND EQUIPMENT				
Plant and equipment				
At cost	93,150	27,379	89,971	25,091
Accumulated depreciation	(34,867)	(21,341)	(33,723)	(21,113)
Total plant and equipment	58,283	6,038	56,248	3,978
Computer equipment				
At cost	4,731	2,836	4,731	2,836
Accumulated depreciation	(3,177)	(2,432)	(3,177)	(2,432)
Total computer equipment	1,554	404	1,554	404
Computer software				
At cost	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Accumulated depreciation	(19,058)	(12,128)	(19,058)	(12,128)
Total computer software	1,942	8,872	1,942	8,872
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>61,779</b>	<b>15,314</b>	<b>59,744</b>	<b>13,254</b>

#### 5 Intangible Assets

Preliminary Expense				
Cost	1,218	1,218		
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(548)	(305)		
<b>Net carrying value</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>913</b>		
<b>Total Intangibles</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>913</b>		

Intangible assets, other than goodwill have finite useful lives. The current amortisation charges for intangible assets are included under depreciation and amortisation expense in the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. Goodwill has an indefinite life and is not amortised.

#### 6 Trade and other payables

CURRENT				
Unsecured liabilities				
Trade payables	6,134	215,792	2,782	31,246
Australian Championship Accrual	2,651	145,598	2,651	7,356
	8,785	361,390	5,433	38,602
	8,785	361,390	5,433	38,602

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All amounts are short term and the carrying values are considered to be a reasonable approximation of fair value.

#### 7 Members' Guarantee

The Company is incorporated under the *Corporations Act 2001* and is a Company limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$ 1 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the Company.

#### 8 Remuneration of Auditors

Remuneration of the auditor of the parent entity, Dickensons Accountants, for:

- auditing or reviewing the financial report	6,700	5,995	6,700	5,995
- other services		400		400

#### 9 Related Parties

##### Related Parties

The Group's main related parties are as follows:

##### (a) Entities exercising control over the Group

The ultimate parent entity, which exercises control over the Group, is Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd.

##### (b) Key management personnel

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity is considered key management personnel.

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### For the Year Ended

#### 10 Cash Flow Information

##### Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

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

Profit for the year	155,229	16,080	156,077	36,023
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities				
Non-cash flows in profit:				
- amortisation	243	61		
- depreciation	21,200	14,283	20,285	13,811
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of purchase and disposal of subsidiaries:				
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(127,562)	56,418	(84,973)	69,314
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(3,650)	(550)	550	(550)
- (increase)/decrease in prepayments	8,530	(7,980)	7,980	(7,980)
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	136,113	(158,697)		
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance		(258,246)		(239,137)
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(207,007)	67,441	(28,464)	(117,106)
- increase/(decrease) in taxes payable	48,937	(2,091)	11,234	9,938
- increase/(decrease) in accrued expense	(145,598)	84,415	(5,996)	(53,828)
Cashflow from operations	(113,565)	(188,866)	76,693	(289,515)

#### 11 Company Details

The registered office of the company is:

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# COMPANY EXTRACT FROM

AUSTRALIAN DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION LTD [AUST0015]

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Subclass:	ULSN
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## Office Holders

### ANGELA RUTH ASTON

Appointed as DIR on 15/11/2015

### MELANIE CANTWELL

Appointed as DIR on 09/05/2017

### VICTOR WILLIAM FAZAKERLEY

Appointed as DIR on 01/12/2013

### MICHELLE MAREE JAMES

Appointed as DIR on  
11/12/2016 Appointed as SEC  
on 11/12/2016

### REX EVAN DUNCAN TINDAL

Appointed as DIR on 11/12/2016

**Note to financials:** The above report from ASIC reflects that Melanie Cantwell is confirmed as a Director on the AusDBF Board, appointed as of 20th May 2017, however this entry has only just taken place. The notice to ASIC of her appointment was overlooked at the time as there was some confusion about the appointment of a Casual Director.

Therefore, the audited financials do not list Melanie as a Director although she has been in place since May 2017.

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