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Dragon Boat Victoria Incorporated

Annual Report

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Dragon Boat Victoria (DBV)

DBV is the peak body for Dragon Boating in Victoria. It is a member of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) and provides support to nearly 900 members across 23 clubs.

In a Dragon Boat, the best results are obtained when the crew is of one mind; working in unison. The same can be said for our Board. *Our Purpose* is to govern, manage and promote the sport in Victoria for the benefit of the Dragon Boat Community. *Our Vision* is that Dragon Boating in Victoria has a state-wide and national reputation for excellence in participation and performance, delivered by sustainable organisations. *Our Mission* in realising this Vision is to inspire and create opportunity through the sport in Victoria

As a peak organisation, we have as a goal to attract more people to be involved in Dragon Boat racing and retain those who already participate in the sport. We value honesty, openness and collaboration in our operations and endeavour to do so in an inclusive manner in identifying and meeting the needs of paddlers, coaches, sweeps, officials, volunteers, clubs and corporate supporters. As an organisation Dragon Boat Victoria knows that its strength as a governing body relies on the strength of clubs - our motto is *Strong State means Strong Clubs: Strong Clubs means Strong State*.

Strength in governance creates a sustainable, successful organisation

Board of Directors

Elected President - Phillip Chan



Phillip joined the board at the DBV AGM in July 2015 taking the role of Vice President and Communications, then taking over as President in the 2016-17 season. In Phillip is currently the assistant coach of the CYSM Sea Dragons and is a past board member of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation. Phillip has a professional background in corporate planning, management consulting and change management.

Elected Vice - President: Adrian Stephens



Adrian was co-opted on to the Board in April 2016 to assist DBV to prepare for AusChamps 2017, specifically on a funding submission to the Victorian Government. Later in 2016 he was elected to a Board position. Adrian is a member of Dragon Masters, has represented Victoria and Australia and was Team Manager for Victoria in 2016 and 2017. In his work life he has been a senior executive in Victorian and Australian Government departments and agencies and is currently a Director of a consultancy company specialising in education & training.

Elected Secretary - Christine Gabriel



Chris has been a member of Brave Hearts Dragon Boat Club since 2012, represented the Victorian Regional team in 2013 and continues to be a keen paddler. In 2015 and 2016, Chris co-coordinated the Brave Hearts Albury Wodonga Regatta. Chris is an AusDBF Level 3 Official & has performed the role of Chief Official at the last two Victorian Championships. Since being elected to the DBV Board in 2015, Chris has commenced developing a Volunteers Handbook.

Elected Treasurer - Vicky Chung



Vicky joined the board in February 2015. In early 2014 Vicky joined the CYSM Sea Dragons as a paddler and is also Secretary to the club. Outside of her paddling, Vicky currently works in finance for a FMCG company and also keeps her running calendar busy with marathons and fun runs.

Elected Director and 2017 Australian Championships Chair - David

Nairn



A paddler and sweep since 2003, and a member of Dragon Masters since 2006, the highlight of David's paddling career has to be the three Senior C Open World Champion Medals won at Szeged in 2013; the highlight of his coaching career is the medal haul by Dragon Masters and the Victorian team in 2015. The highlight of his equally long career as a volunteer for the sport was his election as President of DBV in 2015-16. David has experience in business and academia, as well as in sports volunteering. He was co-chair of the AusChamps 2012 committee and

was Chair of the 2017 AusChamps Organising Team.

Appointed Director – Regatta and Events - Rose Taylor



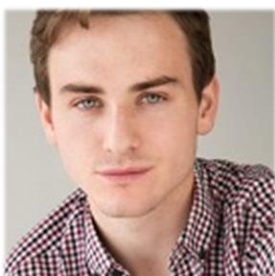
Rose began in the sport of dragon boating in 2003 as a founding member and member of the executive team of Sapphire Water Dragons in Merimbula. Later, in 2005, she became a founding and executive member of ZEN Dragonboat Club, Merimbula. Rose trained as sweep and coach in Sydney, and subsequently competed as a paddler and sweep in many local and interstate regattas. She then became a NSW South Coast regional committee member, organising regional and community regattas.

Moving back to Melbourne in 2010, she soon joined the DA Peninsula Dragonflies where she became a paddler, sweep and mentor coach. Rose is also an accredited Level 2 AusDBF official.

Rose is passionate about youth participation in the dragon boat sport, and as a teacher has introduced school groups in NSW and Victoria to the sport.

Rose would like to foster the "Team Spirit of the Dragon Boat" in all future regattas around Victoria.

Appointed Director – Communications - Thomas Key



Tom has been a member with the Yarra River Dragons since December 2015, and since then has represented both the club and Victoria at the 2016 Australian Nationals and the Club Crew World Championships. He paddled in Hong Kong with the Yarra River Dragon's in 2016 and was selected in the Australian Auroras teams for the 2017 World Championships in the Under 24 and Premier age groups.

As Communications Director, Tom has been working to enhance an already great community of paddlers and strengthen lines of communication between all the Board and Clubs. He also aims to increase the external awareness of the sport in order to grow the sport and let Victoria know the benefits of Dragon Boating.

Associate Director – Business Manager



Jonathan has been a member with Southern Storm Paddling Club since April 2016. He enjoys training with an enthusiastic team, where everyone works their hardest, strives to improve and recognizes others' contribution.

In November 2016, Jonathan joined the DBV Marketing Committee to raise public awareness about the sport, to promote paddlers and Club profiles. Later, in February 2017, Jonathan accepted the appointment of Associate Director, and since then has played a key role in supporting the Board in examining our current and future budget position.

Outside paddling, Jonathan works as a Finance Manager at GE Capital. He is a qualified CPA with over 8 years of experience in commercial finance from medium to large corporate organisations.

General Manager

Chris Schleusener



Chris has over nine years' experience in the Sport and Recreation industry throughout Queensland and Victoria. He is accountable to the Board of DBV, responsible for the day-to-day operation of the business, growth of the sport and servicing its member base. Chris holds a Bachelor of Business in Sports Management and has previously managed an indoor sports centre and worked within the sports of triathlon and rowing. In June 2016, the DBV Board elevated his position to General Manager from the Operations Manager.

2016-17 Season Highlights

Achievements

- Developed 2016-2019 Strategy
- Ran regattas, got feedback, made improvements, repeat
- New regatta locations: Carrum, Footscray, Horsham
- New clubs set up: Ballarat Chinese Dragon Boat Club, Rapids Dragon Boat, Mount Beauty Dragon Boat Club and Yarrowonga Yacht Club Dragon Boat Paddlers.
- New subcommittees in place for Junior Development, Marketing, Regattas and the Docklands Hub
- Two new events conducted: Chinese New Year Celebration, Docklands Community Regatta
- Conducted and referred members to sweeps, officials, first aid, and club management training courses
- Established new partnerships: CNY United, Docklands Chamber of Commerce
- Won grants from SRV and Local Government Authorities
- 2050 paddlers from 63 clubs competed in a total of 314 races in 90 divisions and categories at the 2017 Australian Dragon Boat Championships held at Gateway Lakes in Albury-Wodonga

Statistics

- 863 paddlers (Last year 822)
- 87% retention rate
- 71.1% Female, (last year 70%)
- Average Age: 50 (last year 51)
- Victorian State team competed in 13 finals of State team and won the following:
 - Under 18 – 2 silver, 1 bronze
 - Premier – 4 gold
 - Senior B (over 50) – 1 bronze
 - Senior C (over 60) – 1 silver
 - Regional Victoria – 1 gold, 3 silver

Members by age group

Age	Total	
Junior 18 & under	38	4%
Premier 19 – 39	222	26%
Masters 40-49	105	12%
Grand Masters 50-59	232	27%
Great Grand Masters 60+	266	31%
Total	863	100%

President's Report

It is a privilege to have been DBV President this past year. I had the good fortune to join the DBV Board in 2015 with strong foundations put in place by the previous Board, in particular by Eliza Campbell and Melissa O'Brien, then built on further through the leadership of David Nairn in the 2015/16 season. I also acknowledge the legacy that Trevor Huggard and all other previous Directors and volunteers have left behind. With this impressive base, DBV has had a very busy year and the Board has worked enthusiastically and capably to deliver value to its members.

Following on from the 2016-17 AGM, Adrian Stephens was elected and Vicky Chung was re-elected to the DBV Board. With two positions vacant after the AGM, DBV sought to appoint two Appointed Directors through an expression of interest process. As a result, DBV appointed Thomas Key as Communications Director and Rose Taylor as Regatta Director. Later in the season, DBV also appointed Associate Director Jonathan Low to a role as Business Manager to assist Vicky Chung with the financial management responsibilities of the organisation, such as budget setting and transitioning DBV to a new financial management platform, while also managing the 'business as usual' financial functions.

With the new Board members in place, DBV developed a three-year strategic plan based on desktop research on the state of sport in Australia, directions set by Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) and the Department of Health and Human Services, the current state of dragon boating in Australia and Victoria, and feedback from interviews with many Club Presidents. DBV revisited its purpose, mission, vision and values, as well as setting its strategic agenda for the next year and the subsequent two years. The culmination of this work was presented to the Club Presidents in November 2016.

DBV kicked off the implementation of this strategy by forming new sub-committees to focus on specific aspects of the sport - a Regatta Committee, Junior Development Committee, Marketing Committee and the Hub Committee. Putting these groups in place not only broadens the participation of others in the governance arrangements but utilises the range of skills our paddlers have. This has also enabled the DBV Board to start to focus more on the strategic direction of the sport. An already established committee, the Sweeps Committee, led by Jen Reilly, maintained nationally recognised policies and processes, to ensure sweeps are well equipped to safely steer our boats in all conditions.

DBV worked to align how through sport it could better align itself to government policy, such as submitting an application for Women in Sport Grant and Junior Development. Whilst unsuccessful in gaining funding for increasing the participation of women in the sport DBV we have had the benefit of funding to develop our juniors. We have also started engaging other stakeholders, such as Chinese New Year United, to not only be part of activating the waterways during the Chinese New Year celebrations but also connecting back to the Chinese community which Dragon Boat history is linked to.

DBV has also sought to build on existing relationships and develop new relationships with various parts of the community to increase the awareness of the sport and showcase the sport through sporting and corporate regattas, and other special events. This includes engagement with Local Government Authorities, VicSport, and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce. We also have also developed new partnerships with sponsors e.g. with Acceleration, whose staff conducted the fitness testing for the State team, and Tsunami, who sponsored the State team race shirts.

In line with the DBV strategy, the Board also revisited its budget to establish a strong financial basis to ensure the sustainability of Dragon Boating in Victoria. Following feedback from clubs on a number of options relating to the 2017-18 fee structure, DBV balanced the need to raise fees to cover the range of increases in operating costs and also give the organisation the capacity to invest resources to gradually fund some central elements of our strategy, such as replacing boats over time

and setting aside resources for a campaign to increase the profile and membership of the sport and of clubs. This is an issue I know the new Board will be committed to addressing.

This year saw the formation of four new clubs - Ballarat Chinese Dragon Boat Club, Rapids Dragon Boat, Mount Beauty Dragon Boat Club and Yarrawonga Yacht Club Dragon Boat Paddlers – and the amalgamation of two clubs in Geelong.

One of the key objectives in the Strategic Plan 2016-2019 is to organise and promote events. In the 2016-2017 season DBV introduced three new regatta locations - Carrum, Footscray and Horsham and made improvements to the running of regattas following analysis of responses provided by paddlers through each regatta survey. The Regatta Committee is looking to introduce suggestions from these surveys into the next season.

DBV also recruited a strong team of volunteers from the Albury-Wodonga Clubs, and through the capable leadership of David Nairn, managed to put together a memorable 2017 Australian Dragon Boat Championships (AusChamps) at Gateway Lakes in Albury Wodonga.

Victorian clubs and the Victorian team excelled at the 2017 Victorian Championships in March and then at the AusChamps. Highlights from these Championships from a club perspective include:

- each of the clubs participating in Victoria was placed in at least one event
- the close gap between 1st and 3rd in many races showing evidence of dramatic improvement by some clubs, and
- the clubs which did well in Victoria all went on to perform very competitively in higher level competition at the AusChamps.

In the State vs State competitions during the AusChamps, the Victorian Premier, Regional and Under 18 teams were our stars being placed continuously. Our Premier team was never beaten - winning the Open, Women's and Mixed 500 metres then the 100 metre Relay; the Regional team won gold in the relay and was placed in every other event; and the Junior (Under 18) team was placed in 3 of its 4 events.

As the AGM draws closer and I finish my term, I want to thank my fellow Board members, the members of each Committee, all the volunteers, and our General Manager, Chris Schleusener, for all their hard work and commitment. Without their efforts, much of the Victorian Dragon Boat community achievements would not be possible.

I also wish to thank Rose Taylor for all her efforts as Regatta Director this season. She has chosen not to stand for an elected role. Her knowledge and experience in Dragon Boat across Australia has been invaluable over this past year and I hope DBV can leverage her expertise in the years to come.

With all clubs collaborating, DBV will continue to lead the development of Dragon Boat racing in Victoria. With your partnership, we will stay ahead of the curve. My hope is that we can all work together to show Victorians what a great sport Dragon Boat is, have more Victorians participate, and perform at the highest levels possible in this very unique sport.

See you on the water!

Phillip Chan – President

Victoria – Strong Clubs - Strong State! Strong State - Strong Clubs!

Our Strategic Plan for 2016-2019

Our Strategic Plan has a purpose, vision and mission as well as a set of values.

Our purpose is

To govern, manage and promote the sport in Victoria for the benefit of the Dragon Boat Community. *"Strong State means Strong Clubs: Strong Clubs means Strong State"*.

Our vision is that

Dragon Boating in Victoria has a state wide and national reputation for excellence in participation and performance, delivered by sustainable organisations.

Our mission is

To inspire and create opportunity through the sport of dragon boating in Victoria.

Our values are to be

Inclusive, honest, open and collaborative.

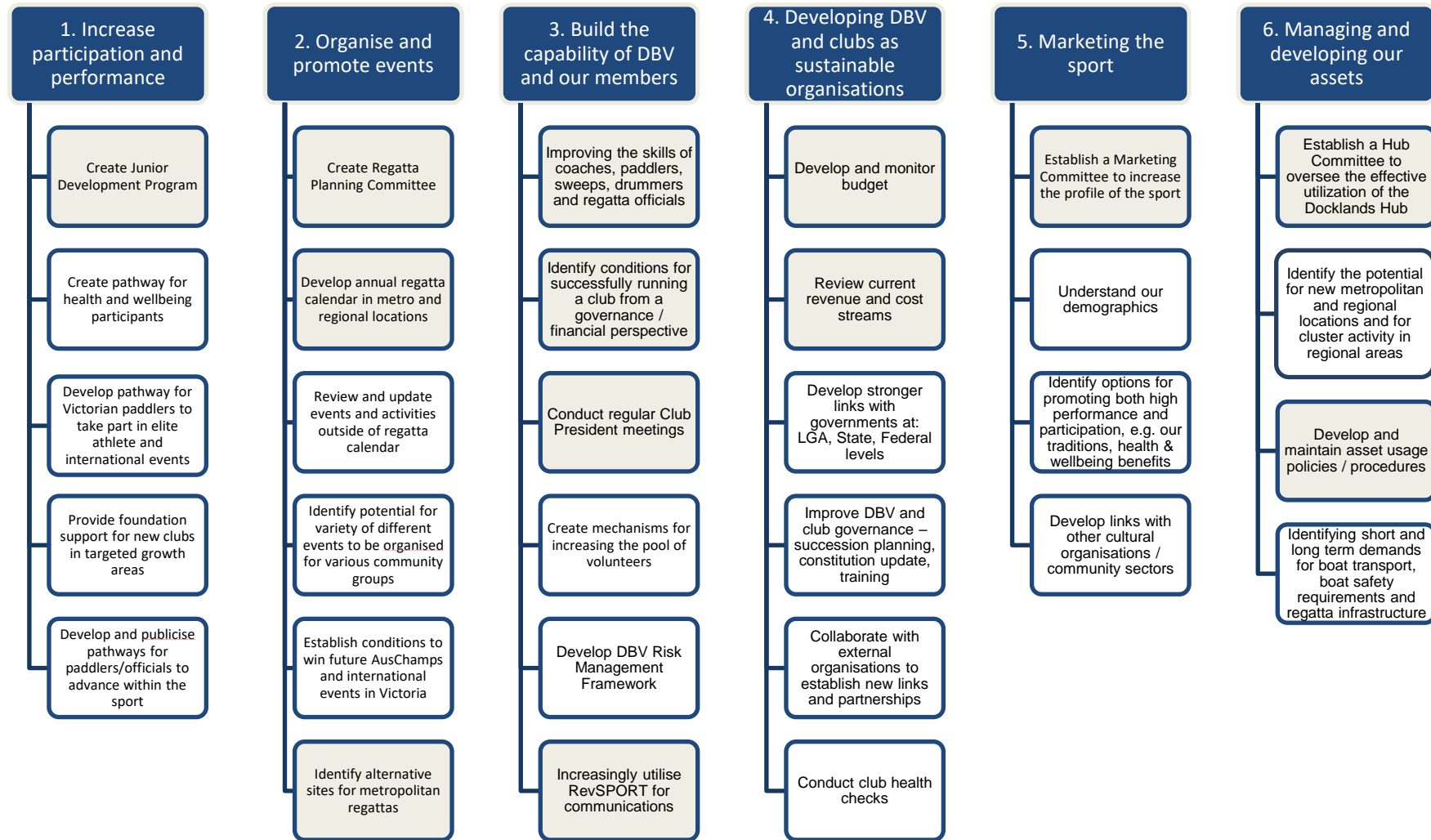
Six key objectives

Six key objectives underpin the Strategic Plan, with all relying on the strong involvement of DBV and/or member clubs to help achieve measurable results over the three year period (2016-2019). Some objectives are likely to require focused activity in the longer term. These six objectives are to:

- 1. Increase participation and performance**, by maintaining and growing our membership base by at least 5% per year from the beginning of the 2016 season;
- 2. Organise and promote events**, so clubs can provide increasing numbers of members with opportunities to compete and/or participate in physical activity;
- 3. Build the capability of DBV and our members**, so that there is a strong state organisation and strong member clubs;
- 4. Developing DBV and clubs as sustainable organisations**, with a modest annual surplus providing the capacity to replenish assets;
- 5. Marketing the sport**, both to current and prospective members and the wider community, with a view to increasing participation and membership;
- 6. Managing and developing our assets**, so that our current assets are maintained and replaced as needed.

A range of tasks and activities have been identified as critical to the achievement of these objectives over the three year period of the current Strategic Plan. Shaded below are those areas of focus which have either been addressed by DBV or where activity has begun in the 2016-17 year, and where clear outcomes can be demonstrated. The unshaded areas are planned for focus in 2017-2019.

Our Strategic Agenda



Reporting on Key Board Activities

Organising the Australian Dragon Boat Championships

In the normal course of events, 2018 would have been DBV's turn to host the AusChamps, and our planning was set to do this. However, in October 2016, DBACT announced it would be unable to deliver the 2017 AusChamps. DBV was offered the opportunity to deliver the event and decided to do so. There was a complication in that developments and growth of on-water activities at Docklands precluded use of that venue. This was a disappointment to us because AusChamps 2012 had raised the profile of the sport in Melbourne, and with greater activity there now, it would have done so again.

Fortunately, the City of Wodonga and the local clubs were developing the Gateway Lakes Precinct as a high class venue, and DBV and AusDBF agreed that this important regional centre would be the venue.

The Victorian Government Department of Sport and Recreation awarded a Significant Sporting Event Program Grant of \$50,000 and the Albury and Wodonga Councils also made grants for specific purposes. The Commercial Club of Albury was a Platinum Sponsor, and hosted the Masters dinner on 21 April.

The local community and businesses got behind the event with:

- a very good deal on the Jetdock pontoons
- low cost hire of Umpire boats
- free Wi-Fi on site
- impressive range of food vendors
- free use of a large office printer, and
- rescue boats and drivers from Wodonga SES and Border Rescue.

The local organising committee used their considerable talents, energy and contacts to turn the existing four lane course into an international standard six lane course with starting pontoon and loading docks. The City of Wodonga improved the amenity and landscaping of the lake area so that it became a regatta venue that worked well for paddlers and spectators alike, with easy access, good viewing in a delightful park setting. High levels of praise and satisfaction were reported about the facility, in spite of a flooding event in October 2016 which denied access to the site for some weeks and several downpours during the event.

Peisheng small boats from Adelaide 2016 were shipped to the site and used for the event. Thirteen new Peisheng BUK Standard boats were purchased and subsequently sold to DBNSW.

The event ran from 19 to 24 April 2017 with 63 clubs and 2050 competitors.

Victorian Regattas Organised

The 2016-17 Season saw a change of venues for regattas as we no longer had access to Docklands, due to public ferry usage, plus a huge increase in boat moorings. Regattas were well represented by all clubs throughout the season.

The Battle on the Barwon (BoB) provided a great start to the season last September. Ballarat was a great venue with the use of the existing rowing lanes. Horsham was a new venue and was well received by the local community. The local Council are keen to have us back, and it was good for the Mildura, Warrnambool and Dimboola clubs to compete. Carrum was tried for the December regatta and proved a great venue, so much so that the loading pontoons purchased for the Australian Championships were transported from Wodonga for the Victorian Championships, held again at the Carrum course. Falls

Creek is a real 'feel good' fun community regatta and the weather was superb for the Australia Day weekend. Mt Beauty, a new club, participated there in their first competition. Footscray was tried as a venue in February and the rowing club venue provided an interesting course. Also in February, several clubs including CYSM Sea Dragons, Southern Storm, DAM Busters with DA Ballarat, and Peninsula Dragonflys participated in Chinese New Year festivities by organising demonstration paddles along the Yarra, information stalls at Southbank and 'Come and Trys' at Docklands. The Albury regatta in early March gave competitors the opportunity to use the launch and start pontoons prior to AusChamps – but not the "Tippy 10's"!

Next season is warming up in preparation for another interesting season of competition and camaraderie in the spirit of Dragon Boat.

Many thanks to Andrew Horne (Southern Storm) and Georgia Parry (Ballarat Chinese Dragon Boat Club) along with Christine Gabriel with meeting and planning all of the 2016-17 regatta season and laying the groundwork for regattas in the 2017-2018 season. Your thoughts and ideas with events, categories and rules of racing were excellent.

Thanks also go to the Officials who gave their time so generously to help at the regattas. Without their efforts, none of these events would have happened.

Volunteers are a key to successful events

DBV has again been extremely well serviced by a great band of volunteers. We recognise that without volunteers the DBV programs would fail to proceed. Corporate and sporting club regattas and other DBV activities have been well supported. We thank all who have volunteered during the year and look forward to your ongoing support during the coming year.

DBV volunteers also made up the organising committee for the Australian Championships working tirelessly over a period of 12 months to bring together the very successful AusChamps 2017. Volunteers, mostly from Victoria, filled the many support roles during the five days of competition, ensuring all went to plan. It is reported that a new standard for preparation and operation for this national competition has been set. DBV is proud to have had this dedicated team stepping forward.

Communications and Marketing

Some progress has been made in our marketing and communications work resulting in:

- the establishment of a small group operating as a Marketing and Communications Committee of the Board
- the greater use of Facebook and Instagram
- a program for schools during Education Week in May 2017
- DBV having a Dragon Boat Exhibit in the Foyer of the 2017 Melbourne Boat Show in June
- sponsorship arrangements for this year provided by:
 - Acceleration, who conducted the fitness testing of applicants for selection into the Victorian Dragon Boat teams for the 2017 AusChamps, and
 - Tsunami, who paid for a significant contribution to the production of a Victorian team race shirt for the AusChamps.

It is recognised, however, that this work is in its infancy and that a comprehensive plan of action needs to be developed, aimed at increasing the numbers of paddlers in our member clubs and the profile of the sport.

Junior Development

One of DBV's junior development initiatives in 2016-2017 was supporting the creation of a junior-focused Dragon Boat Club.

Rapids DBC is dedicated to increasing junior participation in the sport and providing young athletes with the information they need to pursue their goals. The Club was formed based on three objectives – enhanced development, increased recruitment and more varied participation for Junior DBV members.

Rapids DBC gives Under 24 paddlers from around Victoria the opportunity to come together once a month to learn the fundamentals of the sport and build technique. The Club also competes in several regattas during the season, and therefore gives paddlers increased experience and confidence in the competitive side of Dragon Boating. The overall training structure of the club is similar to that used by Dragon Boat Queensland.

In the 2016-17 season the Rapids held a number of training sessions in the Docklands, and did an outstanding job competing at both the Chinese New Year Regatta at Footscray and the Brave Hearts Regatta in Albury.

The Junior Development Committee have also been developing a schools program, with much of the background work conducted during the 2016-17 season with the aim to roll this out to schools in Term 4 of 2017.



High Performance Activity

The results achieved by clubs, the Victorian team and by individual paddlers in the Victorian Championships, in the Australian championships and in international events clearly show the strength of our clubs and of the sport in Victoria.

The 2017 Victorian Championships

Dragon Boat Victoria hosted the 2017 Victorian State Dragon Boat Championships on Sunday 26th March at the National Water Sports Centre, Carrum. Clubs competed in Womens, Open and Mixed crews at distances of 200m, 500m and 2000m. Placegetters are shown below:

Premier Division			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 20s (200m)	Flames	CYSM	YRD
Open 10s (200m)	YRD	CYSM	YRD
Open 20s (500m)	Flames	YRD	CYSM
Women's 10s (200m)	YRD	Flames	Storm
Women's 20s (500m)	Flames	YRD	CYSM
Mixed 20s (200m)	YRD	Flames	CYSM
Mixed 20s (500m)	YRD	Flames	CYSM
Sweeps Race	Flames	YRD	Flames
Masters Division			
Open 20s (200m)	Dragon Masters	Warriors	Brave Hearts
Open 20s (500m)	Dragon Masters	Brave Hearts	Warriors
Women's 20s (200m)	Warriors	Geelong	Dragon Masters
Women's 20s (500m)	Warriors	Peninsula Dragonflys	Dragon Masters
Mixed 10s (200m)	Flames	Dragon Masters	Southern Storm

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- the close gap between 1st and 3rd in many races showed evidence of dramatic improvement by some clubs, and
- the clubs which did well in Victoria all went on to perform very competitively in higher level competition at the AusChamps.

The 2017 AusChamps – Victoria Excels

In the AusChamps held at Gateway Lake, Albury/Wodonga in 19 to 24 April 2017 six Victorian clubs entered Premier events and six entered Masters events, in the Senior A, B or C age groups.

Clubs Competing in Premier Events

- Albury-Wodonga Warriors
- Brave Hearts
- CYSM Sea Dragons
- Melbourne Flames
- Southern Storm, and
- Yarra River Dragons (YRD).

Clubs Competing in Masters Events

- Albury-Wodonga Warriors
- Brave Hearts
- Dragon Masters
- Geelong Dragon Boat Club
- Melbourne Flames, and
- Peninsula Dragonflys.

Victorian Clubs performed well on their 'home waters'. YRD, Melbourne Flames, Dragon Masters and Warriors were regularly placed, including gaining 1st place in 13 events. Other teams acquitted themselves extremely well, including moving past the heats and reaching repechages, semi-finals and finals for the first time.

Premier Placegetters				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
YRD	5	2	1	8
Flames	1	4	2	7
Masters Placegetters				
Dragon Masters	5	1	-	6
Warriors	2	2	-	4
Flames	-	4	1	5

Victorian State Team

A large contingent of 164 Victorian paddlers represented Victoria at Gateway Lake, Albury/Wodonga for the AusChamps in April 2017. Victoria produced stellar performances. The Premier, Regional and Under 18 teams were our stars being placed continuously. Our Premier team was never beaten, winning the Open, Women's and Mixed 500 metres then the 100 metre Relay. The Regional team was placed in every event. The Junior Under 18 team was placed in 3 of its 4 events. The overall results are listed below.

Events & Placegetters				
	500 metres			100 metres
	Open	Womens	Mixed	Relay
Under 18	2nd	-	2nd	3rd
Premier	1st	1st	1st	1st
Senior B	-	-	3rd	-
Senior C	2nd	-	-	-
Regional	2nd	2nd	2nd	1st
Total 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Places				
	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Under 18	-	2	1	3
Premier	4	-	-	4
Senior B	-	-	1	1
Senior C	-	1	-	1
Regional	1	3	-	4

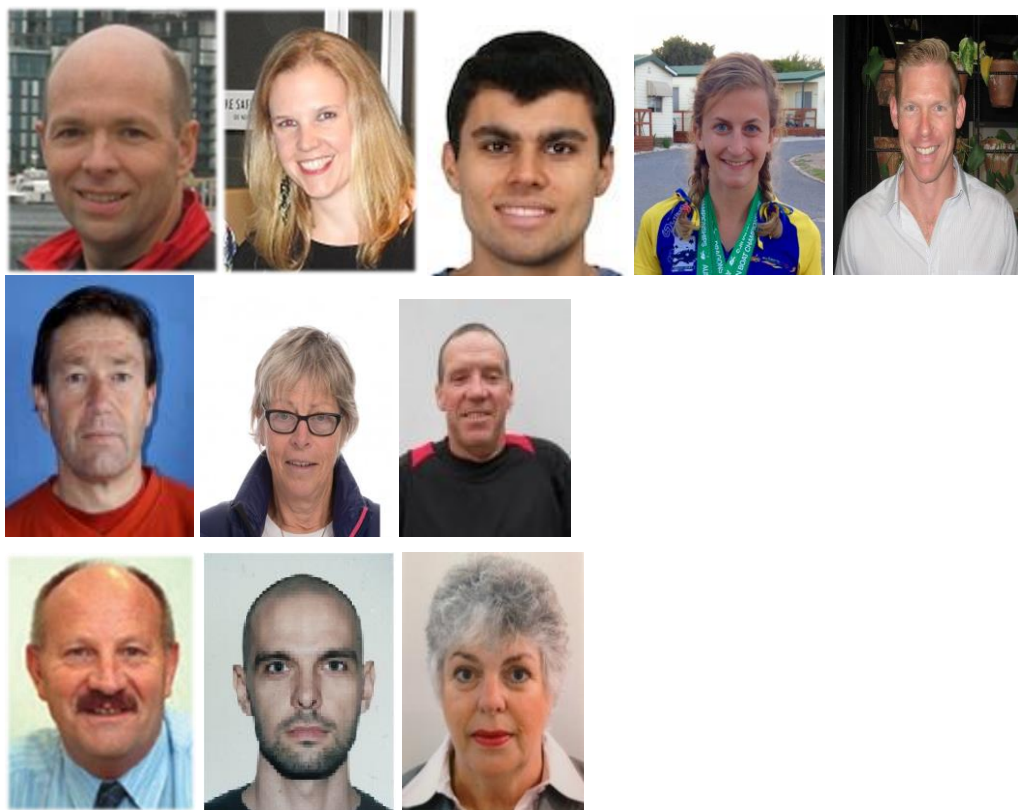
The 2017 State Team Coaches and Management Team

Once again, the coaching team was selected through an Expression of Interest process with David Abel, President of AusDBF and Coach of Yarra River Dragons (YRD) being appointed as the Head Coach for 2017. The Coaches appointed to each Division were:

- Junior Coach - Eliza Campbell, assisted by Julian Duarte (YRD) and Erin Mahar (Melbourne Flames)
- Premier Coach - Jarrod Whitwell (YRD)
- Senior B - Jeff Saunders (Dragon Masters)
- Senior C - Maggie Guy (Golden Dragons, Ballarat)
- Regional Team - Graham Poynter (Albury/Wodonga Warriors).

Unfortunately, not enough paddlers expressed interest in joining a Senior A team, an issue to be addressed for future years.

The State team was managed by Adrian Stephens (Dragon Masters), assisted by Andre McGuire (Melbourne Flames) and Karen O'Connor (Dragon Masters).



From top left to bottom right: David Abel, Eliza Campbell, Julian Duarte, Erin Mahar, Jarrod Whitwell, Jeff Saunders, Maggie Guy, Geoff Poynter, Adrian Stephens, Andre McGuire and Karen O'Connor.

The Victorian State Team at Gateway Lake, Albury/Wodonga – 2017 AusChamps



Victorian State Team Members Competing in 2017

Junior Team

Women

Michelle Donaldson
Lexy Manlongat
Roby Manlongat
Kaitlyn Meyer
Charlotte Murphy (from ACTDBA)
Mia Randell
Abby Spedding
Poh Young Tan
Ella Varman

Open

Mathew Chapman
Mitchell Furze
Craig Hagan
Kye Jarvis
Oscar Little
Jules Matthews
Declan McClellan
Aiden Meyer
Ethan Rahaley
Jacob Sheedy
Riley Sheedy
Patrick Weston

Premier Division

Women

Francisca Almeida
Claire Anderson
Karin Askeland
Catherine Besido
Rachael Blake
Gabriela Bodnarova
Allison Burgess
Eliza Campbell
Lisa Chan
Lesley Chan Herlihy
Yuh-Min Chong
Vicki Chung
Sophia Franke
Amanda Furse
Rachel Kadzjella
Cindy Li
Mandy Li
Connie Li Wai Suen
Xindi Lu
Erin Mahar
Emily Mason
Stephanie Meister

Sue Phung
Emily Plahuta
Claire Tan
Lucienne van Hilten
Claire Wilding
Emily Zitkevicius

Open

John Alfonso
Eric Cham
Eddy Chen
Zijing Chu
Thom Cullen
John Cuzzupi
Tim Darby
Carlos Diz
Juliano Duarte
Daniel Foo
Ryan Hodgkinson
Thomas Key
Tim Lieu
Marcus Lim
Andrew Lu
Patrick Myer
Darren Newton
Chris Phoumsavanh
Armin Schoepf
Dean Scott
William Shelmerdine
Yuan Soon
Jarrod Whitwell

Senior B Division

Women

Silvana Aceuedo
Sherrill Bond
Jennifer Brown
Annette Chappel
Tammy Culbertson
Ruth Gallant
Lyn I'Anson
Judy Parry
Maxine Poulton
Jennifer Reilly
Jenny Rundell
Kathryn Sanford
Lauren Vallance
Jenny Walsh
Gail Williams

Open

Richard Chan

Wayne Chappel
Rob Chester
Serghei Cucsa
Jim Eaton
John Grech
Alex James
Gary McDougall
John Moffat
Jeff Saunders
Rob Stewart

Senior C Division

Women

Ria Barry
Karen Davis
Rose Doery
Lynn Evans
Marianne Fridell
Magie Guy
Jill Hicks
Rhonda Jacobs
Lissy Jensen
Philippa McLean
Nerida Millward
Fran Nicholls
Helen Payne
Aileen Phillips
Catherine Robertson
Vicki Shannon
Cathy Urie
Kerrie Waworis
Debra Williams

Open

Alan Culbertson
Ted Fridell
Joe Gomory
Roger Horn
Denis Jenkins
Mike McGenniskin
David Nairn
Ross Parker
Paul Shannon
Adrian Stephens
Gordon Tribbick

Victorian Regional Team

Women

Jane Atkinson
Vicki Beames
Kerryn Beer
Karyne Clayton

Linda Coon
Wendy Rose Davison
Diane Edmondson
Cindy Ellis
Elizabeth Freeman
Karen Gear
Mira Kapur
Kerry Keil
Kendall Krause
Luana Maggenti
Sandra Nickels
Carolyn O'Connell
Shirley Pilkington
Maxine Reid
Brenda Roberts
Lisa Smallbone
Narelle Steinke
Angelika Wellnitz

Open

Murray Black
Kenneth Chan
Trent Dulhunty
Kevin Gabriel
Donald Gargan
Rohan Hillas
Gavin James
Brendan Maher
Tony Martin
Graham Nugent
Ray Olsson
Graham Poynter
Peter Ryan
Tony Weeding

Victorians Competing in International Events

During the 2016-2017 season Victorian clubs and paddlers were involved in a number of international events. This ranged from paddlers being selected to be a member of *The Auroras* to clubs organising to participate in invitational events overseas.

Victorian Auroras

The Auroras is the name for Australia's national representative dragon boating team, comprising of Australia's strongest and most dedicated paddlers. Since their inception in 2010 by AusDBF, they have grown in strength and are now an international force. The 'Auroras' is a unique label and joins other national team brands as a powerful sporting identity. Victorians are always prominent in these teams. Serghei Cucsă, from Melbourne Flames, is the current Head Coach for the Australian Dragon Boat Federation and has held this position since 2010.

2nd World Cup, Wujin (Shanghai), China

Australia was invited to compete at the 2nd World Cup, held in Wujin (Shanghai), China 21-23 October 2016. Only the top ten nations in the world are invited to attend this event. AusDBF Head Coach, Serghei Cucsă, and Team Manager, Jen Reilly, both from Melbourne Flames, led this Campaign. The following Victorian paddlers were part of the Australian Auroras crew that proudly wore the green and gold in the women and open premier categories:

- Allison Burgess
- Darren Newton
- Eliza Campbell (Captain)
- Francisca Ferreira de Almeida
- Gabriela Bodnarova
- Gemma Edwards
- Jarrod Whitwell
- John Cuzzupi
- Juliano Duarte
- Lucienne van Hilten
- Michele Tsui
- Reka Abraham
- Sebastian Wakim
- Timothy Darby.

The 2017 World Championships

Late in 2016 selection trials were held for paddlers across Australia seeking to become members of the Australian *Auroras* teams to participate in the 2017 World Championships, originally scheduled to be held in Kunming, China in July 2017. Subsequently, the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) decided that these championships would be held in two locations, with the Junior (Under 16 and Under 18) and Under 24 teams to compete at Divonne les Bains in France in late July 2017, and the Premier, Senior A, B and C events to be held in Kunming later in October 2017.

At the time of preparing this Annual Report, those selected in Auroras teams have been training together in preparation for these World Championships. Team members will be reported in the 2017-2018 Annual Report.

Overseas Invitational Events

Victorian clubs regularly participate in events held overseas with this season holding no exceptions. In 2016-2017 the following clubs competed in events overseas:

- YRD in the Singapore Dragon Boat Festival at the DBS Marina Regatta in June 2017. The highlight was first place in the Premier Womens 200 metre event, winning \$5,000 prizemoney, and
- Melbourne Flames, Dragon Masters and DAM Busters were invited to enter teams in the Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Races from 2-4 June 2017, co-organised by the Hong Kong Tourism Board and the Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association. Paddlers from a range of other Victorian clubs joined these clubs to ensure a full team was able to compete in events. Some Victorian teams made it into semi-finals and a final in events in the Hong Kong Regatta.

In addition, DBV is aware of many other individual paddlers who joined with others in composite teams to compete overseas.

Business Management and Financial Report

Dragon Boat Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation that maintains its books on an accrual basis. The main sources of revenue are membership fees collected from paddlers throughout Victoria, regatta entry fees and course fees paid by members along with sponsorships and grants. The main expenses are regatta running costs, paddlers and Board insurance, payroll expenses, capital depreciation and boat repairs.

Our business management philosophy revolves around self-funding activities and operations of the organisation, which means that our regatta fees and membership fees are being reviewed every year to ensure financial balance is achieved. DBV maintains the financial record, using an electronic accounting system Xero. We are therefore able to model the forward year's budget and fee structure and adhere to robust and transparent financial processes and procedures.

Our Regional Grants Program continued in 2016-2017, where a percentage of the income gained from regional regattas is returned to the regional clubs. In this financial year \$2,075 was made available for distribution for activities and equipment in the regional clubs.

Our Financial Position

The DBV revenues amount to \$245,549 with the major items being the collection of Membership Fees \$80,879, Income from Grants Funding \$23,495, Corporate Days \$23,091, Regatta Income \$72,223, the Victorian Championships \$11,691, a percentage of the profit achieved from the AusChamps \$20,092, with the remaining \$13,660 from other income sources.

The major expenses paid out amounted to \$205,728 and included Wages and Payroll expenses \$88,022, Depreciation \$15,270, Repairs & Maintenance \$14,380, Paddlers Levy to AusDBF \$17,528, Corporate Days \$11,908, Regatta Operations \$47,940, Victorian Championships \$10,278 and other expenses.

During the financial year ending 30 June 2017, Dragon Boat Victoria made a profit of \$39,821. The main driver was the Board decided to capitalise the pontoon cost \$51,616, purchased from the Dragons Down Under after the AusChamps 2017. As a result, an operating loss of \$11,795 was able to be absorbed.

At 30 June 2017, the net assets of Dragon Boat Victoria were \$172,258 (total assets less total liabilities). The total assets worth of \$203,414 are made up of cash holdings \$98,885, trade debtors \$120 and the net book value of the existing assets \$104,739. The total liabilities \$31,156 consist of payroll liabilities \$12,415, trade creditors \$1,524, GST liabilities \$886 and accrual for AusChamps payment to AusDBF \$16,272. The settlement of the AusChamps payment has been scheduled in August 2017.

As per last year, the 2016-2017 membership fee breakdown included several elements that will be locked for a set period of time. These elements are directly linked to ongoing capital expenses which allow us to refresh the equipment being used by the members.

In summary, the financial position of Dragon Boat Victoria at balance date is considered healthy, enabling continued investment in the development of our sport across Victoria to benefit our membership base.

Dragon Boat Victoria acknowledges and appreciates the continued support of its volunteers, members, clubs, supporters and stakeholders who contribute to ensuring the organisation continues to remain financially viable and strong.

Profit & Loss
Dragon Boat Victoria
1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017

30 June 2017

Income

Association Membership & Club Revenues		
Insurance	-	131
Membership		80,879
Officials Course	-	255
Sweeps Course		1,535
Training Courses		5,859
Total Association Membership & Club Revenues		87,887
Corporate Days & Regatta Revenues		
Albury Wodonga Regatta		10,564
Ballarat / Springfest Regatta		10,895
Battle on the Barwon (BOB)		7,527
Carrum Cup Regatta		8,091
CNY Regatta		9,418
Corporate Events		23,091
Falls Creek Regatta - Mile High		14,341
Horsham Regatta		11,386
Victorian Championships Regatta		11,691
Total Corporate Days & Regatta Revenues		107,004
Grant & Other Revenues		
AusChamps Profit		20,092
DBV End of Year Event		291
Grant and Funding Income		23,495
Miscellaneous Income		1,361
Sponsorship		5,000
Total Grant & Other Revenues		50,239
Other Income		
Interest Income		419
Total Other Income		419
Total Revenue		245,549

Expenses

Corporate Days & Regatta Expenses		
Albury Wodonga Regatta Expenses		6,116
AusChamps Expenses	-	51,123
Ballarat Springfest Regatta Expenses		6,844
Battle on the Barwon Expenses		4,624
Carrum Cup Regatta Expenses		5,834
Chinese New Year Regatta Expenses		5,762
Corporate Days Expenses		11,908
Falls Creek Regatta - Mile High Expenses		4,267
Horsham Regatta Expenses		13,436
Trophies		1,056
Victorian Championships Expenses		10,278
Total Corporate Days & Regatta Expenses		19,003

Depreciation Expenses	
Depreciation - Equipment	15,270
Total Depreciation Expenses	15,270
General Expenses	
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	1,615
Administration	263
Bad Debts	2,949
Bank Fees	205
Computer Expenses	89
Food & Drink	735
General Expenses	1,381
Parking/Tolls Expenses	66
Postage	504
Printing	582
Stationery	212
Telephone Expenses	1,351
Travel & Accommodation	2,107
Venue	1,160
Total General Expenses	13,220
Insurance Expenses	
Insurance DBV Expense	6,932
Public Liability Insurance	4,253
Total Insurance Expenses	11,184
Motor Vehicle Expenses	
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	689
Motor Vehicle Registration	155
Total Motor Vehicle Expenses	844
Other Expenses	
Advertising & Marketing	13
Education Week	4,800
Equipment purchase	720
Interest Expense	0
Membership - AusDBF Paddlers Levy	17,528
Membership - VicSport	354
Membership Management - Revolutionise Sport	3,134
Officials Course Expenses	125
Regional Grants	2,075
Rent	9,458
Sweeps Course Expenses	333
Training Expenses	440
Uniforms	294
Victorian State Team	4,531
Total Other Expenses	43,806
Payroll Expenses	
Other Payroll Expenses	6,650
Wages & Salaries Expenses	80,387
Work Cover Premiums	984
Total Payroll Expenses	88,022
Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	
Boat repairs and maintenance	14,339
General Repairs & Maintenance	41
Total Repairs & Maintenance Expenses	14,380
Total Expenses	205,728
Net Profit	39,821

Balance Sheet
Dragon Boat Victoria
As at 30 June 2017

30 Jun 2017

Assets

Bank	
Business Cash Maximiser	84,620
Regional Grants Cheque Account	3,952
VDBA Inc Everyday Account	9,983
Total Bank	98,555
 Fixed Assets	
Equipment at Cost	145,709
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-
Total Fixed Assets	145,709
 Other Current Assets	
Trade Debtors	120
Total Other Current Assets	120
 Total Assets	203,414

Liabilities

GST Liabilities	
GST	805
Total GST Liabilities	805
 Other Current Liabilities	
Dragons Down Under Pty Ltd Creditor	16,272
Trade Creditors	1,524
NAB Credit Card	141
Total Other Current Liabilities	17,936
 Payroll Liabilities	
Provision for Annual Leave	5,388
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	7,027
Superannuation Liability	0
Total Payroll Liabilities	12,415
 Total Liabilities	31,156
 Net Assets	172,258
 Equity	
Current Year Earnings	39,821
Members Funds	100,892
Retained Earnings	31,544
Total Equity	172,258

**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF
DRAGON BOAT VICTORIA INC.**

Report on the Financial Report

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Dragon Boat Victoria Inc which comprises the profit and loss statement as at 30 June 2017 and the balance sheet as at 30 June 2017.

In my opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Victorian Dragon Boat Association Inc. as at 30 June 2017 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rudolph Hosri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Rudolph Hosri
Accounts and Advice
Level 28, 303 Collins Street, Melbourne 3000
Dated: 8 November 2017**

