

WALLIS SPIRIT DRAGONS

NEWSLETTER

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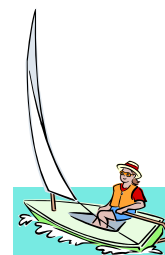
Mother Nature hasn't had it entirely her way – we have managed to get a few paddles in over the last rain-soaked couple of weeks.



Enthusiasm is building and endurance and fitness starting to show!

COOMBA AQUATIC CLUB DAY: SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2012

We will be visited by Geoff Roberts and Simon Freke of Dragon Boats NSW. Geoff is a Director of DBNSW and will travel from Port Macquarie to meet with us and give us a skills building clinic on the day. Simon is known to those of you who participated in our first training weekend – he will be providing additional training for our excellent sweeps.



If you are interested in trying the Sweep position then please put your hand up to be included in the training on Sunday.

We will be paddling around from John Whiteoak's from 8.30 – so if you want to be on the boat please let Christine Rands know and be at John's no later than 8.15. We will have the Dragon Head and Tail on for the day and the Drum will be in action – so we will be LOOKIN' GOOOODDD!

From about 10 – 11.30 we will be having skills clinics run by Geoff and Simon; then at 11.30 and again at 1.15 we will offer trial paddles for any interested onlookers in an effort to build our membership – so if you know of anyone who may be interested in a try-out please encourage them to come along on Sunday.

We will take the boat back around 2pm – so we need paddlers for that – again let Chris Rands know if you can participate.



We will be catering morning tea (tea/coffee and cake for \$2) between 10.30 and 1.30 as well as selling Sunny Boys (\$1) and Zooper Doopers (50c). The Aquatic Club will be selling designer hamburgers (plain \$3.50 and the lot \$4.50) - so make sure you bring your purse.



We want to make a show of our success as a new Club to our DBNSW guests so please do come along even if you can't paddle or stay for long – show up and participate as much as you can.



TRAINING SESSIONS

We are having trouble filling the 5pm Wednesday Paddle and again have to cancel this week's session.

As a trial we will now move the Wednesday session to 5.30pm and see if that makes a difference. In addition, we will trial a Saturday 7.30 am Session.

Midweek morning sessions are for those experienced paddlers and the timing for packing up is critical for those of us who work. Therefore, we will encourage newbies to try out on a Sunday so we have time to teach them. If a newbie cannot attend on a Sunday they can come along at the conclusion of a mid-week session and we will provide them training on land and then they can join the next mid-week session on the water.

Sessions will now be 6.30am Tuesday, 5.30pm Wednesday, 6.30am Friday, 7.30am Saturday and 8.30am Sunday.



UNIFORMS AND WEBSITE

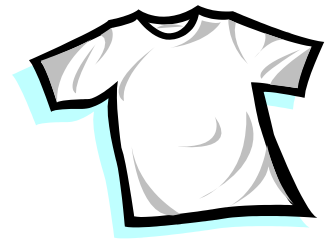
We have formed two sub-committees to develop our brand (logo and colours) and then apply that to Uniforms and our own Website.

The Uniform Sub-Committee is chaired by Linda Ashton and the Website Sub-Committee is chaired by Christine Rands.

We have been offered an excellent deal for a website by Mark Pearce, a local Coombarite, who is completing his TAFE Web Design course and needs live projects to submit for his course – so we can get our website up and running for minimal cost!

We are keen to get the website up and running so that we can do our Paddle Session registrations live to the website without the need for emails! And a number of paddlers are pressing us to decide on our own uniforms.

We need volunteers for each of these sub-committees. If you are interested please contact each chairperson – details below. Both chairpersons are charged with getting their first meeting happening sometime next week as we want to get things moving.

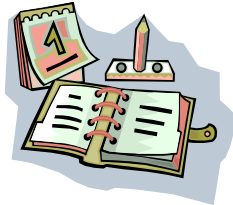


Please register your interest by this Friday 10 February otherwise the Steering Committee will need to take charge so that we can move forward.

Uniform Sub-Committee: Linda Ashton - linda.ashton2@bigpond.com

Website Sub-Committee: Christine Rands – christine.rands@hrworkbench.com

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE:
7pm THURSDAY 1 MARCH 2012**



We are planning an information night at Coomba Hall where we will show paddling videos, discuss our skills development and share information on other activities the committee is planning. We will provide you with details and an agenda after the next committee meeting which is scheduled for 21 February.

Membership REMINDER

There are some paddlers who have had their three free paddles and who have not as yet paid their DBNSW and WSD memberships.

Please do so as soon as possible – remember the fees to DBNSW include personal insurance – so you are placing yourself and the Club at **risk if you paddle and you are not covered.**

Please complete your membership payments by this Friday 10 February 2012.

The Steering Committee

Wallis Spirit Dragons Inc.

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