

## WALLIS SPIRIT DRAGONS

### NEWSLETTER

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What a weekend! The Wallis Spirit Dragons received our dragon boat on Saturday morning 17 December and are now off to a flying start.

Melanie Cantwell, Mal, Simon and Naomi from Dragon Boats NSW (DBNSW) spent a fantastic weekend training 26 interested and, now, very much committed people from Coomba and Pacific Palms.

The enthusiasm of everyone who participated in the weekend of training was overwhelming, so much so, we had our first training session (without help from the experts) today Wednesday morning 21 December at 7.30am. Kylie Honor was our Coach and our very competent sweep was Mick Russell along with 17 paddlers – including 2 newbies!!

We understand that this is a difficult time for people to commit to training as family commitments for Christmas & New Year must take priority so don't worry if you can't join us yet. We will develop a full schedule over the next couple of weeks so there should be times that will work for you.

That said, the next proposed paddle date is Thursday 29 December: a 6.30am start from John Whiteoaks' place. This earlier start is to allow those who work a chance to get home, shower, and get to work on time; as well as allowing time for those participating in the Aquatic Club's Reccy Cruise to get organised.

If you are interested in paddling on 29 December please send Christine Rands an email confirming – so that she can ensure we have enough numbers to allow us to get on the water. Please email [Christine.rands@hrworkbench.com](mailto:Christine.rands@hrworkbench.com).

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we are offering 3 free paddles to all interested people to give it a try. However, our experience over the weekend showed people became addicted to the sport after only one paddle!

The steering committee will be meeting again on 11 January 2012 and we will send our next Newsletter after that meeting. In that Newsletter we will include details of how and when to make your membership payments. We will also publish a more formal training timetable.

In the meantime, until we get a formal schedule organise, if the paddlers demand more water time – we will send out emails with details as times can be arranged.

The Wallis Spirit Dragons Steering Committee would like to formally acknowledge and thank John Whiteoak for his generous offer of storing our boat. It is a very large boat so it is a generous commitment indeed.

A big thank you to the Steering Committee who worked tirelessly to welcome and feed the paddlers and DBNSW representatives while also having a paddle themselves.

We would like to thank all those who were able to join us over the weekend and ask that you spread the word so we start 2012 with as many paddlers as possible.



Warm Regards and best wishes for the Festive Season

The Steering Committee

Wallis Spirit Dragons Inc.

*Feel the Spirit – the Wallis Spirit Dragons – stirring in the waters of our beautiful Lake.*