

MEMORANDUM



To	Member States		
From	AusDBF		
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Winter is well and truly behind us as we welcome the warmer weather of spring (if only the rain would stop!) It's time once again for AusDBF to update Members on what's been happening since the June update.

International Travel Licence

AusDBF has received a number of queries from members travelling overseas inquiring if they can participate at an endorsed regatta, and how they can purchase international travel licence from AusDBF shop - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/shop/>. Members can sign in as a guest to the shop (if they have forgotten their revSPORT login). Travel details must be included in the notes section. Further information on insurance can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/insurance/>

AusDBF is pleased to announce Steven Davidson was re-appointed to the IDBF Hall of Fame Committee for a further 12 months.

AusDBF Committees - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/about-us/charters-sub-committees/>

AusDBF and all its committees have been hard at work. Below is a quick snapshot.

Athletes Commission (AC)

Laura Hughes, Cheryl Warren, and Tom Wicks were all reappointed to the Athletes Commission for a second term joining Daniel Foucar and Daniel Kim. Laura was re-elected as Chair. Michelle van Niekerk was appointed to the Commission in September and will bring a well of experience to the group.

AusChamps Review Committee (ARC)

Includes representatives Nicola Frowen (DBNSW), Jenny Cotton (DBQ), James Hankin (DBV), John Holland (DBSA) and Brad Brooksby (DBWA). Nicola Frowen was elected as Chair. The group has met several times and discussed ideas on how AusChamps could be improved and ways to increase participation.

Historical Committee (HC)

met in August and discussed ideas on what content should be included in the AusDBF Annual Report.

National Athlete Pathway (NAP)

Has been dissolved and any work previously reviewed by this group will now be the responsibility of the Athletes Commission.

National Safety & Risk Committee (SARC)

Includes representatives Darrin Bennett (DBQ), Tony Henderson (DBNSW), Cath Croatto (DBACT), Stephen Arrowsmith (DBV), Julie Lister (DBSA), Sheryl Kelly (DBWA), chaired by Martin Hastings.

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

Group met in August and agreed they would meet quarterly. Each Member State agreed to adopt the AusDBF Risk Register to ensure there was consistency across Australia.

Nominations Committee (ANC)

Adrian Stephens was appointed as Chair of the Committee with Paul Bruce and John Holland rounding out the Committee. One of the tasks they will be focusing on initially is finding an individual with Marketing experience to assist the AusDBF Board.

Youth Racing Committee (YRC)

Are in the early stages of planning for their second 'Town Hall' which is due to be held in February 2023.

Grants and Awards

All 24 recipients of the **Women Leaders in Sport grant** have now participated in the one day – Australian Institute of Management – Women Leader: Own Your Success course. AusDBF is delighted that 3 of the participants (Chen Li, Felix Hamilton, and Kathy Cummings) who participated in the course have now been elected to the DBNSW Board.

Recipients: Angie O'Reilly (NSW), Chen Li (NSW), Christine Wood (SA), Felix Hamilton (NSW), Jacqui Hillas (VIC), Jade Murphy-Silver (NSW), Jenny Walsh (VIC), Julie Lister (SA), Kathy Cummings (NSW), Kim Lawrence (QLD), Kirsten Jong (Tran) (NSW), Linda Collins (NSW), Lisa Knight (VIC), Maisie Young (NSW), Melanie Cantwell (AusDBF), Natascha Voelker (VIC), Natascha Youngman (SA), Pearl Lee (NSW), Rhiannon Davies (QLD), Sharon Cooper (NSW), Sharon Knights (SA), Sue Phung (VIC), Teinanga Wordley (QLD) and Wendy Orman (NSW)

The group recently met via Zoom and discussed ways in which they could share their experiences and learnings with the rest of the dragon boat community and will be creating online forums where a different topic is discussed monthly. It is intended forums will run no longer than 30 minutes.

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/>

Polices which have been reviewed include:

- Code of Conduct (includes recommendation from National Sports Tribunal)
- Social Media Policy (includes recommendation from National Sports Tribunal)
- Conduct and Discipline Policy
- Copyright Policy – no changes
- Purchasing Policy – no changes
- AusDBF Communication Plan
- Travel Policy & Guidelines
- AusDBF Committees Policy & Procedures
- Financial Transaction Cards Policy
- Revenue Generation & Fundraising Policy
- Participants Annual Health Check – Board agreed to retire this document as content has been expanded to include Mental health and a separate page has been created on the AusDBF website, with quick link to AusDBF eLearning portal - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/httpsrisearticulatecomshare3bbghrlkeetomvta80wlbchck11hc/>
- Membership Policy

National Inclusion Framework – Thank you to Ian Gearey & the D&I Committee for their work on their National Inclusion Framework which was approved at the AusDBF October Board meeting. The Framework will now provide direction for AusDBF and goals to achieve.

National Integrity Framework

Has been a huge piece of work with AusDBF signing off on all policies as of 31 August 2022.

Part of the process with AusDBF adopting the National Integrity Framework is each Member State in turn must adopt the National Integrity Framework. Member States would have received information from Liam Bourke on what steps they need to take. AusDBF has also adopted the National Integrity Framework Education Plan.

The policies and resources can be viewed on the AusDBF website here -

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/sport-integrity/>

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/education-resources-awareness/>

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/memberprotection/>

<https://www.ausdbf.com.au/policies/antidoping/>

AusDBF encourages all Members to attend the National Integrity Framework Roadshows which are being held in each state during the month of November.

Monday 14 November	6:30pm	ACT	Canberra Grammar Rowing Club
Tuesday 15 November	6:30pm	NSW	Sydney – Leichhardt Rowing Club
Wednesday 16 November	6:00pm	QLD	Brisbane – Commercial Rowing Club
Thursday 17 November	6:00pm	QLD	Gold Coast – Sports House Varsity Lakes
Monday 21 November	6:30pm	TAS	Hobart – New Town Bay Rowing Club
Tuesday 22 November	6:30pm	TAS	Launceston – Tasmanian Institute of Sport
Wednesday 23 November	6:30pm	TAS	Ulverstone Rowing Club
Monday 28 November	6:30pm	VIC	Melbourne – Richmond Rowing Club
Tuesday 29 November	6:00pm	SA	Adelaide – Old sailing Club, Newport
Wednesday 30 November	6:00pm	WA	Perth – Swan River Rowing Club

National Branding Guidelines

Were launched to Members in September. It's great to see dragon boat now has a unified look when it comes to branding with all States and Territories adopting the unified logo. - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/home/>. AusDBF encourages all Member States to work through and adopt the National Branding Guidelines (or Style Guide).

Pillar 2 – Development

Diversity and Inclusion (D&I)

As part of the Pride in Sport collective grant, AusDBF encourages Members to attend the 'Empowering Allies Training' which will be held online –

- Tuesday 1 November – 1 to 2:30pm
- Monday 21 November 6 to 7:30pm - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pride-in-sport-collective-empowering-allies-tickets-445859246007>
- Wednesday 7 December 10am to 11:30am - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pride-in-sport-collective-empowering-allies-tickets-445860971167>

Thank you to the 46 clubs who participated in the **National Rainbow Come and Try weekend** on the **17/18 September**. Due to a few regattas' clashes, VIC held their come & try the weekend before. AusDBF appreciated the commitment shown by the participating clubs to attend the Pride in Sport online training and all club coaches and committee completed the Play by the Rules – LGBTQ Inclusive Club training as part of the requirements for being involved in the day. AusDBF worked with Gambit Collective to provide the social media advertising. It is estimated approx 250 people registered their interest to participate in the national come & try.

AusDBF is currently working with Pride in Sport to finalise several resources and policies as part of the grant due for completion by the end of the year.

Ian Gearey has been asked by Pride in Sport to present at their Pride in Practice conference in Melbourne on 30 November on AusDBF's national come & try campaign.

AusDBF will be partnering with DBNSW to help promote the World Pride Regatta 'Drag on Darling' to be held at Darling Harbour on 04 March 2023.

The D&I Committee is trialing an online program 'Club Kick Starter program' design by Inclusion Sport Design.



In 2023 AusDBF is researching the opportunity to work with Disability Sports Australia (Sports Incubation program) which will provide pathways into this sector.

DRACADEMY

Thank you to Zijong Chu who has been working hard on the development of the DRACADEMY program which will be included in Sporting Schools – term 4 sporting options, for the first time. This is an exciting step forward in dragon boat to be able to have national reach into schools, initially focusing on years 7 and 8.

AusDBF has issued the Safe365 APP to all the Coaches involved in DRACADEMY as part of the safety requirements for Sporting Schools.

AusDBF has appointed Cherry Harvey who is based in Queensland for the Schools Coordinator role and will be working closely with Zijong to help with the workload for the Sporting Schools program.

Coaching Course Presenters

Held their second face to face meeting in Sydney on 03/04 September facilitated by Rex Tindal, which was attended by Maggie Boyce (DBQ), Mary Davis, Wendy Orman, Sylvia Wong (NSW), Jennifer Brown (VIC), Alison Maurant (DBTAS), John Holland (DBSA) and Laura Hughes (DBWA). Carlos Diz also attended the weekend as part of the succession handover from Rex Tindal. The weekend included a special presentations. from Ian Gearey on Diversity & Inclusion and Sylvia Wong (Para-Dragons). The group spent their time productively reviewing all the resources for Level 1 and Level 2 courses as well as the launch of the Level 3 course.

To make the reaccreditation processes more efficient, AusDBF has created an option in the AusDBF shop where coaches can go online and pay for their reaccreditation. Once paid they will receive a receipt directly from revSPORT which they can include in the documents required by the Coach Presenters.

Sweeps Committee

Held a face-to-face meeting in Sydney on 24/25 September which was attended by Norm Hunt, Blair Gamble (DBQ), Rob Turnbull, Rodney Moore (DBNSW), Kevin Shipp (DBACT), Jennifer Reilly (DBV), Sue Sanderson (DBTAS) Pat Doogue (DBSA) and Laura Hughes (DBWA) and chaired by John Holland. Carlos Diz also attended the weekend as part of the succession handover from Rex Tindal with the Development portfolio. Robust discussions were held over the 2 days resulting in all Member States agreeing to move forward and adopt a consistent national approach to Sweep Classification levels, training, and processes. The Sweep Classification document is currently with the AusDBF Board for sign-off and will be launched to the Member States in November.

The new capsized drill video was reviewed with final editing taking place and due to be released to the Member States in November.

Kevin Shipp from DBACT was elected as the new Chair of the Sweep Committee.

ROMP Group (Race Officials Mentor Program)

Professional development webinar series across a range of topics has been created to provide further education and support. The development of the webinar series is being led by Philippa McLean. Links are emailed to race officials each month, recording of the forums can be found here - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/ausdbf-courses/raceofficialpersonneldevelopmentsessions/>

Session 1 – 5 September 2022 – the role of Chief Official -presented by Melanie Cantwell

Session 2 – 3 October 2022 – the role of mentor and mentee – presented by Julie Clinch and Jennifer Bould

Session 3 – 7 November 2022 – 2km turn racing – presented by Norm Hunt and Janine Lette

Session 4 – 5 December 2022 – good communication at regattas – presented by Gillian Styles and Sue Pidgeon

Session 5 – 6 February 2023 – record keeping prior to and at regattas – presented by Georgia Parry

Race Official Presenters

To support the work of the ROMPs, AusDBF will be appointing Race Official Presenters (like the Coach Presenters) who will present the race official course around Australia.

Accreditations – as of 04 November

Thanks to the massive collaborative effort over the last 2-years, the national accreditation in revSPORT is working well. There is still a long way to go, but as a collective we are making significant improvement in the collection of data. Below is a quick snap-shot of the numbers currently recorded nationally.

- First Aid – 854
- Coach – 530
- Race Official – 202
- Sweep – 1484
- Working with Children Check – 653

In addition to the above, accreditations are being recorded for completion of Play-by-the-Rules online courses.

Pillar 3 – Events

13th IDBF CCWC Club Crew World Championships – Sarasota, Florida USA (18 – 24 July)

3 clubs - Northern Beaches from NSW, KIN Dragons from QLD, Gold Coast Dragons from QLD travelled to Sarasota, Florida, USA in July to compete at the 13th IDBF Club Crew World Championships. Results can be viewed on the IDBF website - <https://www.dragonboat.sport/idbf-championships-ccwc-wdbrc>

From all reports whilst numbers were down and there were daily challenges with managing COVID infections amongst the teams, afternoon thunderstorms delaying racing, the venue was outstanding with the host organising committee going above and beyond to make all athletes feel welcome.

Australia was well represented with race officials with Melanie Cantwell, Janine Lette, Sylvia Wong, Elissa Mackenzie, Georgia Parry, Loretta Lewis (IDBF Deputy Treasurer) and Belinda Chung (IDBF Chair Marketing Media) all making the journey across to the USA.

2023 AusChamps - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/events1/auschamps/>

Will be held in Albury Wodonga at Gateway Lake (same venue as 2017) from Thursday 20 to Monday 24 April. AusDBF looks forward to working with Dragon Boat Victoria in what will be the 26th AusChamps and the second time Albury Wodonga has hosted AusChamps.

- Day 1 – Thursday 20 April – Seniors
- Day 2 – Friday 21 April – Seniors
- Day 3 – Saturday 22 April – State v State
- Day 4 – Sunday 23 April – Premiers, Juniors, 24U, BCS
- Day 5 – Monday 24 April - Premiers, Juniors, 24U, BCS

Bulletin 1 including the final program and entry fees will be released by end of November. Organisation for the 2023 AusChamps is moving ahead nicely with DBV planning lots of new ideas and activations during the week.

Rule Change

At the 2022 AusChamps trialed a rule change allowing BCS teams to combine. However, if clubs wanted to qualify for CCWC then they were required to compete as their own team to comply with IDBF Rules. Following feedback after AusChamps, AusDBF has agreed to include the rule change in Edition 10 of the AusDBF Competition Regulation and Rules of Racing which is due for release at end of November 2022.

Australian Masters Games will be held in Adelaide, South Australia (10-12 October 2023).

Pillar 4– High Performance

Auroras - <https://www.ausdbf.com.au/auroras/aurora-news/>

AusDBF received notification from the Asian Dragon Boat Federation that the **14th Asian Dragon Boat Championships** would be moved from Hong Kong to Thailand (16-22 November 2022). The Championships will be held at the Royal Thai Navy Rowing Centre, Rayong-Pattaya, Thailand.

EOI for 2023 Auroras Divisional Coaches and Team Managers has been released, with appointments to be announced by end of November

- Auroras Come & try days were held in the following locations:
 - WA – 25/26 June – very successful with 60 participants
 - TAS – 03/04 July
 - NSW – Port Macquarie – 30 July (30 participants attended) and Sydney – 13 August (64 participants attended)
 - VIC – 24/25 September (25 participants attended)
 - QLD – 15/16 October (Brisbane 72 paddlers signed up with 36 attending). North Queensland (29 paddlers signed up with 23 attending)
 - ACT – 22/23 October (38 participants attended)
 - SA - 06 November (participants attended)



We hope you find the October Update informative.

The AusDBF Board