

Black Sea Dragons

Dragon Tales—May 2022

President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our club at the Black Sea Dragons end of season awards celebration.

Everyone is to be congratulated for their efforts this season and it is fantastic to see the friendly atmosphere and competitive spirit enjoyed around the club. Thank you to all our volunteers assisting at the events and with moving boats and equipment around.

It has always been Club policy that at State and National Championships, teams would be selected with the aim to put our best available paddlers in the crews for the various categories entered. Members were advised and agreed with this position on numerous occasions throughout the past few seasons. Coaches were given the unenviable task of selecting members for the crews and I have full confidence in their ability. Unfortunately, at the Nationals due to the number and ages of available paddlers, we were limited in the categories we could enter. The number of races was further decreased during the event as we withdrew from the Senior C women and Senior A open events prior to completing all rounds. This was a strategic move (explained to and approved by the members) to give the Senior A women and Senior C paddlers greater chance of success in these categories. Whilst this was a successful approach, it did mean that there were less races in which paddlers could compete. Thank you to everyone who supported this decision. Regardless of who is paddling, sweeping, drumming or reserves for races, all members selected are valued members of the crew and without their full support we couldn't compete. Similarly, those not selected for the crews, but training with us or undertaking the various volunteer roles throughout the season, all contribute to our ultimate success and are also extremely important and valuable to our club.

Members are always encouraged to give feedback (positive or negative) to ensure that issues are addressed, and so that the club remains successful in the future. If anyone has a concern please approach (preferably in person) either one of the Coaches, Captains, Committee members or President.

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It's nearly time!

Streaky Bay

June long weekend
road trip!

AGM

Sunday 14 August 2022

President's report—continued

Aquatic Reserve building upgrade

The current upgrade of the building at Aquatic Reserve is going to present a few challenges over the next months. As a result of the limited number of boats available we have elected to discontinue Thursday night training at this time. Apart from operating out of the containers this is the only change we have had to make. Your patience during this time is appreciated and hopefully the new building will be worth the sacrifices. DBSA advised that the portable toilets are now in use and the building work is expected to be completed in December 2022. There is limited water available to clean boats and solar lights have been installed in the containers.

Nationals next season

The Nationals next season are being held in Victoria (awaiting confirmation of location) and to do well in this event it is important that we all maintain and increase our fitness levels both on and off the water.

Thank you!

Thanks to coach David (Popeye) and his assistants Sue, Cheryl, Peter, Lyn and Emily for their input this season.

Thanks also to our Captains, Committee, and volunteers for their dedication during the past year.

Thanks to everyone involved in organising the Award meal, especially to Denise, Joy Harwood, El and all their helpers. A special thanks to Jeff and Karen for supplying the lamb and Lyn for making the sweets.

I would also like to acknowledge the wider BSD family, the partners and families who support our members and assist off the water. We all really appreciate this support.

Chris Payne
President

Save the date! Sunday 14 August 2022

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 14 August 2022

Join us for a sausage sizzle after training!

More details to follow soon.

BSD Award winners 2021/2022

Encouragement award

This award is selected by club committee. Both these members are new to the club this season and have displayed excellent team spirit on and off the water, embraced the training and technique and made themselves invaluable to our club.

This award goes to: **Liwayway Cotton** and **Liwanag Manego**

Most improved male and female paddlers

This award is selected by club committee. Both paddlers have taken to the sport with a vengeance and been receptive to any suggestions for improvement. They have embraced the opportunity to compete for the club and in their first year of paddling have been selected and competed for the State team. Their enthusiasm, team spirit and willingness to learn make them both worthy recipients of this award.

This award goes to: **Gina Mills** and **Andrew Buckingham**

Volunteer of the year

This award is a perpetual award in honour of Jenny Letts and is also decided upon by the committee and provided to the person who has contributed the most to the club as our volunteer.

This season we have had quite a few volunteers who are all worthy recipients.

This award goes to: **Beth Dunchue**. Beth's assistance on race days is greatly appreciated.

Male And Female Paddlers Of The Year

The coaches are responsible for determining the winner of these awards.

This was awarded for these paddlers' dedication and overall performance this season.

This award goes to **Liz Thomas** and **Robert Harding**

Camille Jardine Black Sea Dragon Of The Year.

This award is named in honour of Camille and is a perpetual trophy.

The winner is decided by counting votes and collated in Brownlow Medal format.

Nominees this season were:

- Robert Harding
- Graeme Horsburgh
- Joy Harwood
- Chris Payne

This award goes to **Joy Harwood** a very worthy winner.



Congratulations!

BSD—medal tally for 2021/2022

State Championships Total of: 7 Gold, 11 Silver and 5 Bronze medals	Nationals Total of: 4 Gold and 2 Silver medals
500 m Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Mixed 10 • Senior B Women 10 • Senior A Mixed 20 • Premier Women 20 Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior A Open 10 • Premier Open 10 • Senior B Mixed 20 Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior A Women 10 • Premier Open 20 	500 m Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Open 10 Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Mixed 10
200m Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Mixed 10 • Senior C Open 10 • Senior B Open 10 Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior A Mixed 10 • Senior C Women 10 • Senior A Women 10 • Senior A Open 10 • Senior B Mixed 20 • Senior A Mixed 20 • Senior A Women 20 • Premier Women 20 Bronze <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior B Mixed 10 • Premier Open 10 • Premier Mixed 20 	200m Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Mixed 10 • Senior C Open 10 2000m Gold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Open 10 Silver <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior C Mixed 10

Merchandise

Club uniform and merchandise—all available:

- race tops
- singlet tops
- caps and visors

Old stock Black Dragon caps available for \$15 includes new logo patch

To order any of the above items, please email the Secretary:
adelaideblackseadragons@gmail.com

Team App

Please RSVP either YES or NO for upcoming training sessions and race days.

Should a training session show less than 9 paddlers (8 paddlers & 1 sweep) the training session may be cancelled.



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