



ANNUAL REPORT

2019-2020



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Message from the Chair

We are all now very familiar with the challenges presented with the COVID-19 pandemic and I will concentrate my report on the positive outcomes from the past twelve months.

I wish to acknowledge the support of all of our members and it is evident that tough times are bringing out the best in our sports people and the spirit of cooperation is really satisfying - the ideas forthcoming to get our sport back running successfully are inspiring as everyone is sharing the ways we can get back to some sort of normality. As I write this, Victoria is hoping for news of a resumption of sport and we are all wishing them luck.

At the AGM we will be voting on some changes to our constitution, the main being the inclusion of Club Members which will enable the two clubs in the Northern Territory to return to the fold – we will then be back to being represented in every state and territory in the country.

The Board identified an issue with our Committee structures and produced the AusDBF Committee Policy and Procedures – this policy documents the types of committee we have, the structure, composition and the formation of our working groups and committees. We are endeavouring to broaden the membership of our committees and utilise the skills of more of our members and develop a pathway in the administrative side of the sport. Along with the Committee Policy, the Charters for our Committees have also been reviewed and upgraded.

We had planned an Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) course for our Directors and Members to be run in May 2020 – this was rescheduled for October and is now planned for March 2021. Following this course, SPORTAUS has agreed to facilitate a review of AusDBF governance procedures and having been involved in a previous review with another sport, I believe that it will be very beneficial to our young sport.

Inclusivity and diversity are hot topics at the moment and we really felt the need to become involved – our sport is already quite diverse and is welcoming to all but we want to improve our knowledge and reach in this area and we will be appointing a highly experienced person in the role of Inclusivity Director at the forthcoming AGM.

The development of the e-learning modules for our Coaching Courses is complete. Coaches will have the opportunity to complete re-accreditation and modules prior to their attendance at courses, and more value from the face to face components of a course.

The Athletes Commission – formed earlier this year – really hit the ground running and has presented numerous suggestions both to the AusDBF Board and to other various Committees – great to get considered input from the athletes' perspective.

As we all know, AusChamps were cancelled for 2020 and we remain hopeful that we can all get back to compete at AusChamps in 2021. There has been a comprehensive review of the structure of AusChamps and a discussion paper is circulating detailing recommendations from the Review Committee which need to be considered by all Members. There are some quite radical ideas which may prove unpopular with some but in the end, something has to be done to ensure that we can get through a program of Club and State racing in five days.

Our Auroras last campaign was the World Nations Championships in Thailand and unfortunately, the next opportunity in the Asian Championships has been cancelled. We are still reviewing the 2021 World Nations Championships planned for Hong Kong. This is presenting a number of challenges which can hopefully be overcome and we can again recruit a full Auroras team.

The Thailand campaign was also the last campaign for our inaugural Head Coach, Serghei Cucsă. Serge was appointed when we introduced the Auroras concept and the formation of a truly representative team. His ten-year tenure saw the profile of our Australian Team greatly enhanced and produced a host of successful results which also fed down to the performance of the sport in Australia – Thank you Serge.

Melanie Cantwell, as our Business Services Officer, continues to use her vast experience and knowledge of dragon boating in the daily administration of our sport. Mel brings huge value to the role and has enabled us to complete many tasks which would have taken much longer using board and committee members' volunteer time. Our contractors in Vanessa Pooley (Bookkeeping) and David Abel (National Coach) are also providing valuable input into our ongoing success and viability.

AusDBF relies heavily on the volunteer input from our Committees, Working Groups, Officials, Coaches, Team Managers and Event Organisers and Staff and we are extremely grateful for all of their efforts.

The AusDBF Board, Kris Fleming, Martin Hastings, Janine Lette, Philippa McLean, Rex Tindal and Sylvia Wong have all worked tirelessly for our sport and I express my gratitude for their support over the past twelve months. They have proven to be a tight committed group who have all contributed to the ongoing success of our sport. I also make a particular point in thanking Kris Fleming, who has chosen to step down from the Board. Kris has been driving our Marketing and Revenue Generation efforts and is leaving us with valuable policies in place and a sound base for our future efforts. Thank you Kris.

Finally, a huge vote of thanks to our Members who have been involved in a multitude of co-operative efforts not the least being Covid return to sport plans. This spirit of cooperation is vital in growing our sport nationally and will ensure a bright future for us all.

JOHN HOLLAND
CHAIR AUSDBF



Our Organisation

Australian involvement in the sport of dragon boat racing first occurred in 1980, when the Penang Tourist Development Corporation invited the WA Surf Life Saving Association to send a team to the Penang Festival. This was followed the next year by invitations to WA and NSW from the Hong Kong Tourism Association to send teams to what was then considered the unofficial world championships on Hong Kong Harbour.

Dragon boat racing was introduced to Australia in 1980. In 1984, Sydney held the inaugural Sydney Dragon Boat Festival at Farm Cove. Dragon boat clubs have been established throughout every State, allowing everyone of any age, experience and fitness level to participate in the sport of dragon boat racing. The first State organisation was the Western Australia Dragon Boat Association, formed in 1985. All States and Territories have subsequently formed State Associations. As of 2020, there are 173 Clubs consisting of 7,650 members nationally. Australian Clubs regularly compete overseas, including at all the major international dragon boating festivals.

The Australian Dragon Boat Federation was formed in 1997, with ACT, NSW, SA and VIC as the inaugural Members, in the ensuing years the remainder of the States and Territories became members. AusDBF became a full member of the International Dragon Boat Federation in 2001.

The first acknowledged Australian Championships (AusChamps) was held in 1996 in WA, and have rotated around the States and Territories annually. AusDBF introduced the State v State Championship in 2001 and has developed into a competitive competition as State teams battle it out with pride on the line. AusChamps has grown from a 2 day to 5 day event.

By 2010 a new dawn had risen with AusDBF introducing a nationally selected team and appointed it's first Head Coach to steer Australia up the international rankings. Prior to 2010 selection of the Australian Team was based on State Teams from 2001 to 2009, and Clubs winning Australian Championships from 1995 to 2000.

AusDBF has hosted the IDBF World Nations Championships in 2007 in Sydney and IDBF Club Crew World Championships in 2016 in Adelaide. Over the years AusDBF has developed national accreditation courses for Sweeps, Race Officials and Coaches.

In 2011, AusDBF became a Non-Profit Public Company Limited by Guarantee.

Our Team



Chairperson
John Holland

- Lead and represent the AusDBF Board
- Facilitate constructive communication within Board and with Members and Staff
- Ensure effective implementation of AusDBF's direction and strategy



Finance Director
Martin Hastings

- Direct financial strategy
- Develop and implement budget
- Oversee risk reviews and Board contracts and insurance
- Supervise bookkeeper



Development Director
Rex Tindal

- Develop and monitor the AusDBF National Coaching Accreditation Scheme (ANCAS)
- Oversee the National Athletes Pathway Committee



Marketing Director
Kristine (Kris) Fleming

- Oversee development and promotion of AusDBF's profile and brand
- Implement AusDBF Marketing Strategy and Plan
- Develop and manage AusDBF partnerships and sponsorships



Communications Director
Philippa Maclean

- Oversee internal and external communication of AusDBF
- Develop annual media relations plan
- Monitor policies as required



Events Director
Janine Lette

- Oversee annual Aus Champs event and AusChamps Review Committee
- Oversee Competition and Technical committee
- Develop events calendar
- Explore opportunities in Oceania region



High Performance Director
Sylvia Wong

- Oversee Auroras team including paddlers, coaches and team managers
- Provide input on Auroras budget and sponsorships



Business Services
Melanie Cantwell

- AusDBF employee

Board attendance

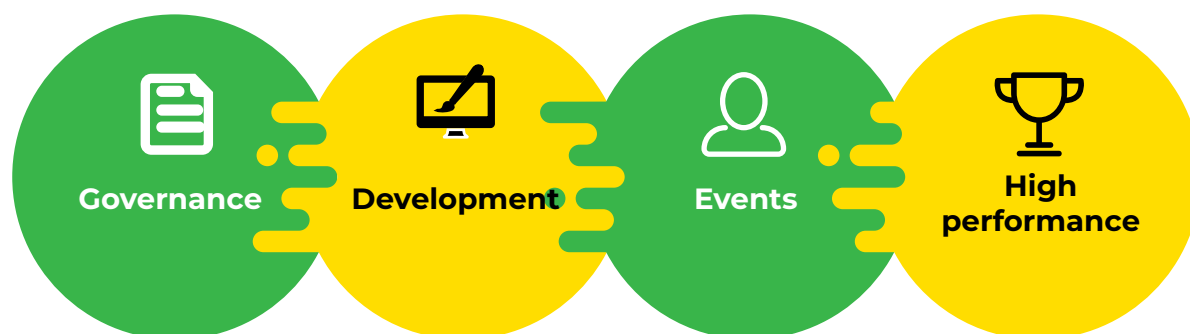
	JH	MH	RT	KF	PM	SW	JL
17/11/2019	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
08/12/2019	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
20/01/2020	√	√	√	A	√	√	√
17/02/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
16/03/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
06/04/2020	√	√	A	√	√	√	√
12/04/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
11/05/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
15/06/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
20/06/2020	√	√	A	√	√	√	√
13/07/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
27/07/2020	√	√	√	√	√	A	√
10/08/2020	√	√	A	A	√	A	√
14/09/2020	√	√	√	√	√	A	√
13/10/2020	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
	15	15	12	13	15	12	15



Performance summary

As we come to the end of our first year of moving forward on the AusDBF Strategic Plan 2019-2023, we can reflect on all that has been achieved. Our intention was to maintain a focus on initiatives already underway as well as to put effort into some key priorities.

The four strategic pillars of the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan are:



Governance Pillar

Committees:

- Historical Committee established
- Audit & Risk Committee established
- Athletes Commission established
- Post COVID-19 Marketing Group established and replaced the Revenue Generation Fundraising Committee
- revSPORT Users Group established

AusDBF set-up Teams (office365) for all Committees to utilise as a way of communicating, storing and sharing documents.

revSPORT digital platform

- Data has been cleaned
- Coach and Race Official uploaded into revSPORT
- Australian Representation data recorded in revSPORT
- International Race Official status recorded in revSPORT
- Honour roll – Life Members, JT Award, Australian Captains, Australian Flag Bearers – recorded in revSPORT
- Currently being uploaded race officials who have volunteered at each AusChamps and their roles

Policies, handbooks, templates reviewed or newly completed

- Communication Plan
- Developed 2019-2020 Operational Plan which will follow year one of Strategic Plan
- Integrity and Match Fixing Policy (PN-0026)
- Delegation of Authority Policy (PN-0007)

- Privacy Policy (PN-0008)
- Risk Management Policy (PN-0012) and Procedure (PN-0028). Development of a compliance register
- Purchasing Policy (PN-0005)
- Revenue Generation & Fundraising Policy (PN-0014)
- Media Relations Policy (PN-0015)
- Membership Policy (PN-0017)
- AusDBF Board Conflict of Interest Policy & procedures (PN-0019) and AusDBF Board Code of Conduct & Confidentiality Policy (PN-0020)
- AusDBF Life Membership Policy (PN-0024)
- COVID-19 Safety Plan (PN-0025)
- AusDBF Committees Policy & Procedures (PN-0028)
- Board Induction handbook created
- AusDBF Style Guide now called AusDBF National Branding Guidelines reviewed and updated
- EOI templates developed for AusDBF Committees etc and review of each Committee's charters
- Board Audit Skills templates developed
- Email and Document storage policy (PN-0016)
- Club Membership Policy drafted (PN-0027)

Education and Training

- Board was due to participate in the nationally organised AICD course, however has been placed on hold due to COVID-19, hopefully the course will be able to take place in 2021
- Cantwell/Lette grant was reviewed and renamed AusDBF Education and Upskill Grant

Audit & Risk Committee

- Appointed independent person (Joanna Copeland) to provide expertise

Communication

- Quarterly forums established with AusDBF Members
- Regular updates distributed to AusDBF Members
- Regular video conference held with all AusDBF Committees
- AusDBF and Auroras' logo officially trademarked and new corporate collateral created – letterhead, policy template, memo template, signature template

Development Pillar

- Developed and invested in an e-learning platform using Moodle and Articulate 360 for the Coaching Courses
- Developed and implemented online re-accreditation for race officials across level 1, level 2, level 3
- Regularly updated website
- Created AusDBF History Book to be launched at AusChamps 2021

Events Pillar

- Worked with revSPORT to create a national events calendar
- AusChamps Operational Handbook reviewed and updated
- Dates for 2021 (15-19 April) and 2022 (13-18 April) were confirmed. It was agreed AusChamps should be hosted outside of Easter holidays (where possible) to minimise cost and maximise participation. Where possible Juniors' would be held on the weekend to minimise time away from school.
- Review of AusChamps program and participation numbers completed with recommendations made
- AusDBF Competition Rules & Regulations were reviewed and updated, version 9 completed.
- Continuing to collaborate with NZDBA to share resources with regarding Race Officials, sweeps, race programs and other activities beneficial to both organisations
- Agreement to create an AusChamps logo similar to the Auroras logo which will assist with promoting branding and awareness.

High Performance Pillar

- 2019 Auroras' campaign reviewed
- Auroras' Head Coach appointed for 2020 and 2021 campaigns
- Australian Team Operational Handbook reviewed and updated
- Managing expectations for the cancelled 2020 Asian campaign and 2021 World Nations campaign



Governance

AusDBF Committees, Commissions and Working Groups

Development of AusDBF's Committees, Commissions and Working Groups is one of the strategic directives within the Governance Pillar. The Committees have been meeting and working diligently over the last 12 months to achieve their goals and initiatives.

Athletes Commission (AC)

- Laura Hughes – Chair (DBWA)
- Cheryl Warren (DBQ)
- Shirleen Ho (DBNSW)
- Tom Wicks (DBACT)
- Chu Zijong (DBV)
- Philippa McLean (AusDBF)



The Athletes Commission is a newly formed commission of AusDBF, and we have hit the road running. With the applications received, AusDBF appointed a commission that covers nearly all ages (2 x U24, 1 x Prem, 1 x Snr A, 1 x Snr B and 1 x Snr C). This will ensure that all ages are considered in our discussions, and that all voices are heard from the dragon boating community. We also have representatives from five different States - how amazing. The team has a wealth of knowledge both within their own fields of work - assisting with communication, calculations, management, but also within the dragon boat community with over 16 World Championships between us, five coaches, two State coaches and one previous Aurora coach. This totals over 60 years of paddling experience.

Our initial meeting was held in June 2020 when Laura Hughes from WA was elected Chair. We noted all areas that each member felt was important to be discussed by the group and what our priorities were. These included Rules of Racing, Auroras recruitment;

growth of the sport, State v State reinvigoration, building the younger categories, sponsorship of Auroras, ICF, promoting festivals, and competing overseas.

In three months the Commission has provided a recommendation of changes to the Rules of Racing, a document of recommendations on recruiting Auroras and communication to the younger generation, as well as how State v State could be reinvigorated. These documents/recommendations have been presented to the AusDBF Board and to the Competition and Technical Committee for review and development. With so much having already been covered by this Commission, we are hoping for great things out of this group over the coming year - so watch this space.

Audit & Risk Committee (ARC)

- Martin Hastings – Chair (AusDBF)
- Janine Lette (AusDBF)
- Joanna Copeland (Independent)

This is a new committee to AusDBF - only holding its first meeting in May 2020 - is made up of three people bringing the well credentialed Joanna Copeland into our orbit. Joanna is an executive who has held senior roles in Risk, Compliance and Learning in major corporates and NFP's for over 20 years. She is joined by our Director Janine Lette who has legal and insurance background and the Finance Director, because of the obvious finance history.

In the first few months the Committee has rewritten the AusDBF Purchasing Policy which hopefully will be easier for people to follow, as well as rewriting our Risk Management Policy and the associated Procedure. The new Risk Management Policy, which is in line with the appropriate Risk Standard, gives us a new learning. Historically, Risk and Audit functions have focused on Safety and the negative impacts of an occurrence. The new thinking is that we should

also think of the impact of not doing something when a good opportunity arises. Economists call this Opportunity Cost, and many of us had not thought of it in terms of Risk.

At the time of writing the Committee is rewriting the AusDBF Risk Register, with the idea that it can become a guide to help other members or clubs to build their own registers. We do wonder how many people had either bushfires or pandemics in their Risk Registers last year! The last 12 months has given us all food for thought.

Once the Register is published, we hope that like the national revSPORT user group, AusDBF can host an Audit and Risk user group, with the idea to help others get theirs off the ground or maybe help with the sometimes tricky language in the area.

Safety remains an integral part of Risk Management and hopefully all of our clubs put practices in place to help mitigate the numerous risks we all face. DBNSW promotes the App Safe365 and the Chair is a convert and supports its use.

However there is another thing that we as a sport would be well placed to develop, and that is to learn from is “near misses”. As a sport we only get information on incidents where there is a potential insurance claim. revSPORT does have the capacity to report on incidents and it would be a good first step to have national reporting on that even if there was no insurance claim. Thankfully there aren’t a huge number of insurance claims, but when they do occur and we read them we can sometimes see silly decisions that have been taken leading to some serious implications. It would be good if we could develop a culture, and then a system where “near misses” are reported into an environment where that reporting didn’t count as a black mark on the Coach or sweep etc. How many times have we made the comment – “Ooops - that was lucky!” and what do we do about it. Generally nothing, just file it away into our mind perhaps noting to do that differently in the future. The next stage would be to record and then distribute these learnings so that others don’t make the same mistake. More food for thought.

AusChamps Review Working Group (ARWG)

- Janine Lette – Chair (AusDBF)
- Danielle Ferrari (DBQ)
- Albert Au (DBNSW)
- Angela Notaras (DBACT)
- John Cuzzupi (DBV)
- John Holland (DBSA)
- Barb Clarkson (DBWA)

Each Member was asked to nominate one person for this Working Group to be reformed. DBQ, DBNSW, DBACT, DBV, DBSA and DBWA answered that call and the Group consists of six people with vast experience in hosting and / or organising AusChamps over a number of years.

Using a combination of data available from revSPORT (from 2017, 2018 and 2019 AusChamps) and historical data available from the last seven AusChamps race programs, the group has spent their time evaluating the data. Together with the input from the Athletes Commission and Member States, an 11 page document recommending improvements for Senior days and State v State day racing has been prepared for consideration by the AusDBF Board.

It is hoped that these recommendations are accepted and adopted to enable AusChamps to be the best event that all our paddlers, drummers and sweeps can attend including the importance of representing your State.

Competition & Technical Committee (C&TC)

- Sylvia Wong- Chair – IDBF Level 4/IDBF C&TC
- Melanie Cantwell – IDBF Level 4/IDBF C&TC
- Janine Lette – IDBF Level 4
- Vic Fazakerley – IDBF Level 3
- Phil Reader - IDBF Level 3
- John Holland – IDBF Level 1
- Chris Alexandrou
- Jo Grammatico

In 2019-20, AusDBF Board changed the composition of Competition and Technical Committee (C&TC) by increasing the Committee from six to eight. The Australian dragon boat community was invited to submit their interest and the positions were filled by Chris “Zeus” Alexandrou and Jo “Woggy” Grammatico. 2019-20 also saw Vic Fazakerley step down from the Chair position. Thank you to Vic for his chairmanship for the past few years.

Although C&TC were unable to meet in person this year, the Committee maintained their annual catchup in April. The Committee provided the AusDBF Board with the following main recommended updates to the AusDBF Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing (CR&RoR) to further improve efficiencies to the running of AusChamps:

- All crews must have a minimum of a Level 3 sweep in line with AusDBF Sweep Guidelines and Classification levels document (CR 3.2d).
- All competitors must be financial members of the dragon boat club they are representing, by close of entries of the relevant AusChamps. This means all transfers, new and returning member registrations must be processed by the State Administrators prior to close of entries for the relevant AusChamps (CR 3.4).
- Lane placement in heats based on results from previous heats has been updated (CR 10.3).
- AusDBF Competitors and Team Manager Declaration must be signed by all competitors and submitted to AusDBF prior to commencement of racing (CR 11.5).
- Removing reference to Masters, Grand Masters and Great Grand Dragons and update U24s to 24 and Under to be in line with IDBF terminologies.
- Exemption Application fee will be reduced from \$50 to \$20 (non-refundable) per request. (Annex 3).
- As part of Annex 5 Part 1, an exemption application form detailing the composite crew request must be submitted to the AusDBF Member for consideration and determination, as per the AusDBF Competition Rules and Regulations Annex 3 to Part 1 (no fee will be applicable).
- The following forms will be available for download from AusDBF website:
 - » Exemption Application Form
 - » Race Protest Form
 - » Race Appeal Form
 - » Competitor and Team Declaration Form
 - » AusDBF Competitors and Team Manager Declaration

Historical Committee (HC)

- Julie Clinch – Chair
- Janelle Gamble (DBQ)
- Steven Davidson (DBNSW)
- Geoff See (DBACT)
- Alex James (DBV)
- Julie Davidson (DBTAS)
- Barb Clarkson (DBWA)
- Daryl Manzie (NT)
- Philippa McLean (AusDBF)

The Historical Committee was originally formed to document the history for a coffee table book with input from each State and Territory to celebrate 25 years of AusChamps.

The launch of the book was scheduled to occur at the 2020 AusChamps in Penrith and the committee had it ready to go in time for the big event.

Due to CoVID19 restrictions and the decision made to cancel the AusChamps, the book took another turn and now includes the AusDBF history which incorporates not only the early days of the sport, 25 years of AusChamps, but also the most recent history including the Auroras and the number of people who have represented Australia at any stage.

It covers where we came from to where we are now.

The Committee Representatives have done an awesome job and I thank each of them for their commitment and input to create what we believe to be a fantastic book.

National Athlete Pathway (NAP)

- Rex Tindal – Chair (AusDBF) – Level 3 Coach
- Martin Pavelka (DBQ) – Level 3 Coach
- Nicola Frowen (DBNSW)
- Chris Alexandrou (DBNSW) – Level 3 Coach
- Sally Bromley (DBACT) – Level 3 Coach
- Adrian Stephens (DBV)
- Alison Mourant (DBTAS) – Level 3 Coach
- Vi Duong (DBSA) – Level 1 Coach
- Laura Hughes (DBWA) – Level 3 Coach

The National Athlete Pathways Committee undertook a review of the AusDBF Athlete Pathway documentation.

At the August committee meeting it was decided that the current document had a specific focus on paddlers and required updating to also include pathways for drummers and sweeps.

The Athlete Pathway documentation now incorporates pathways for drummers and sweeps.

Marketing (Post COVID-19) Working Group (PCMWWG)

- Kris Fleming – Chair (AusDBF)
- Mish Strempele (DBQ)
- Jade Murphy (DBNSW)
- Katie Whitehead (DBACT)
- Craig Ryan (DBV)
- Helen Howarth (DBTAS)
- Kat Reid (DBSA)
- Barbara Clarkson (DBWA)
- Pat Hancock (DAA)



The sport of dragon boating in Australia has been heavily impacted in 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the first cases of the disease were confirmed in Australia in January, dragon boaters around the country had no idea what lay ahead for our sport. In March, as COVID-19 spread through the community

in all States, social distancing rules were imposed and non-essential services, including most sports, were shut down. AusDBF made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 AusChamps, scheduled to be held in April in Penrith, NSW.

Most Member States were forced to advise their Clubs, as dragon boating could not comply with social distancing requirements, that their training activities would have to cease.

In June, after several months of isolation, working from home and many other measures to reduce the spread of the infection, we started to see a reduction and zero community transmissions in some areas. SPORTAUS developed a 'Return to Sport Toolkit' that included a suite of resources to help sporting organisations get ready to recommence training, competitions and programs in a safe, responsible and low risk manner. The Toolkit built on the AIS Framework for Rebooting of Sport and the Australian Government's National Principles for the resumption of sport and recreation activities. This enabled AusDBF and its Members to be able to start to plan the resumption of dragon boat sporting activities, paving the way for us to get back on the water.

AusDBF identified a unified approach to spreading the message across the country about getting back in the boat involving all Member States could benefit our sport as a whole. In cooperation with all its Members, AusDBF formed the Post COVID-19 Marketing Working Group (PCMWWG). PCMWWG is a Representative committee, with each Member nominating a representative to be part of the group. The PCMWWG's objective is to help prepare and support Members and their Clubs to successfully promote and 're-boot' the sport of dragon boating through an effective and consistent marketing strategy.

As was now the new 'norm', the Group met for the first time through a video meeting on 6 June.

PCMWWG have met six times so far and their work is progressing. In the final planning stages is an overall messaging campaign that will help to both retain existing members as well as attracting new members. Also being finalised is a Toolkit of resources for Clubs to be able to join the campaign locally and through social media to energise their members and successfully get back in the boat.

revSPORT Users Group (RUG)

- Melanie Cantwell – Chair (AusDBF)
- Danielle Ferrari (DBQ)
- Ramsay Cobb (DBNSW)
- Sue Pidgeon (DBACT)
- Craig Ryan (DBV)
- Brendan Breen (DBTAS)
- Marie Cunningham (DBSA)
- Susan Troncone (DBWA)

The RUG has been meeting regularly since June. The user group is made up of representatives from each AusDBF Member.

The group is proactive and willing to share ideas and knowledge which will benefit the sport as a whole and improve the way AusDBF and AusDBF Members utilise the national digital platform.

The group have been discussing efficiencies, ways to avoid duplication of information and how technology can be used to replace paper-based procedures.

AusDBF and AusDBF Members completed a revSPORT Users Matrix which has been helpful to compare which features each AusDBF Member is using and where the synergies are to maximise requests for improvements with revSPORT.

Some of the topics discussed are: National events calendar, use of the accreditation module, National Online Code of Conduct, reporting, online crew lists for regattas, EDMs, benefits of subscription membership, clean-up of membership database and duplication of national ID numbers, exit surveys and archiving members.

As more knowledge and experiences are shared, full utilisation of revSPORT from a National level to State level to Club level will be reached and create greater efficiencies across the sport, and access to data will improve insights into the history of the sport and its members.

Race Official Mentors (ROMP)

- Gillian Styles – Chair (DBACT) – AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 1
- Janine Lette (DBQ) – AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 4
- Norm Hunt (DBQ) – AusDBF Level 3
- Geoff Roberts (DBNSW) – AusDBF Level 3
- Elissa Mackenzie (DBNSW) - AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 1
- Maureen O'Neill (DBNSW) – AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 1
- Sue Pidgeon (DBACT) – AusDBF Level 2
- Philippa McLean (DBV) – AusDBF Level 3
- Georgia Parry (DBV) – AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 1
- John Holland (DBSA) - AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 1
- Vic Fazakerley (DBWA) - AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 3
- Georgina Smith (DBWA) – AusDBF Level 1
- Melanie Cantwell (AusDBF) - AusDBF Level 3/IDBF Level 4

The State representatives on the ROMP Committee have met five times via Zoom during 2019-2020.

In April we accepted the resignation of Chris Gabriel (VIC) and thank her for her contribution and involvement in establishing ROMP.

During the year we have discussed and developed the Race Officials' re-accreditation process. In December 2019 we agreed that each State ROMP would take responsibility for keeping track of officials in their State and keeping them informed about the process of maintaining accreditation. We report back at each meeting.

We supported Melanie and Philippa in designing the online questionnaires for each of the three levels of officials. These were officially introduced on 1 July 2020. The number of responses and completion has varied in each State. We believe, as with all sports, that the effect of COVID and delays to the racing season may have dampened some enthusiasm for our sport.

In May it was agreed that Gillian take the role of acting Chair for meetings to enable Melanie to concentrate on minute taking. In May we submitted our reasons to AusDBF Board of the benefits of why race officials should re-accredit annually. This was accepted and AusDBF also agreed to set a fee of \$15 for this year of COVID 2020-2021.

In July it was agreed that during COVID restrictions, officials follow the guidance of their State association.

Our August meeting focused on feedback regarding the ongoing process of re-accreditation. There were a few areas noted where we needed to re-visit questions and also clarify the roles of officials. We identified the difference of knowledge in all States for those who had experience officiating at AusChamps and those who had only supported local regattas. The role of mentoring all officials was seen as essential to developing understanding and interpreting the regulations and rules. ROMP members have endeavoured to do this.

		ACT	NSW	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA
Level 1	RA	12+5 new	14+5 new	24	14 new	16*	9	7
	NC	1	4	3	0	0	0	2
Level 2	RA	6	6	3	0	0	4	0
	NC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 3	RA	1	12	4	2	0	3.5	1
	NC	0	1	0	1	0	0	1

RA - re-accredited

NC - paid, not completed assessment

* (old course)



Sweep Committee (SC)

- Deb Whitfield – Chair (DBACT) – Level 4 sweep
- Norm Hunt (DBQ) – Level 5 sweep
- Robert Turnbull (DBNSW) – Level 5 sweep
- Anni Yaringa (DBNSW) – recently retired – Level 5 sweep
- Dave Abel (DBV) – Level 5 sweep
- Susan Sanderson (DBTAS) – Level 4 sweep
- John Holland (DBSA) – Level 5 sweep
- Chris Kelly (DBSA) – Level 4 sweep
- Laura Hughes (DBWA) – Level 3 sweep
- Vivienne Wigg (DBWA) – Level 4 sweep

Activities since Previous Report

The group unanimously adopted Edition 12 Sweeps Guidelines and Safety Procedures, with the following included;

- Section 2.14 – Racing “that Sweeps must be a minimum of level 3 to steer at Australian Championships. (The committee would like the same information included in AusDBF competition Rules and Regulations.)
- All sweeps 16 years and older to have a current First Aid Certificate, and sweeps under 16 must have a current First Aid person on the boat.

Forward Requirements

States' Sweep Co-ordinators would like access to State sweep information (through revSPORT accreditation module).

Ongoing Actions

- All agreed the capsizing video is now outdated. ACT are happy to make a new one: the timing will be in line with warmer weather and COVID 19. It will have items covered from input received from other States and AusDBF role at Australian Championships.
- Advanced sweeps training course/guidelines discussion on creating a national advanced sweep training document.

Closing Comments

Thank you to all AusDBF sweep committee members and Melanie Cantwell for tidying up and uploading all the documents to website.

Development

COACHING ACCREDITATION – CURRENCY

Effective 1 October 2018 it is mandatory that all dragon boat clubs affiliated with AusDBF via Member States only engage AusDBF dragon boat coaches / trainers that have current AusDBF National Coach Accreditation Scheme (ANCAS) accreditation to undertake coach and training activities.

Current coaching accreditation also requires coaches to have:

- Current signed coaches' code of conduct
- Current senior first aid
- Current working with children clearance (working with children clearance is mandatory for all coaches / trainers)

COACHING ACCREDITATION – EXPIRY

All AusDBF coaching levels have an expiry date of four years from the date of issue.

COACHING - NATIONAL COACH REGISTRATION STATUS

Over the last 12 months (especially March to November 2020) we have seen a decrease in the number of coaching courses being run due to COVID-19. COVID-19 and social distancing requirements have also had an impact on the post course assessment periods for those coaches who attended training courses at the end of 2019. It's great to see some of the creative ideas that clubs have been able to incorporate in their training sessions to enable trainee coaches to run sessions, be mentored, be assessed and complete their accreditation.

Well done to all club coaches, coach presenters / assessors and newly accredited coaches.

Over the last 12 months Melanie Cantwell (AusDBF Business Service Coordinator) has been able to upload the entire AusDBF National Coach Accreditation Scheme (ANCAS) database into the accreditation module within revSPORT. Prior to the ANCAS upload into revSPORT a review of the current status of all coaches on the database was undertaken and any that had left the sport, were no longer a member or indicated that they were no

longer participating as a coach were removed them from the database, archived and not uploaded into revSPORT.

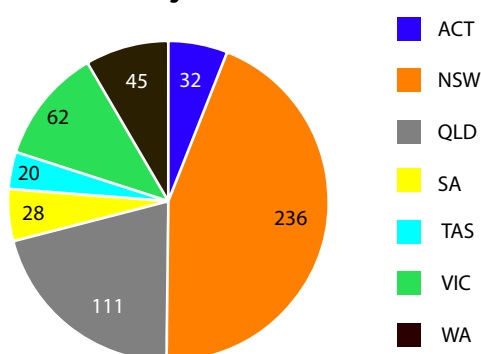
This now enables coaches to view their accreditation and expiry dates via their revSPORT profile. It has also been set up so that coaches will receive an automated email notification 90 days prior to their accreditation expiry as a reminder to enrol in a new course or submit an application for reaccreditation.

Melanie has also been able to upload the Race Officials' database into the accreditation module within revSPORT. This greatly enhances AusDBF's reporting capabilities across many variables for coaches and Race officials.

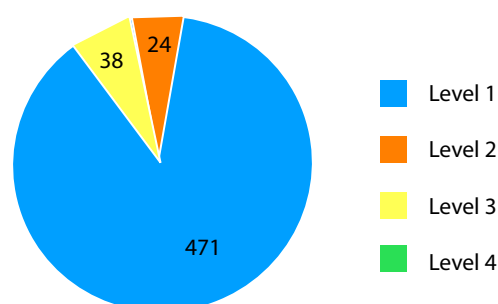
Thanks for your assistance with this, Melanie.

Below is a breakdown of ANCAS data.

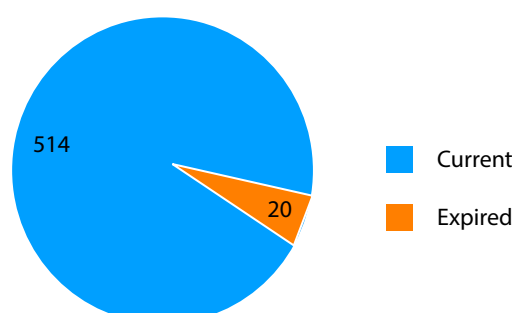
ANCAS Totals by State



ANCAS Totals by Accreditation Level



ANCAS Totals by Accreditation Status



COACHING COURSE E-LEARNING

AusDBF has been able to purchase relevant software applications to develop and create an online Learning Management System (LMS) which initially incorporates 15 online e-learning modules for coaching courses. Going forward AusDBF will also be able to create e-learning modules for Race officials, sweeps and other accreditation categories.

ANCAS - Level 1 coaching course has been updated to incorporate three e-learning modules.

ANCAS - Level 2 coaching course has been updated to incorporate seven e-learning modules.

ANCAS - Level 3 coaching course has been updated to incorporate five e-learning modules.

The online e-learning modules will be a prerequisite requirement to be completed prior to attending the coaching course workshop. This will allow the course presenters / assessor more time during the course workshops to focus on attendees running water sessions / designing session plans / developing people management skills.

Current coaches will also be able to complete these online e-learning modules (without attending a course workshop) to demonstrate their continuing education components of the reaccreditation process.

Previously the prior Level 2 course was run over six days (three days each month for two months). The courses were also run in a central location. This meant that attendees (if not from that location) would be required to fly / travel into that location and find accommodation twice for the duration of the course workshops.

The new ANCAS Level 2 course workshop (incorporating the seven e-learning modules as a prerequisite to attending workshop) will now be run over two days in each State by the AusDBF Coaching presenters / assessors. The State-based coach presenters / assessors were engaged as consultants with the course upgrades and creation of the 15 e-learning modules.

This is a positive outcome for coaches as they will have easier access to courses and at a much-reduced cost.

COACHES FORUM

Over the last 12 months it has been highlighted that coaches (especially in remote locations) have been suffering from coaching isolation and access to ongoing current information on topical coaching activities, techniques and options for upskilling in relevant areas.

As a start the ANCAS presenters / assessors have commenced a coaching forum accessible via the AusDBF website. Various articles, videos etc have been vetted for relevance and placed on this site.

The group are also looking at using the new online e-learning applications to create additional videos, arrange interviews etc to include in the forum.

REX TINDAL
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

IDBF Commission

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

- Loretta Lewis – IDBF Deputy Treasurer
- Melanie Cantwell – Chair – IDBF Competition & Technical Commission
- Belinda Chung – Chair – IDBF Marketing & Media Commission
- Sylvia Wong – Member - IDBF Competition & Technical Commission
- Mary Weaver – Youth Commission
- Chris Alexandrou – Athletes Commission
- Janelle Gamble – Women's Commission
- Janine Lette – Member – IDBF Medical Commission



Sue Jones



Shirleen Ho



AusDBF Education and Upskill Grant

The AusDBF grant program was established in 2014 in honour of Melanie Cantwell and Janine Lette in recognition of their dedication and contribution to the sport of dragon boating. The Grant/s is awarded annually, and applications are accepted under one of the four categories of the AusDBF strategic Plan:

1. Governance
2. Development (Coaching / Race Officials / Sweeping)
3. Events
4. High Performance

The Grant/s will be awarded to help recipients develop their skills and further their knowledge in their nominated category.

The 2020 grant recipients went to Shirleen Ho, a member of Dragon Sports Association (NSW) and Sue Jones, a member of Coorong Dragons (SA).

Congratulations to both ladies and their future endeavours as dragon boat coaches.

Events

Who would have thought back at the 2019 AGM when I was elected to the Board that 2020 was going to present the way it has!

I have enjoyed my return to the AusDBF Board to represent all paddlers and race officials at all levels of dragon boating while ensuring that Australian dragon boating will grow. Even with this strange 2020, I was able to progress the following within my portfolio and be a part of an enthusiastic Board that saw completion of a number of projects:

AUSCHAMPS 2020

DBNSW had a great AusChamps planned for all of us, which was sadly cancelled on 'the start line'. I would like to thank DBNSW and their Organising Committee, for their work on the AusChamps that never was.

NATIONAL CALENDAR

It was requested by the Membership at the December 2019 General Meeting that a National Calendar was created. This has been implemented via revSPORT and draws the data from each Members' Calendar.

COMPETITION & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

This is a group of highly skilled and experienced people who meet normally during AusChamps. However, this year the group met via Zoom where improvements to the Rules & Regulations were discussed and recommendations made to the AusDBF Board. These recommendations (version 9) have been accepted by AusDBF and appear on its website. This group also welcomed two new members so is now a group of eight.

CLUB CREW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - FRANCE

It was an absolute shame that this was cancelled as our Clubs would have dominated the Finals in all categories. Thank you to our Clubs who qualified and trained hard, including as best they could at the start of restrictions, before the Event was definitely cancelled. I know there were a lot of 'France' themed gatherings of those Clubs, within restrictions, to celebrate what should have been. I look forward to seeing these Clubs at AusChamps to again qualify for CCWC 2022, Sarasota USA.

AUSCHAMPS REVIEW

I have led a group of six people nominated by their Member to review our Senior and State Racing Days. After very thorough investigations, collaboration, data analysis and discussion over six months via Zoom, this Group's recommendations for 2021 onwards have been provided to the AusDBF Board. If accepted, our AusChamps will include a dedicated day for State Racing with an exciting race added which will only be seen on State Day.

AUSCHAMPS 2021

DBWA are well entrenched in their organisation for hosting 2021 at Championship Lakes. With unknown Covid restrictions, the AusChamps may be of a different format or have reduced days. As Covid restrictions are continually evolving, the exact form is not known at the time of writing this. I am sure that DBWA will have an exciting AusChamps for us.

JANINE LETTE
EVENTS DIRECTOR

2020 AusChamps Entries

DAY 1 – SENIOR 200M

		Senior A			Senior B			Senior C		
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open
2020	Standard	6	4		8	6				
2020	Small	13	13	14	9	12	11	13	7	4

DAY 2 – SENIOR 500M

		Senior A			Senior B			Senior C		
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open
2020	Standard	7	4		8	6				
2020	Small	13	14	13	9	10	11	10	6	4

DAY 2/3 – SENIOR 2KM

		Senior A			Senior B			Senior C		
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open
2020	Standard	6	3		8	3				
2020	Small	11	6	6	4	7	8	6	4	2

DAY 3 - STATE V STATE 500M

		18U			Premier			
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open	BCS
2020	Standard	4	1	1	18	10	8	
2020	Small	4	5	4	16	11	12	3

DAY 4 – PREMIER/18U 500M

		18U			Premier			
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open	BCS
2020	Standard	4	1	1	14	8	7	
2020	Small	4	5	4	18	12	12	3

DAY 5 – PREMIER/18U 200M

		18U			Premier		
		Mixed	Women	Open	Mixed	Women	Open
2020	Standard	4	1	1	17	9	6
2020	Small	2	4	3	13	8	8

Clubs that registered to participate

1. ACCA (NSW)
2. ACDC (SA)
3. Adelaide Phoenix Dragon Boat Club (SA)
4. Bei Loon (NSW)
5. Brave Hearts Dragon Boat Club (VIC)
6. Brisbane River Dragons (QLD)
7. Burleigh Fire Dragons (QLD)
8. Cairns Dragon Boat Club (QLD)
9. Canberra Grammar School (ACT)
10. Canberra Griffins (ACT)
11. Camden Haven Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
12. Cockburn Dragon Boat Club (WA)
13. Currumbin (QLD)
14. CYL (NSW)
15. CYSM Sea Dragons (VIC)
16. DA Penrith (NSW)
17. Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club (TAS)
18. Different Strokes (NSW)
19. Diamond Phoenix Dragon Boat Club (ACT)
20. Dragon Flyers (ACT)
21. Dragon Masters (VIC)
22. DSA (NSW)
23. Eastern Suburbs Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
24. FFB Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
25. Flamin Dragons (NSW)
26. Flying Dragons (NSW)
27. Forza (WA)
28. Hamilton City Watersports (NZ)
29. Ice Dragons Dragon Boat Paddle Club (ACT)
30. Kempsey Macleay Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
31. KIN Dragons (QLD)
32. Lake District Dragon Boat Club (QLD)
33. Mackay Dragon Boat Club (QLD)
34. Manly Dragon Boat Club (QLD)
35. Marist Dragons (NSW)
36. Maroochy Sea Serpents (QLD)
37. Melbourne Flames Dragon Boat Club (VIC)
38. MoCo Dragon Boat Club (TAS)
39. Mt Beauty Dragon Boat Club (VIC)
40. Nambucca River Dragons (NSW)
41. Navmat (ACT)
42. Newcastle Hunter Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
43. Northern Beaches Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
44. Nowra Waterdragons (NSW)
45. NQ Phoenix Dragon Boat Club (QLD)
46. Pendragons (NSW)
47. Pittwater Dragon Boat Racing Club (NSW)
48. QLD Sonic Dragons
49. Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
50. Sandy Point Dragons (NSW)
51. Sloths Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
52. Southern Storm Paddle Club (VIC)
53. St Scholastic's College (NSW)
54. Subsonix Dragon Boat Club (SA)
55. SUDU Dragons (NSW)
56. Sunshine Coast Dragon Boat & Outrigger Canoe Club (QLD)
57. Sydney Tsunami Dragon Boat Club (NSW)
58. Sydney Zodiacs (NSW)
59. Te Waka Dragons (QLD)
60. Tweed Dragons (QLD)
61. Yarra River Dragons (VIC)

2020 AusChamps Flag Bearers

Due to COVID 19 the 2020 AusChamps did not happen. The following members were selected to represent their respective States at the 2020 AusChamps. These flag bearers will have the opportunity to participate and carry the flag for their State at the AusChamps in 2021.

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY ROBYNE KELLETT



Robyne Kellett has been involved in dragon boating, starting with Dragons Abreast in 2001, moving to Dragon Flyers eight years later.

Robyne has competed at local, national and international events with the Dragon Flyers,

including Club Crew World Championships (CCWC) in Macau, Hong Kong, Italy and Adelaide.

She was part of the inaugural Auroras national team in 2011 in Tampa, was sweep for the ACT State team at many AusChamps and also coached the Canberra Titans, an ACT Masters team who competed in the 2008 CCWC in Penang.

Over the years Robyne has been involved with DBACT and ACT Fire as a sweep coordinator, accreditor and State coach.

Robyne coaches and sweeps for her club the Dragon Flyers and is a former club Head Coach.

Robyne continues to inspire her paddlers and contributes an extraordinary amount of time and effort to the sport of dragon boat racing.

NEW SOUTH WALES JOE RIHARI



The 2020 NSW Flag Bearer is Joey Rihari who sadly passed away on the 8th February 2020. Joey was appointed as the team manager for the NSW Senior A squad and had been dragon boating with Sloths Dragon Boating Club since 2014

where he was captain of the Rebels crew. He was known in the community as an encouraging and helpful individual who paddled fiercely and always knew how to put a smile on people's face. Our condolences to Joey's partner John and his family members."

QUEENSLAND MARTIN PAVELKA



Martin spotted his first dragon boat at a festival in Redcliffe, Brisbane in 2004. After attending a Come and Try day, he was hooked on the sport and has been paddling ever since. As a club

paddler he has tasted success at State, National and World level, with medaling at the 2012 Club Crew World Championships in Hong Kong being one of the biggest highlights. Over the years Martin has represented Queensland on 12 occasions and Australia at the 2013 World Nations Dragon Boat Championships in Hungary.

Martin has a keen passion for developing all paddlers in the sport, in particular juniors and premiers. In 2010 he started coaching technique at club level and progressed to coaching the Queensland Sonic (juniors) in 2015, which he still coaches today. He also coached the Queensland State Squad Juniors in 2017 and has been coaching the Queensland State Squad Premiers since 2018. Additionally, he has successfully coached the Senior A Auroras at the 2017 World Nations Dragon Boat Championships in China and the 2019 World Nations Dragon Boat Championships in Thailand.

As a coach and fellow paddler Martin's energy, passion and drive for the sport, and its advancement, is contagious. Martin is a highly respected, dedicated and professional individual in terms of the development of dragon boating and members within the sport. He is deserving of this recognition, and the DBQ Board highly values his contributions to dragon boating in Queensland over the years.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

JULIE LISTER



Julie came across dragon boating heading for a lunch time paddle with work colleagues at a 'Life be In It' come and try and was hooked after the first 45 minutes on the water. Julie joined a club for the 2013/2014 season and

has progressed from paddler, to sweep and Level 3 coach in the six years.

Julie's passion, commitment and enthusiasm for the sport has grown stronger over the years. She is a highly disciplined and motivated athlete, training hard on and off the water. She loves the sport and works tirelessly to engage and develop new paddlers, willingly sharing her skills, knowledge and experience of the sport, while mentoring and providing explanations and tips to those experienced. Julie will always put her hand up to be involved in the schools and corporate programs, seeing her volunteer numerous time each year. In the last three years, Julie's leadership style has seen her become a much respected paddler and coach of the South Australian Senior B and C State Team and this season has taken on the challenge of coaching at club level with Subsonix Dragon Boat Club.

In 2019 Julie qualified and represented Australia as part of the Auroras competing in Thailand.

TASMANIA

LISA REID



It is appropriate that Lisa has been chosen as flag bearer for Tasmania in the 25th Anniversary of the AusChamps. Lisa had an influential role in the early years of the sport in Tasmania, as a past President and Board member of Dragon

Boat Tasmania from its inception through a number of years while the sport was developing. Lisa has been a member of the State team at AusChamps and would have been at Penrith this year with her club MOCO. Lisa is a coach and sweep with MOCO which is a club based in the northern suburbs of Hobart and has been the driving force behind this club.

VICTORIA

ELLA VARMAN



Ella Varman has been paddling for about five years, and has been to four Australian Championships, paddled with the Victorian State team every year and the Auroras in Thailand.

She was also the Captain of the U18s Victorian State team in Canberra at Australian Championships in 2019.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

DANIEL FOUCAR



Daniel was the junior coach at the Lakers from 2015-2018. During his time as junior coach, several of the juniors at the club made the Auroras, a testament to his abilities as a coach.

This year will be his fifth time representing WA at the

AusChamps. Daniel first represented WA in the State team in 2014 at the AusChamps in Penrith, and has paddled for WA in the 24U and Premier divisions. Daniel was State team captain in 2015 and State team coach in 2016.

Daniel is extremely passionate about dragon boating and has represented the Auroras on six occasions. His first international competition was the 2015 World Championships in Canada, followed by the 2016 World Cup in China. 2017 World Championships in China, 2018 World Cup in China, 2018 Asian Championships in China and more recently the 2019 World Championships in Thailand 2019.

DRAGONS ABREAST JUDY DODD



Judy has been an integral member of Rainbow Dragons Abreast (RDA) aka DA Byron Bay for 13 years and has always been an outspoken advocate for breast cancer survivors, as well as offering support and care to those in need.

She was president/coordinator of RDA from 2016 to 2018 and secretary prior to that. Judy continues to present information to breast

cancer support groups within our region to promote DAA and the benefits of dragon boat paddling. She has also assisted with the Encore program for breast cancer survivors, promoting DA paddling in that capacity. Other initiatives that she is involved with include the purchase of lymphedema sleeves for women who can't afford them and many other activities that promote our club (and DAA) while supporting the community (such as the Mother's Day Classic, Winter Whales Ocean Swim, etc).

Judy is a keen paddler and drummer, competing in both DA and sporting regattas. A regular gym-goer, she personifies fitness and a healthy lifestyle, an excellent role model for many younger members of Rainbow Dragons. She was selected to represent the Rainbow Region Dragon Boat Club in the Senior B division at the AusChamps this year, having won medals at the past two AusChamps. She was also part of our club team heading to France later this year for the Club Crew World Championships.

Above all, Judy is an unassuming and deeply caring person, always putting others before herself and looking after the welfare of all club members. She somehow manages all this while caring for a husband needing daily dialysis and an adult son with a disability. Judy is truly a powerhouse of a human being, a wonderful advocate for our organisation and a shining example of healthy living following a breast cancer diagnosis – for these reasons, we'd love to see her carry the DAA flag at next year's AusChamps.

High Performance

A year of change for AusDBF High Performance

After 10 years at the helm, Serghei Cucsă passed on the Auroras Head Coach baton to David Abel. AusDBF Board would like to thank Serge for his dedication and leadership to the sport of dragon boat racing for the last decade. Serge's contribution to the growth of The Auroras has put Australia in a strong position on the dragon boat world stage.

The COVID-19 pandemic saw many world events cancelled in 2020 including the 14th Asian Dragon Boat Championships and Dragon Boat World Cup. These cancellations put a pause on The Auroras Campaign. With the uncertainly ahead, David will be working closely with AusDBF to determine the best way to steer towards the 15th World Nations Championships in Nov 2021.

Message from Auroras Head Coach - David Abel

None of us could have imagined at the start of this year that the world would face a global pandemic which has created uncertainty in many aspects of our lives, including our sport. We continue to seek confirmation of our next opportunity to compete at the highest level and hope to have an update soon about likely future events. Current information is that competition will likely take place during November next year somewhere in Asia.

Once we have confirmation, we will plan our campaign approach. Bear with us, stay fit and ready to respond to our call for expressions of interest. It is more than likely that national travel will be subject to State controls and we expect that our approach to training camps will be flexible to meet any health and wellbeing controls in place at the time. We will strive to give you as much notice as possible. Until then, please stay safe and well.



Life membership 2019

John Holland

John was President of Dragon Boats SA for 10 years and under his leadership DBSA increased membership in clubs and individuals. He developed clubs and organised events in regional areas, increased financial sustainability and improved on governance structures.



Most notable was the mammoth task of hosting back to back events in 2016 with State Championships, National Championships, Asian Championships and Club Crew World Championships. One event is generally enough for most people but to take on four required a herculean effort. While there are always many people involved it takes one person to lead the troops.

John served as an AusDBF Board Director in 2007 for 12 months and was re-elected again in 2017. This has seen him step up and take on the Finance portfolio utilising his many years of business skills.

In addition to the administration of the sport, John is a qualified coach and is one of the Coach Presenters and Assessors as well as an International Official. When his club or State has not participated at AusChamps, he has volunteered his time as an Official.

John has competed at the highest level of the sport with his club at IDBF Club Crew World Championships, and has represented Australia in the Auroras at World Nation Championships.

There probably isn't much with regard to the sport that John hasn't been involved with.

John is one of the rare individuals in the sport who has achieved a lot personally but has also been generous in giving back to the sport in countless ways. Most people 'take' from the sport, but few are willing to give over a long period of time.

Jon Taylor Award 2020

Barbara Clarkson

Barbara Clarkson is a deserving recipient of the Jon Taylor (JT) Award.



Barbara Clarkson has been an active member of the Amazons Dragon Boat Club and has contributed as a paddler and also on their management committee to assist with the running of the club. During this time Barbara has also been an active member of the DBWA Board and many other sub committees.

Barbara has served on the AusChamps Review and AusDBF Historical Committees. Since her retirement from the Department of Sport and Recreation, Barbara has generously provided support to AusDBF assisting with the design and update of their collateral and documents.

Barbara has a 'can do' attitude and is always the first to put up her hand to assist and volunteer her time. She has led the AusChamps Organising Committees for 2008 and 2015.

Barbara has worked tirelessly for DBWA including work to secure grants for from Government and other agencies and then acquitting the funding. Plus ensuring DBWA structure was in place to conform to legislation and that DBWA Board and clubs complied with this legislation.

It goes without saying that DBWA wouldn't be where it is today in terms of respect in the sporting community, with government, with other State Dragon Boat Associations and with AusDBF if it weren't for the many hours Barbara has put into the sport.

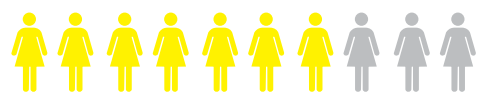
Our members

AusDBF currently has seven full members (State/Territory sporting organisations) and one affiliate member (Dragons Abreast Australia). There are 7662 Member State numbers.

Note that the member numbers for DAA are included in the Member State numbers as they are required to be a member of their State body.



34%



66%

Australian Capital Territory



Dragon boating in the ACT, as in every other State has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we have been lucky enough to be allowed to paddle every week of the year, albeit in such limited configurations (maximum five paddlers per boat) that some ACT clubs decided to stay off the water during those times.

Our 2019-20 racing season went ahead. Despite some regattas (including the DBACT Championships) having to be re-scheduled or cancelled, the events held were enjoyed in a great community spirit, together with visiting clubs from surrounding regions.

Two new clubs were formed and accepted into DBACT during the year. They are Hydra, focused on school leavers and tertiary students, and Invictus, aiming to encourage new paddlers and ex-members who might return to the sport.

The DBACT Executive Committee in 2019-20 comprised eight new members and two who agreed to accept nominations to fill their positions for another term. We were grateful to Sue Pidgeon and Jacky Luby for their corporate knowledge and generous “extra time”.

Key initiatives for DBACT this year included:

- A thorough review with all clubs of our strategic plan from first principles and values.
- A drive towards securing a permanent headquarters at Grevillea Park, where our regatta course is set. The hoped-for funding from local government was not realised this year but planning continues, as do our efforts to attract funding for a modest building.
- Urgent negotiations and planning to secure a permit to move our “temporary” facilities to a site at Grevillea Park adjacent to our proposed permanent site. This has become necessary due to competing interests and space shortage at Lotus Bay in Yarralumla.

And if the reader remembers the dust at the 2019 AusChamps, you should see the beautiful green grass at the Weston Park site today after the drought broke!



New South Wales



2019/20 marked the 25th year as an organisation – thank you to all those past and present for your contribution. We would like to congratulate and thank our 3,183 members and 64 clubs and schools for their contribution to the dragon boating community by creating a fun, social and inclusive environment, in what was most certainly one of the most challenging years we have faced to date.

As individuals and as an organisation, we have all been affected in some way by factors well outside our control in the last 12 months. If it wasn't the drought or the devastating bushfires followed by floods, in the last six months it definitely was the global pandemic COVID-19 that has had an impact on us all.

Despite this, we have had wins to celebrate this season! We saw a growth of 16% in our junior membership category and a small increase of males participating in the sport overall. We have also had strong growth and engagement in the digital media space across all major social networks as well as website visitations and downloads. And then there were the successfully run trials of our modified sport format 'Tribe', as well as putting into practice and testing our policies, resilience and agility at regattas. Club engagement through our online meetings has also been a great success.

The DBNSW Strategic focus areas of Our Community, Our Business and Our Governance overarch the initiatives on which the Management

and Operations team focus their work and shape how the Board directs our priorities.

OUR COMMUNITY

Our Members and Clubs continually demonstrate that they are the life blood of this organisation. This season we have really expanded on our consultative member focused approach. With regular club updates through various mediums, member satisfaction surveys and the establishment of a new member advisory working group, we are ensuring that what we are delivering not only meets our current member expectations, but is attractive to prospective members too. We replaced the 'DBNSW Road Show' with the digital club forums and have seen greater engagement with all our clubs through that.

We have been and will continue to develop more and more resources to support clubs, such as the recruitment campaign 'Paddle Adventure Awaits', Strategic Planning Templates, Risk Management Templates and systems for clubs to monitor and track their internal operations through health checks. In addition, we have NSW representatives sitting on all AusDBF sub-Committees ensuring the voice of our members is represented at the national level too.

OUR BUSINESS

This racing season, DBNSW ran five regattas as well as supported seven regional regattas throughout NSW. Despite the challenges we faced, participation at races during the season increased with new record numbers achieved at some events. Our new modified sport product 'Tribe' underwent a number of pilots throughout NSW and has been very well received, it is a fast, fun and furious event that appeals to everyone - the official launch of this has been pushed back to the 2020/21 season.

It was NSW's turn to host the 2020 AusChamps, the premier event of every season with a convergence of clubs from around Australia to battle it out on the racecourse. A big Thank You and call out to our AusChamps Working Group. They had all but completed their preparations for the event, which unfortunately had to be cancelled, and were unable to showcase all their hard work.

A big test will come in the coming season when we are able to resume as (the new) normal. It will be all hands on deck to ensure our events are run following the CovidSafe Sport NSW and SPORTAUS recommendations and framework. A lot of hard work has already gone into this with the Back to Paddle Plan and Regatta guidelines.

We launched the State wide asset plan to assist clubs and regions identify new areas for opportunity and we continue to collaborate with Infrastructure NSW on the master plan and development for the Bays Precinct where the Bank Street site is located.

OUR GOVERNANCE

All Board Directors and staff have completed the 'Governance Foundations for Not For Profit Directors Course' which has been a successful venture. Diversity, skills and succession on the Board continues to be reviewed and enhanced with the addition of our Appointed Directors. Our Committee, along with the Working Groups, have been working hard this year, with their remit and roles to be reviewed.

Our Risk Management and Safety Management systems have improved with regular audits and engagement from members through our digital applications. We continue to seek and apply for Government grant opportunities and despite the Bank Street Facility Grant not progressing, we were successful with the 'Sport Recovery Grant' which provided funds for both DBNSW and our member Clubs. Reviewing and developing sponsorship opportunities continues to be a priority and again we'd like to say Thank You to our existing partners, Team Elite, NSW Office of Sport and Transport for NSW for their ongoing support. Further sponsorship was obtained late in 2019 but unfortunately it did not come to fruition as a result of COVID-19 impacts on the sponsorship partner.

And finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank the Board for their ongoing direction and oversight of DBNSW, along with the DBNSW team, Ramsay Cobb, Denise Rogers and Mal Wills for their commitment, expertise and hard work this season. We would also like to recognise all Committee members, Advisors, Working Groups and Coordinators who volunteer much of their time to improve the sport.

DBNSW would also like to remember our members who passed during the year and send our very best thoughts to their paddling families.



Queensland



Dragon Boat Queensland (DBQ) is the governing body for dragon boating in Queensland.

DBQ now has 33 member clubs with one club, Burnett River Dragons closing this year. In the 2020-2021 season membership currently stands at 1175 which represents 94% of those numbers for same time in 2019-2020. Current membership is broken down in age groups as follows:

- Juniors – 14 female and 17 males
- Premier – 46 females and 25 males
- Senior A – 111 females and 47 males
- Senior B – 309 females and 88 males
- Senior C – 411 females and 106 males

The current COVID-19 pandemic has impacted DBQ, as it has other States. Membership numbers are down on last year sitting at about 73% of final 2019-2020 numbers. This is not a bad result given the circumstances.

DBQ was fortunate in being able to stage its State Championships on 7-8 March before COVID-19 restricted all dragon boating activities. Over the two days of competition 22 clubs and 750 members participated in the championships.

Competition has not resumed in Queensland as clubs are taking a cautious approach to large gatherings. Most clubs have resumed training with full boats possible since 3 July 2020. DBQ continues to work with its clubs to re-establish competition as soon as possible.

DBQ has taken the opportunity during the COVID-19 break to review and revise areas as:

- Strategic Plan 2020-2023 (Finalised)
- Regatta Guidelines (Ongoing)
- State Championships Review (Ongoing)
- State Squad Program Review (Ongoing)

DBQ continues to support clubs and their members in Queensland in the areas of Sweeps Workshops and Governance and Coaching Webinars.

Financial support has been provided to clubs and members through the following:

- First Aid courses and Boat Licenses
- Come and Try Sessions
- Clubs holding regattas at Lake Kawana and throughout the State
- Clubs who provide boats and other equipment for State Squad training, and Queensland State Championships
- Race Officials re-accreditation

This is possible through annual grant funding received from the Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation and existing DBQ funds. Grant funds initially provided for Sport Development activities have now been converted by the Qld government to Sport Recovery activities following COVID-19.

DBQ also has sponsorship arrangements in place with Aus Champion in support of the Queensland Sonics Juniors and Team Elite Merchandise.

DBQ is very active each year in supporting major events including Juiced TV Paddle for Kids (Dragon Boat Regatta Fundraiser for Childrens' Hospital Foundation) and Queensland University Technology Corporate Regatta. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of both these events.

The Juiced TV event will continue with DBQ support in 2020. In addition, DBQ will be hosting the QUT Regatta in 2021 with funds raised, in part, to be distributed to those clubs providing assistance for the event.

DBQ looks forward to better times ahead post-COVID, and success for 2020-2021 and beyond.

South Australia



The 2019-2020 season was truly unique.

The dragon boating season began well with minimal disruptions to scheduled events and over 700 paddler registrations.

The DBSA Board continues to function, well supported by the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing, Member Clubs and Life Members. The Board's focus is on growing the sport and finalising the review of our Strategic Plan and Constitution.

The racing season saw 12 events including the 2019 Australian Masters Games held in October 2019, OzAsia Festival, Corporate Cup Challenge, Wallaroo Marina Challenge and a Hat Regatta on Kangaroo Island. Bushfires devastated Kangaroo Island in early 2020 and challenged the future of the resident dragon boat club. It was truly heartening to see DBSA Member Clubs pull together a significant donation in support of their fellow Club.

Unfortunately, the 2019-2020 season was cut short when Australia felt the impact of the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. As the restrictions imposed by the State and Federal Governments limited the ability to conduct further events, the DBSA Board determined the risk to the paddling community was too great to allow the South Australian State Championships to proceed, and subsequently cancelled the event.



The year was not without its highlights.

John Holland (ACDC, Life Member of DBSA and AusDBF member) was awarded life membership of AusDBF, a credit to his many years of outstanding service to the sport.

The DBSA AGM was held in August and two new Board members were elected, bringing the total membership to nine. The forward focus of the Board is to recommence the sport in a safe environment and continue to grow the sport.

DBSA also finalised its five year strategic plan. The Strategic Plan 2020–2025 (the Plan) includes detailed information on the core business areas of DBSA, goals/objectives related to these business areas for the period of the plan and strategies to achieve the identified goals and objectives.

Younger paddler engagement is an emerging strategy to ensure a healthy future for Dragon boating in South Australia.



Tasmania



The past year has been dominated by our response to the Covid-19 pandemic. In some ways, we count ourselves lucky that a number of significant events around the State during the summer and toward March were able to proceed unaffected.

Suddenly, however, by mid-March paddling was discontinued.

The State Championships were held at New Norfolk on 8 March 2020. Five of the seven clubs in Tasmania participated this year, Devonport and Georges Bay being the clubs not participating.

Congratulations to the Derwent Storms which took out each of the four trophies for the Championship, even though the club was once again divided into two teams for this regatta.

I thank the organising sub-committee that helped organise the day, particularly Donna Fittock who managed the Race Program and team entries, and Ali Mourant who co-ordinated the volunteers.

The event saw our new marquees used for the first time, which made for a great spectacle and provided the shelter needed in the marshalling and judging areas.

MOCO organised their Purple Paddle, a great opportunity for visiting teams to paddle on the Derwent River at New Norfolk. Three clubs joined to paddle at the finish of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on 29 December 2019.

Membership renewals after July have remained constant at about 228.

There was a net operating loss of \$3631.56 for the year. With the intention to support teams to participate in AusChamps, DBTas had offered to pay all team entry costs for the National Championships this year. As a result, there was an expenditure of \$10,562.44. When the event was cancelled, the refunds totalled \$9,306.00, which resulted in a loss of \$1262.44.

Another significant expense was the purchase of marquees at a cost of \$4,754.99.

From April through to August this year there was plenty of activity as the Board liaised with Sport and Community Tasmania to plan for a resumption of our sport. This was a difficult time as rules and restrictions were very fluid. Eventually, our plan was approved and along with an easing of restrictions we have seen all clubs permitted to resume paddling.

Due to the disruptions to our sport this year, coaching and sweeping courses have not occurred during 2020. The Board is keen to ensure coaching courses resume in the near future and to take a more proactive approach to provide the support needed for paddlers to try sweeping and opportunities for sweeps to improve their skills and accreditation levels.

The seven clubs in the State include:

- Dragons Abreast Tasmania Hobart (DATH)
- Dragons Abreast Devonport
- MOCO Montrose Community Dragon Boat Club
- North Esk Dragon Boat Club
- Deloraine Dragon Boat Club
- Georges Bay Dragon Boat Club
- Derwent Storms Dragon Boat Club

Many thanks to board members Leigh Becker, Financial Director and to Sue Sanderson, Secretary. Along with Leigh and Sue. Brendan Breen is standing down as President as their terms are up under the constitution.

Victoria



DBV Regattas delivered seven regattas over the season.

- Battle on the Barwon Geelong - September
- Footscray - October
- Warrnambool - November
- Carrum - December
- Lunar New Year - February
- Victorian Championships - March

Average participation of 300 paddlers across regattas.



CLUBS

24 Affiliated clubs by 30 June 2020

New Clubs:

- Melbourne University
- Mallacoota Sea Eagles

Folded Clubs:

- Dimboola

Regattas and activities cancelled

- Falls Creek (Bushfires)
- Arnold Sports Festival (COVID-19)
- Light Up Melbourne (COVID-19)
- Buddha and Multicultural Festival (COVID-19)

Technology, IT and Social Media

- New DBV website launched 16 June 2020
- Find a Club feature implemented 16 June 2020
- Facebook: 1,824 followers, 1606 people like the page. Instagram: 953 followers
- ID card process removed
- Digital attendance and tracking feature implemented for all regattas

Courses and events

- Three L1 Coaching Courses
- One AusDBF Officials Course (L1 & L2)
- One L2 Sweeps Course
- Annual DBV awards night in July with 105 attendees

Membership

- Average age 49



Western Australia



The last 12 months has presented its challenges with the COVID 19 pandemic. We were able to return to full paddling on 25 June 2020.

We have 14 clubs ranging from the furthest south in Albany, 419km from Perth and Kununurra at the top end, 3,041km from Perth.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2019-2020 SEASON

The Lakers continued their winning form throughout our Grand Prix Season. The Club took out the honours with the highest aggregate points of all the divisions and winning outright the Mixed division. The Amazons Perth won the Womens division and Chung Wah won the Open division. The racing was fast and furious with the winner of the Mixed division decided at the last regatta in February 2020.

Kristin Priest from Cockburn Blades won the David Blackley Award. This is awarded to an individual within the dragon boating community for outstanding service to DBWA.

Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 the DBWA State Championships were cancelled. Other annual events that were impacted by the virus were the Fremantle Dragon Boat Festival and the Chung Wah Cultural Festival.

In early February, Forza Dragon Boat Club held its annual "Dash for Cash" event in Bunbury, before the lockdown.

DBWA clubs also participated in the Marina Mindarie Chinese New Year celebrations in February 2020.

This was the first time dragon boat racing was included in the event and DBWA is looking forward to be part of the celebrations in 2021.



MEMBERSHIP

Our membership remained similar to the previous year, with 406 members as at 30 June 2020.

The breakdown was as follows:

- 133 male / 273 female
- Juniors (18 and under) 39 total – 21 male / 18 female
- Seniors (40+) 68 total – 27 male / 41 female
- Seniors (50+) 96 total – 22 male / 74 female
- Seniors (60+) 140 total – 36 male / 104 female.

The break from paddling during lockdown provided DBWA the opportunity to concentrate on a new three year strategic plan for 2020-2023. This strategic plan documents and establishes the direction of dragon boating in Western Australia, by assessing where we are at and where we are going. It provides DBWA with a place to record our vision and values, as well as long-term goals and the action plans we will use to reach them.

This strategic plan has now been finalised and concentrates on five key areas: Governance, Development, Problems, Clubs and Marketing. Thank you to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for their guidance throughout the process.

We have been fortunate to have been on the water since early July and preparations are underway for our first Grand Prix regatta in November.

Our first step forward for the resurgence of dragon boating in WA.

Dragons Abreast Australia



CONNECT.MOVE.LIVE

This past year has certainly been a challenging time which has impacted not only our members but every person in Australia. The DAA financial year started as normal with many plans in progress for Regattas, Come and Try Days and other events. Plans also included a National Convention in June 2020 and an Outward Bound adventure for early 2021. Those plans were all put on hold starting with the December fires. Many of our groups stopped paddling due to either fire or smoke. Then COVID 19 hit and after it was declared a pandemic all groups were 'stood down' with planning now becoming a day to day activity.

With no paddling and/or meetings being held, keeping in touch became even more important. Dragons Abreast members demonstrated their resilience and creativity and it didn't take long before members found ways to keep in touch and stay fit. Most groups held Zoom meetings and, when possible, met (with social distancing) when safe to do so. As restrictions were eased in certain States paddling resumed with each group having a COVID 19 safe plan. Dragons Abreast Australia supported members, during this time, in a variety of ways such as an exercise video designed for paddlers by our National Ambassador Dr. Kellie Toohey. Robyn Moore, also a National Ambassador, delivered a powerful webinar on tips for dealing with COVID 19.

DAA is extremely grateful to both Ambassadors for their assistance and ongoing support.

DAA membership remains strong and our groups around the country are continuing to grow and make a difference for all breast cancer survivors. Groups are planning for future events when safe to paddle and socialize. In 2018 Dragons Abreast Australia celebrated their 20th anniversary and during the past year many of our groups have celebrated their milestones. Canberra, our 'oldest' group, celebrated their 20th at a Gala night in August 2019. In November 2019 Canberra hosted their Annual Corporate Festival with over 120 DAA members joining in from around the country. DAA group celebrations for other milestones such as 10, 15 or 20 years were deferred until 2021. When the events do happen they will be extra special.

Looking ahead DAA members will be travelling to New Zealand in 2022 for the IBCPC (International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission) Dragon Boast Festival. Every four years the event brings together breast cancer survivor paddlers from around the world. Participating in numerous races they demonstrate there is life after breast cancer.

The past twelve months may have been challenging but DAA has found new ways to stay in touch, keep fit, be positive, stay healthy and be ready for the return of paddling. Paddles Up!

DRAGONS ABREAST AUSTRALIA MISSION

Encourage wellness, fitness, fun and camaraderie for breast cancer survivors through the sport of dragon boating and promote breast cancer awareness throughout our community.



OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

TEAM ELITE MERCHANDISING

AusDBF wishes to thank Team Elite Merchandise for their ongoing and valuable support of AusDBF. AusDBF is enormously appreciative of the support that Team Elite provides and looks forward to continuing to work with them into the future, for the benefit of the sport of dragon boat racing in Australia.



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

AusDBF is proud to have been a Full Member of IDBF since 2001. AusDBF works closely with IDBF to represent Australia's interests in the sport of dragon boat racing internationally.



SPORTAUS

AusDBF is the National Sporting Organisation for the sport of dragon boat racing in Australia, under the authority of SPORTAUS, an entity of the Australian Sports Commission responsible for driving the broader sport sector including participation, physical activity and industry growth.



NEW ZEALAND DRAGON BOAT ASSOCIATION

AusDBF has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with New Zealand Dragon Boat Association (NZDBA) to allow Australian Clubs and New Zealand Clubs to compete in the other nation's national championships each year.



OCEANIA DRAGON BOAT FEDERATION

Oceania Dragon Boat Federation (ODBF) is one of the Continental Federations under the IDBF. The ODBF was first established in 2008 between AusDBF and NZDBA. The vision is for Oceania to grow to incorporate other South Pacific Islands Members. The long term goal is to create an annual Oceania Championships, similar to the Asian and European Championships.



Finance Report

I used to think that the phrase “may you live in interesting times” was a positive thing. I read however that it is in fact a curse not a blessing. I understand that now and will leave it others to discuss some of the many ramifications of COVID-19 and will restrict myself to discussing the financial impact of it in the prior and current year.

It was mentioned in last year’s Finance Report that our staffing commitments (Auroras Coach, Business Services Co-Ordinator, and a bookkeeper) amount to some 80% of our main income stream which is the Paddler levy. This still holds true and when you add other unavoidable overheads such as insurance, software licences and audit fees, you will see that except for management of AusChamps, and Aurora team payments, we have a fairly simple organisation financially. A major drop in paddler numbers will have a big impact on our position to operate normally and this also applies to our State Member bodies.

You will see in the Annual report that we made a significant loss. Around half of this loss is attributed to prior periods. This includes approximately \$12K payment to DBACT for 2019 AusChamps, \$6k for Auroras’ costs where the income was in the prior year, and writing off a \$10K bad debt from the Junior campaign in France in 2017. This debt was mentioned in last year’s annual report and while we now have a judgement on that debt that lasts some 10 years, securing the funds is likely to remain elusive. Conversely, during the year IDBF refunded \$9,500 for their membership levy.

AUSCHAMPS

Before the AusChamps was cancelled through COVID-19, the entry fees and numbers were nearly 20% down on budget. The main reason for this shortfall is because double rostering was strictly prohibited as well as issues around the event being held over an Easter weekend. As you know we refunded all but 10% of the entry fees received to help recoup some of the prepaid expenses such as medals, uniforms, event insurance, livestream

deposit and payment to the organising committee which had done pretty much all of its work. The net costs for not holding the Championships came in at around \$35,000.

Other things of note for the year:

- The AICD Governance course which was budgeted for the year did not go ahead. We are still planning to subsidise the course and hope to host it early in the new year – assuming travel permits allow it.
- We have been assisted by the Federal Government incentives, getting the \$10,000 Cashflow Boost as well as Jobkeeper for one employee. At the time of writing we are hopeful, but not yet sure of keeping Jobkeeper past September.
- During the year we committed to some \$26K to have e-learning modules written for on-line Coach Accreditation. It will be written off over a period of three years in future accounts along with \$2k annually for speciality software licences to run it.

INSURANCE

I sat in on numerous teleconferences of Finance people of other NSOs organised by SportAus in the latter part of the financial year. Most of these discussions were around Jobkeeper issues, but as that topic died down, insurance became the next “hot” topic, with some sports getting into complicated schemes just to save stamp duty. Our total national insurance program premium is in excess of \$250K which in the main is spread around membership and asset levels, and averages out at around \$30 per paddler. We have all benefitted from this national program over the last few years with cheaper overall policies but need to remain aware that we are not immune to premium increases because of claims in each other’s jurisdictions. Excluding travel insurance, our claim history is generally good but a recent claim of some \$170K has impacted on our liability premium in the current period.

Travel Insurance needs a special mention. The travel policy covers all our member bodies' officers and directors when travelling more than 100km from their home on their Board's business. So for example, State Directors going to another State for the AGM are covered. You will see in the accounts that year on year comparison for insurance has a large variation because of the travel policies for people going to CCWC. AusDBF sells an International Licence where the main benefit is International Travel Insurance when competing at an approved event. While CCWC was supposed to happen this financial year, the cover was taken out last year and the cost of that added to the 2020 year's premium. 255 competitors took out the licence and at the time of writing 77 have made claims totalling over \$170K. It could obviously have been a lot worse but many were able to secure some airline and accommodation refunds. The current situation is that we have taken out a domestic only travel policy until December and will review the situation in the new year. Currently there is no insurance market for international travel, but as there is no travel we are not impacted.

TERM DEPOSIT

Last year's Finance Report mentioned the issues AusDBF had with getting funds on deposit gathering interest due to issues with various banks processes. Unfortunately this problem remains. We tried several times to open an interest bearing account but it is difficult with signatories in different States when we need two people to sign. The Board approved additional people in Sydney to be signatories and we dutifully met in a Sydney branch back in February but then the paperwork was lost. Lockdown restrictions has not allowed us to try again. With interest rates now so low, this has become less of a problem, but hopefully this will have been resolved by the time of reading.

In summary the "interesting times" continue, but our Balance Sheet remains strong and some of us are hearing the call of Paddles Up and long may we do so.

MARTIN HASTINGS
FINANCE DIRECTOR

Audited Financial Statements



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15 October, 2020

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd
PO Box 3463
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Dear Martin & John,

We have completed the audit for the Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2020.

During the audit we noted some areas that could be improved that would assist in the conduct of the audit, namely:

- We note that company has a considerable sum of cash in the bank at the end of the reporting period. We would highly recommend the board reviews the controls around cash to ensure this asset remains safeguarded.
- We appreciate that the audited financial period was significantly affected by COVID-19 and that the regular activities were subject to considerably change. We would recommend the board of directors ensures it documents how the company continues to meet it's objectives through these challenging times. We suggest this action merely for the great corporate governance of the company.
- We note that Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd has been deregistered during the audit period. The audited financial statements are consolidated financial statements as required but this requirement will be exist for future audits.

Enclosed is a copy of the financial statements for your records.

Please also find enclosed a fee schedule for your attention.

Should you have any queries in relation to the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

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Directors' Report

30 June 2020

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 2020.

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:

Rex Tindal

John Holland

Kristine Fleming

Martin Stephen Hastings

Appointed 20 November 2019

Janine Vicki Lette

Appointed 20 November 2019

Philippa McLean

Appointed 19 August 2019

Sylvia Shui Ngar Wong

Appointed 20 November 2019

Angela Aston

Resigned 20 November 2019

Kristin Priest

Resigned 20 November 2019

Nicholas Peter Sifniotis

Appointed 5 July 2019

Resigned 20 November 2019

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

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..

The following significant events have been experienced during the financial year because of the pandemic known as COVID-19:

- The National Championship were cancelled
- The World Club Crew Championship were cancelled

The following event is scheduled for the next financial year however it is possible this event will not proceed or participation may be limited:

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

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Directors' Report

30 June 2020

1. General information continued

Principal activities continued

1 - National Championship to be held in Perth (Western Australia)

The board of directors acknowledge the challenge that the pandemic has presented, however the board of directors believes the organisation has continued to advance the sport of Dragon Boating in Australia.

Performance measures

The following measures are used within the Group to monitor performance:

- Net Assets have decreased by 7%
- Cash decreased by 24%
- Revenue decreased by 60%.

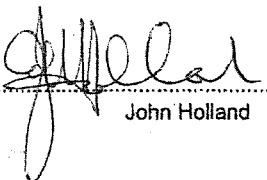
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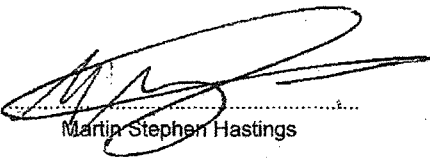
Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of, and for the purpose of winding up of the company, the amount capable of being called up from each member and any person or association who ceased to be a member in the year prior to the winding up, is limited to \$ 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 2020 has been received and can be found on page 3 of the financial report.

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

Director: 
John Holland

Director: 
Martin Stephen Hastings

Dated this 9th day of October 2020

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

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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 2020, 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

9 October 2020

Loganholme QLD Australia

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Australian championship revenue		27,518	362,206	27,518	362,206
Coaching & camp revenue		26,456	22,894	26,456	22,894
Australian Team Revenue		108,846	362,622	108,846	362,622
Paddler Levy		179,657	160,736	179,657	160,736
Membership Income		22,850	3,492	22,850	3,492
Interest received		-	189	-	189
other revenue		31,256	79,938	31,256	79,938
Total Revenue		396,583	992,077	396,583	992,077
Employee benefits expense		(82,753)	(23,585)	(82,753)	(23,585)
Depreciation and amortisation expense		(292)	(33,177)	(292)	(33,177)
Australian Team Expense		(88,492)	(319,626)	(88,492)	(319,626)
Australian Championship Expense		(121,468)	(365,964)	(121,468)	(365,964)
Coaching expense		(48,522)	(71,853)	(48,522)	(71,853)
Travel & Meetings		(21,682)	(31,192)	(21,682)	(31,192)
Other expenses		(70,055)	(100,322)	(70,055)	(100,219)
Total Expense		(433,264)	(945,719)	(433,264)	(945,616)
Finance costs		(39)	(103)	(39)	(103)
Profit before income tax		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	46,358
Income tax expense		-	-	-	-
Profit from continuing operations		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	46,358
Discontinued operations		-	-	-	(24,693)
Profit for the year		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	21,665
Total comprehensive income for the year		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	21,665
Profit attributable to:					
Members of the parent entity		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	21,665
Surplus for the year		(36,720)	46,255	(36,720)	21,665

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

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Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2020

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	3	506,912	667,888	506,912	667,888
Trade and other receivables	4	1	24,359	1	24,359
Other assets		8,062	-	8,062	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		514,975	692,247	514,975	692,247
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Property, plant and equipment	6	7,313	885	7,313	885
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		7,313	885	7,313	885
TOTAL ASSETS		522,288	693,132	522,288	693,132
LIABILITIES					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	7	9,855	158,754	9,855	158,754
Borrowings	8	80	(3,219)	80	(3,219)
Current tax liabilities		(2,577)	(17,029)	(2,577)	(17,029)
Employee benefits	9	3,225	1	3,225	1
Other liabilities		1,350	7,550	1,350	7,550
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,933	146,057	11,933	146,057
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
TOTAL LIABILITIES		11,933	146,057	11,933	146,057
NET ASSETS		510,355	547,075	510,355	547,075
EQUITY					
Retained earnings		510,355	547,075	510,355	547,075
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		510,355	547,075	510,355	547,075
TOTAL EQUITY		510,355	547,075	510,355	547,075

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

2020

Balance at 1 July 2019

Profit attributable to members of the parent
entity

Balance at 30 June 2020

2019

Balance at 1 July 2018

Profit attributable to members of the parent
entity

Balance at 30 June 2019

Note	Consolidated	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
	547,075	547,075
	(36,720)	(36,720)
	510,355	510,355

Note	Consolidated	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
	501,466	501,466
	45,609	45,609
	547,075	547,075

2020

Balance at 1 July 2019

Note	Parent	
	Retained Earnings \$	Total \$
	547,075	547,075

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Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

2020

Profit attributable to members of the parent
entity

Balance at 30 June 2020

Note	Parent	
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
	(36,720)	(36,720)
	510,355	510,355

2019

Balance at 1 July 2018

Profit attributable to members of the parent
entity

Balance at 30 June 2019

Note	Parent	
	Retained Earnings	Total
	\$	\$
	526,055	526,055
	21,021	21,021
	547,076	547,076

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:					
Receipts from customers		414,742	1,079,617	414,742	1,079,617
Payments to suppliers and employees		(569,039)	(781,785)	(569,039)	(784,667)
Interest received		-	189	-	189
Interest paid		(39)	(103)	(39)	(103)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	12	(154,336)	297,918	(154,336)	295,036
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:					
Proceeds from sale of investment		-	-	-	23,903
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(6,720)	-	(6,720)	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		(6,720)	-	(6,720)	23,903
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:					
Repayment of borrowings		80	-	80	-
Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		80	-	80	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents held		(160,976)	297,918	(160,976)	318,939
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		667,888	369,970	667,888	348,949
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	3	506,912	667,888	506,912	667,888

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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The financial report covers Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd and its controlled entities ('the Group'). Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd is a not-for-profit Company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

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.

Comparatives are consistent with prior years, unless otherwise stated.

The Group is an entity to which ASIC Corporations (Rounding in Financial/Directors' Reports) Instrument 2016/191 applies and, accordingly amounts in the financial statements and Directors' Report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

1 Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001*.

2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Income Tax

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

(b) 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 Group 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.

Interest revenue

Interest is recognised using the effective interest method.

Rendering of services

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depending on whether the outcome of the services can be estimated reliably. If the outcome can be estimated reliably 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 estimated then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

Other income

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

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(c) 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.

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.

(d) Inventories

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition, which is the deemed cost.

(e) Property, plant and equipment

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

Items of property, plant and equipment acquired for nil or nominal consideration have been recorded at the acquisition date fair value.

Depreciation

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

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

(f) Cash and cash equivalents

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

Bank overdrafts also form part of cash equivalents for the purpose of the statement of cash flows and are presented within current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(g) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the Group's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be wholly settled within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than one year after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In

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2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies continued

(g) Employee benefits continued

determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on high quality corporate bond rates incorporating bonds rated AAA or AA by credit agencies, with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

3 Cash and Cash Equivalents

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	506,912	667,888	506,912	667,888
	<u>506,912</u>	<u>667,888</u>	<u>506,912</u>	<u>667,888</u>

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:

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	506,912	667,888	506,912	667,888
Bank credit card	(80)	-	(80)	-
Balance as per statement of cash flows	<u>506,832</u>	<u>667,888</u>	<u>506,832</u>	<u>667,888</u>

4 Trade and Other Receivables

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Trade receivables	1	24,359	1	24,359
	<u>1</u>	<u>24,359</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24,359</u>
Total current trade and other receivables	<u>1</u>	<u>24,359</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>24,359</u>

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

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the fair value of each class of receivable in the financial statements.

5 Inventories

CURRENT

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5 Inventories continued

At cost:

Write downs of inventories to net realisable value during the year were \$ NIL (2019: \$ NIL).

6 Property, plant and equipment

PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment

At cost	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
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Accumulated depreciation	(1,907)	(1,615)	(1,907)	(1,615)
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Total plant and equipment	593	885	593	885
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Computer equipment

At cost	-	-	-	-
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Computer software

At cost	6,720	-	6,720	-
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Total computer software	6,720	-	6,720	-
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Total plant and equipment	7,313	885	7,313	885
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Total property, plant and equipment

	7,313	885	7,313	885
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7 Trade and Other Payables

	Note	Consolidated		Parent	
		2020	2019	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Current					
Trade payables		2,117	158,753	2,117	158,753
Sundry payables and accrued expenses		7,738	-	7,738	-
		9,855	158,753	9,855	158,753

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

8 Borrowings

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
CURRENT				
Unsecured liabilities:				
Related party payables	-	(3,219)	-	(3,219)

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8 Borrowings continued

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
	-	(3,219)	-	(3,219)
Secured liabilities:				
Credit Card	80	-	80	-
	80	-	80	-
Total current borrowings	80	(3,219)	80	(3,219)
Total borrowings	80	(3,219)	80	(3,219)

9 Employee Benefits

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Current liabilities				
Provision for employee benefits	3,225	1	3,225	1
	3,225	1	3,225	1

10 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. At 30 June 2020 the number of members was - (2019: -).

11 Related Parties

(a) The Group's main related parties are as follows:

The ultimate parent entity, which exercises control over the Group, is Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd. which is incorporated in Australia and owns 100% of Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd.

Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd was deregistered on the 12 of January 2020.

Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd has no net assets.

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12 Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

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

	Consolidated		Parent	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Profit for the year	(36,721)	45,610	(36,721)	21,020
Cash flows excluded from profit attributable to operating activities				
Non-cash flows in profit:				
- depreciation	292	33,177	292	33,177
- net (gain)/loss on disposal of investments	-	-	-	24,590
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
- (increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	24,358	87,729	24,358	87,729
- (increase)/decrease in other assets	(8,061)	-	(8,061)	-
- (increase)/decrease in inventories	-	30,400	-	30,400
- increase/(decrease) in income in advance	(6,200)	-	(6,200)	-
- increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(145,680)	131,992	(145,680)	129,109
- increase/(decrease) in taxes payable	14,452	(30,627)	14,452	(30,627)
- increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	3,224	(362)	3,224	(362)
Cashflows from operations	(154,336)	297,919	(154,336)	295,036

13 Statutory Information

The registered office of the company is:

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd
Lvl 2, 3908 Pacific Highway
LOGANHOLME QLD 4129

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Directors' Declaration

The directors of the entity declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 4 to 14, 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 30 June 2020 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

John Holland

Director

Martin Stephen Hastings

Dated

9/10/20

Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Independent Audit Report to the members of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of its financial performance for the year ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

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



Mark Schutters

Registered Company Auditor (294080)

Loganholme QLD Australia
Dated this16..... day ofOctober.....2020



AusDBF would like to acknowledge and thank Barbara Clarkson for designing the annual report and Joy Fisher for proof reading the annual report.

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