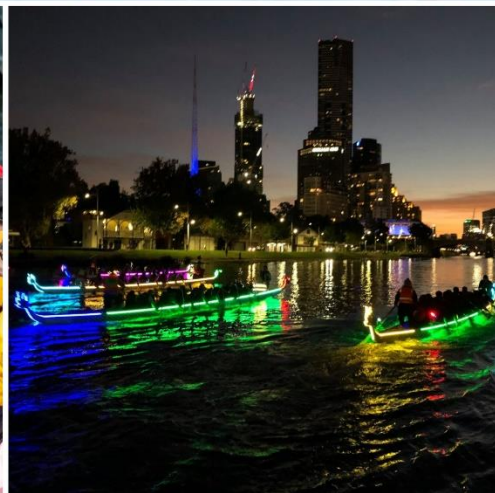




# Dragon Boat Victoria Annual Report 2019



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## Dragon Boat Victoria

Dragon Boat Victoria (DBV) is the state governing body for dragon boating in Victoria. The association is a member of the Australian Dragon Boat Federation (AusDBF) and provides support to nearly 1,000 members across 23 affiliated clubs.

We have goal to attract more people to be involved in the sport of dragon boating through their club membership, providing opportunities for racing in regattas and retaining those who already participate in the sport. As a membership organisation, Dragon Boat Victoria knows that its strength as a governing body relies on the strength of clubs - our motto has been

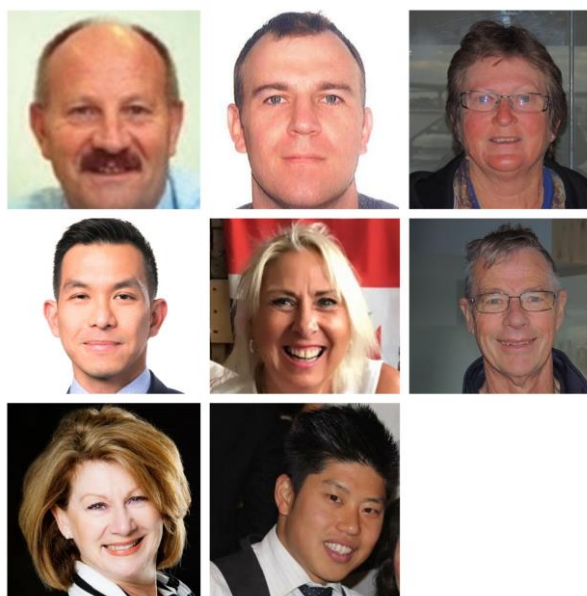
*Strong State means Strong Clubs: Strong Clubs means Strong State.*



## Board of Directors

The association is governed by a Board of seven Elected Directors. In 2018-2019 season, the Board also made use of the opportunity to broaden its skill base to ensure it had the capacity to meet both its corporate responsibilities and to address several strategic goals. The Board achieved this through the placement of Appointed and Associate Directors.

Board of Director Category	Name	Meetings attended
<b>Elected Directors</b>		
President	Adrian Stephens	13/13
Vice-President	Andrew Horne (Jul - Dec 2018)	3/5
Secretary	Christine Gabriel (Jul 2018 - Mar 2019)	11/13
	Jonathan Low (Mar - Jun 2019)	
Business Manager	Jonathan Low	9/13
Director	Kerrie Waworis	10/13
Director	David Nairn	12/13
Director (Casual Vacancy)	Christine Watson	7/13
Director (Casual Vacancy)	Chris Phoumsavanth (Dec 2018 - Jun 2019)	6/8
<b>Appointed &amp; Associate Directors</b>		
Appointed Director	John Cuzzupi	12/13
Appointed Director	Zonda Lynn (Dec 2018 – Jun 2019)	5/10
Associate Director	Andrew Lu	9/13
Associate Director	Lauren Vallance	10/13



*Adrian Stephens (Dragon Masters), Andrew Horne (Southern Storm), Christine Gabriel (Brave Hearts), Jonathan Low (CYSM), Kerrie Waworis (Peninsula Dragonflys), David Nairn (Dragon Masters), Christine Watson (YRD), Chris Phoumsavanth (CYSM)*



*Zonda Lynn (Dragon Masters), Andrew Lu (Melbourne Flames), Lauren Vallance (Geelong), John Cuzzupi (YRD)*

## Key Sub-Committees and Working Groups

The work of the Board has been made easier by either establishing or continuing a number of sub-committees or working groups which are made up of members with significant expertise and interest in a particular area. These have included:

- Nominations and Remuneration Committee (chaired by Adrian Stephens)
- Regatta Competition and Technical Committee (chaired by Chris Phoumsavanh)
- Finance, Audit and Risk Committee (chaired by Jonathan Low)
- Sweeps Committee (coordinated by Jennifer Reilly)
- Hub Operations Committee (coordinated by John Cuzzupi)
- Chinese New Year Working Group (led by Jonathan Low and Chris Phoumsavanh)

## Our staff

During the season the staff member employed by DBV changed. Chris Schleusener, who had been employed by DBV as the General Manager for 3.5 years resigned in December 2018.

In February 2019, DBV has appointed Craig Ryan as the new Operations Manager. Craig joined DBV following 8 years in a variety of roles with Tennis Australia, with his most recent role being Manager of Programs and Memberships. Prior to joining Tennis Australia, he was the Director of a number of health clubs, a business partner in a carpentry company, a professional tennis coach and a sports & events Manager at a golf club.



## President's Report

It is a privilege to have been DBV President over the past two years, having joined the DBV Board early in 2016 and now being in my second two-year term as an Elected Director. We all know that the governance of any organisation is not a simple affair. DBV has been in good hands for many years now due to the solid foundation built by previous Boards, all on a voluntary basis. There are special thanks.

Firstly, I want to thank all the Board Directors for their contribution over this year. They have always been available to provide their independent advice and perspective. The Board has met regularly since the last AGM and dealt with some 'tricky' issues.

Secondly, I want to single out for special thanks the work undertaken by five Board members who have indicated they will either not be seeking re-election or nomination or have resigned due to work commitments:

- Andrew Horne – for his work in establishing the Regatta Competition and Technical Committee, now a stable group which has planned out the next two seasons regattas.
- David Nairn – who has been a stalwart for DBV, not just as a past President and member of the Board but also as a person who has led or contributed to the many operational tasks the organisation has had to deal with to make the sport happen in Victoria.
- Christine Gabriel – again a Board member for a number of terms who has carried out the critical role as a Secretary of the Board, keeping the business of the Board on track but also made a major contribution to the work of our officials and the organisation of regattas.
- Andrew Lu – who was an Associate Director on the Board for only one year but whose wise analysis of issues has been highly valued in Board discussions.
- Zonda Lynn – who was nominated to a position as an Appointed Director to reinvigorate the role of Presidents meetings to ensure stronger connections between the business of DBV and clubs.

Thirdly, the role has been made easy by the availability of advice not just within the current Board but also from the willingness of past Presidents to provide guidance. Since DBV was formally established in 2012 under the leadership of Eliza Campbell, I know that each of the following Presidents has valued highly the work done by their predecessors. I must again pay tribute to the leadership provided by Eliza Campbell, David Nairn and Phil Chan since 2012. In that vein I must also thank David Abel, as previous Chair of the AusDBF Board, and Sergei Cucsá, as the national coach of the Auroras, for also being willing to act as a sounding board for me on several issues involving Victoria in the national arena.

Finally, as we all know, there has been a strong sense of stability in the governance of dragon boating in Victoria. The constant turnover of Board membership can result in any organisation 'lurching' from crisis to crisis or not learning from the achievements or mistakes of the past. I am pleased to say that this has not been a feature of DBV; the Board has generally been in the position where there are 'no surprises' and has been active in planning for the future and managing changes which need to occur. Succession planning is high on our agenda.

The path we have been on to increase the involvement of more people in our governance and advisory arrangements is certainly helping provide more people with a perspective of the sport 'as a whole' and to take a state-wide perspective. The Board now has in place a number of key sub-committees and working groups which are increasingly playing a key role in working through the detail of some of our operations, thus releasing the Board to focus more on longer term strategic issues. We are also conscious of improving our governance arrangements with efforts to align the way we operate by adopting best practice advice on the governance of 'not for profit' and 'for profit' organisations. We still have a long way to go though.

This year there has been a focus on the development of a new Strategic Plan to guide activity for the period 2019-2023. The draft of the plan will be considered and finalised by the new Board and contains four pillars of activity which are to focus on:

- Growing and promoting the sport
- Pathways for paddlers, coaches, sweeps and officials
- Regattas and events
- Governance

Profiling the sport is a key to expansion. In last year's report, I indicated the thinking within the Board that one of the best ways to profile the sport will be through increased exposure to races on the Yarra and at Docklands, as well as continuing with our competitions in regional centres. We have 'got back' on to the Yarra in a minor way via the Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival and Light Up Melbourne Festival. We are keen to explore this on a more regular basis and held a major corporate event in Docklands associated with the Chinese New Year. This required special expertise in relationship development with Parks Victoria, City of Melbourne, the organisers of Chinese New Year celebrations, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and other community organisations. These efforts are planned to continue, and for more activity to be canvassed.

In line with the DBV strategy, the Board has regularly revisited its budget to ensure the organisation is on a sound footing and the future sustainability of Dragon Boating in Victoria ensured. The Board has this year been again been able to slightly refine and adjust our 2019-2020 fee structure for members. After a major review two years ago, we have continued to balance the need to raise fees to cover the range of increases in operating costs and at the same time give the organisation the capacity to invest resources to gradually fund some central elements of our strategy. Repairing damaged boats and setting aside resources for a campaign to train our officials and ensure all clubs have qualified coaches have been critical in this year's budget profile. However, keeping an eye on the financial arrangements will be an ongoing issue for the Board.

The Board has been well served by the staff we have employed – firstly by Chris Schleusener up until December 2018 and then by Craig Ryan since February 2019. Their tireless work in making sure our regattas happen and in the best way possible given the resources available within the organisation is most appreciated as well as all the other tasks required in a 'one person' administration.

With all clubs collaborating, DBV is well positioned to continue to lead the development of Dragon Boat racing in Victoria - in 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 unique sport.

President, Dragon Boat Victoria

Adrian Stephens

# Operations Report

## Season Statistics

- Total financial members: 958
- New members: 214
- Female percentage: 70%    Male percentage: 30%
- Membership growth rates: -1.4%
- Membership attrition/churn rate: 25%
- Regatta participation: 2,477 member entries across 8 regattas
- Average DBV total membership who participated in regattas: 49%

## AusDBF Accredited Courses

Course	Month	Location	Number of Attendee
Officials Course	August 2018	Melbourne	15
Sweeps Course	September 2018	Nagambie	12
Sweeps Course	October 2018	Albury	9
Coaching Course	June 2019	Melbourne	15

## Communications & Marketing

In order to deliver our messages across clubs and members effectively, DBV has developed an annual communications plan. Monthly e-newsletter released from April 2019, it is in an EDM format with key information such as regattas, courses and other dragon boat activities.

We also gave our Facebook page a makeover since September 2018. Cover photo convey our brand image and identity. Creative contents such as post regatta photo albums, major event photos and featured videos attracted the number of fans follow our Facebook page by over 80%. We saw regular Facebook posts boosted the number of “likes”, engagements and shares from all over the world.



## Community Events

In the second half of the season, DBV partnered with several community organisations and featured dragon boat activities in their events.

Night paddling at Light Up Melbourne

Date: Saturday, 6 April 2019

Event details: In conjunction with Light Up Melbourne, we paddled five dragon boats to the north bank of the Yarra River on Saturday evening. For the first time ever, our dragons illuminated the Yarra with multi colours. The crowd loved the demonstrated 100m racings!





## Demonstrated racing at Buddha's Day & Multicultural Festival

Date: Sunday, 19 May 2019

Event details: The event organiser Buddha's Light International Association of Victoria (BLIAV) invited dragon boats back to its annual event. This was the second year in a row dragon boating returned to promote inclusiveness, cultural understanding and enhance community spirit. The event featured Eye Dotting Ceremony, dragon boat tug of war and 200m races.





## Paddle Against Plastic

Date: Sunday, 2 June 2019

Event details: In conjunction with Ocean Crusaders, two dragon boats joined force with some kayakers and volunteers again to clean up waterways at Moonee Pond Creek. This was our third involvement in PAP waterways cleaning since 2018, DBV committed to this social responsibility as our obligation for protecting marine life.



## Victorian Regattas

Dragon Boat Victoria (DBV) is involved in the organisation of a range of metropolitan and regionally located regattas each season, including our flagship event Victorian State Championships.

The 2018-19 season has seen DBV rely heavily on regional courses depended on their availability and suitability, though we managed to get access back into Docklands for the Chinese New Year regatta in February 2019.

From both a participation and financial perspective, this 2018-19 season has continued to be challenging. Whilst there have been significant advantages in being able to ensure dragon boating competitions are exposed to more people across the State, there are often significant cost factors for individuals having to pay for accommodation when this happens on a regular basis or in a compacted time period; and for DBV, the costs associated with the movement of pontoons and the transport of boats can be significant and affect the revenue gained from events. The Board has identified the need to 'get a better handle' on the participation trends and costs and has made some headway in this direction – we now know more about participation trends.

Regattas are organised to provide the opportunity for member clubs to enter teams so that a maximum number of paddlers can participate in an environment that will provide fair and safe competition. Regattas were well represented by clubs throughout the season and located at:

- 5 August - Battle on the Barwon (5.5km time trial)
- 9 September – Nagambie Regatta (200m and 1km races)
- 14 October – Albury-Wodonga Regatta (200m and 500m races)
- 4 November – Horsham Regatta (200m races)
- 8 December – Carrum Regatta (200m, 500m and 2km races)
- 27 January – Falls Creek Mile High Regatta (200m races plus tri-point time trial)
- 16 – 17 February – Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Festival with club and corporate/community regatta, Docklands, Melbourne (200m races)
- 9 - 10 March – Victorian State Championships in Nagambie (200, 500 and Sweeps races)

The AusChamps were held in Canberra between 17 – 22 April.

Many thanks to Andrew Horne and Chris Phoumsavanth whose work as Chair of the Regatta Competition and Technical Committee set in place a framework of events not only for the 2018-19 season but also for 2019-20 and for 2020-21.

2018-19 was the first season in which our new DBV Race Regulations and Rules have operated in Victoria, with our key objective being to ensure a balance between providing opportunities within regattas for maximum participation as well as events clearly focused on high level competition. To facilitate this, the framework provides for some flexibility in the application of the AusDBF regulations and rules, in line with the relative importance of events. For example:

- regattas throughout the year are intended to encourage rather than discourage increased participation in the sport and its competitions i.e. to ensure clubs and paddlers are able to gradually develop and demonstrate growth in their individual skills and how they work together as a team. In this context, the regulations and rules need to be applied in a flexible manner
- in contrast, Victorian State Championships provide the opportunity for teams to compete at a peak level, with the event also providing high level competition and an important pathway for paddlers into the AusChamps, organised by AusDBF. For this event, the regulations and rules



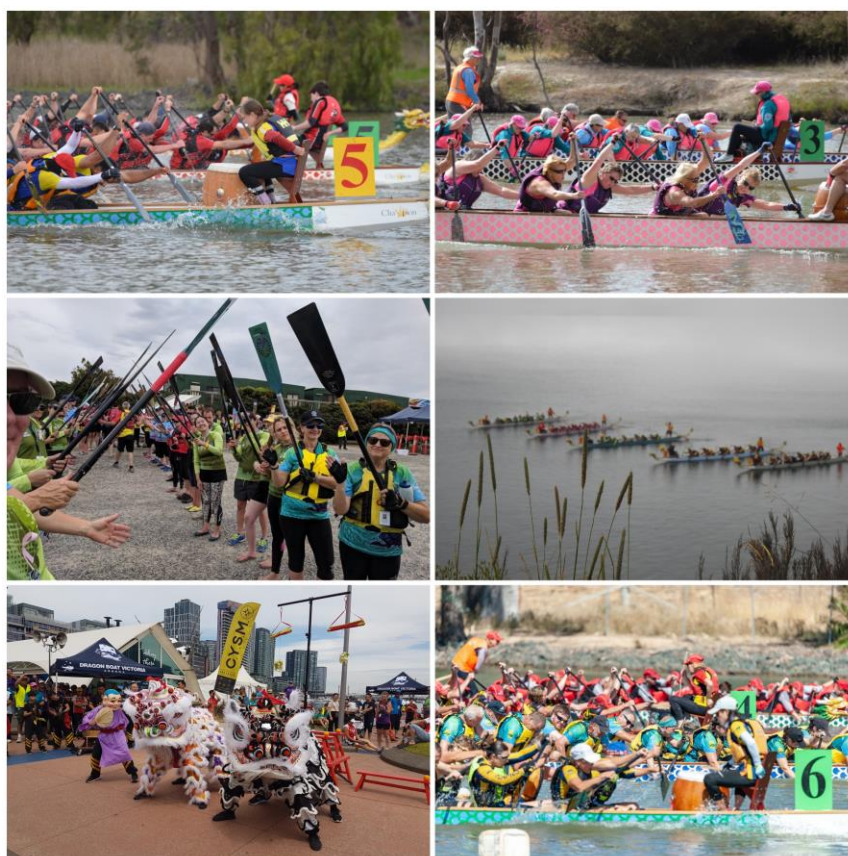
fundamentally mirror those of the AusDBF regulations, though there are some variations to suit the current state of development of the sport in Victoria, designed to be implemented in a rigorous but fair manner.

The new rules are not as well-known as we would like; further work will be required in the 2019-20 season to publicise the changes and opportunities to provide for greater flexibility in boating arrangements at our regattas - to remove some of the barriers to clubs entering boats so as to encourage more people to participate in regattas.

### Volunteers are a key to successful events

DBV has again been extremely well serviced by a great band of volunteers who gave their time so generously to help at the regattas. We recognise that without their efforts, none of these events would have happened.

Many who assist in the operation of regattas are now qualified as AusDBF officials. We will be increasing our efforts to ensure more of our volunteers have these qualifications and through the work of two of our officials, the training arrangements now include mentoring to assist officials in their job. This Victorian scheme has been adopted nationally in this regard.



## High Performance Activity

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

### 2019 Victorian State Championships

Dragon Boat Victoria hosted the 2019 Victorian State Dragon Boat Championships on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th February at the Nagambie course.

Clubs competed in Women, Open and Mixed crews at distances of 200m, 500m and 2km. Over these distances, the Championships provided for Premier, Senior A and Senior B age groups. Place getters are shown below:

Premier Division			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 10s (200m)	Southern Storm	Geelong	Mt Beauty
Open 20s (200m)	YRD (Mist)	Flames	CYSM
Open 10s (500m)	CYSM	Southern Storm	-
Open 20s (500m)	YRD (Mist)	Flames	YRD (Blaze)
Women 10s (200m)	Flames	Brave Hearts	Southern Storm
Women 10s (500m)	Flames	CYSM	Brave Hearts
Mixed 10s (200m)	CYSM	Southern Storm	Brave Hearts
Mixed 20s (200m)	YRD (Black)	Flames	YRD (Red)

Premier Division			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Mixed 10s (500m)	Southern Storm	YRD	Flames
Mixed 20s (500m)	YRD (Black)	YRD (Red)	Flames
Open Sweeps Race (2km)	YRD	Flames	CYSM
Women Sweeps Race (2km)	YRD	Flames	Brave Hearts
Mixed Sweeps Race (2km)	YRD (Black)	Flames (Gold)	YRD (Red)

Senior A			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 10s (200m)	Flames	CYSM	Southern Storm
Open 20s (200m)	Dragon Masters	Geelong	-
Open 10s (500m)	Flames	CYSM	Dragon Masters
Women 10s (200m)	Flames	Mt Beauty	Golden Dragons
Women 20s (200m)	Warriors	Brave Hearts	Dragon Masters
Women 10s (500m)	Flames	Dragon Masters	Peninsula Dragonflys
Women 20s (500m)	Warriors	Geelong	-

Senior A			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Mixed 10s (200m)	Brave Hearts	Geelong	Mt Beauty
Mixed 20s (200m)	Flames	Warriors	Dragon Masters
Mixed 10s (500m)	Warriors	Dragon Masters	Dragonflys
Mixed 20s (500m)	Flames	Brave Hearts	-



Senior B			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Open 10s (200m)	Warriors	Brave Hearts	Dragon Masters
Open 10s (500m)	Warriors	Brave Hearts	Dragon Masters
Womens 10s (200m)	Brave Hearts	Warriors	Peninsula Dragonflys
Womens 20s (200m)	Dragon Masters	Brave Hearts	Peninsula Dragonflys
Womens 10s (500m)	Warriors	Geelong	-
Womens 20s (500m)	Dragon Masters	Brave Hearts	Peninsula Dragonflys

Senior B			
	1st	2nd	3rd
Mixed 10s (200m)	Brave Hearts	Peninsula Dragonflys	Yarrawonga
Mixed 20s (200m)	Warriors	Dragon Masters	-
Mixed 20s (500m)	Warriors	Dragon Masters	-

Premier Placegetters				
	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
YRD	7	2	3	12
Flames	2	6	2	10
Southern Storm	2	2	1	5
CYSM	2	1	2	5
Brave Hearts	-	1	3	4
Geelong	-	1	-	1
Mt Beauty	-	-	1	1

Senior A + B Placegetters				
	1st	2nd	3rd	TOTAL
Warriors	8	2	-	10
Flames	6	-	-	6
Brave Hearts	3	6	-	9
Dragon Masters	3	4	5	12
Peninsula Dragonflys	-	1	5	6
Geelong	-	4	-	4
CYSM	-	2	-	2
Mt Beauty	-	1	1	2
Golden Dragons	-	-	1	1
Southern Storm	-	-	1	1
Yarrawonga	-	-	1	1



## 2019 Australian Championships

The Australian Championships held in Canberra ACT from the 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Six Victorian clubs entered Premier events (one more than in 2018) and four entered Master events across Senior A, B or C age groups.

Victorian Clubs performed extremely well yet again. The results are outlined in the table below. YRD and Dragon Masters were dominant in their age categories winning five gold medals each; Melbourne Flames won 12 medals overall in the Premier and Master categories and Warriors won four medals in the Master events. In other events, Victorian clubs acquitted themselves extremely well, including moving past the heats and reaching repechage events and semi-finals.

Clubs Competing in Premier Events	Clubs Competing in Masters Events
Albury-Wodonga Warriors	Albury-Wodonga Warriors
Brave Hearts	Brave Hearts
CYSM Sea Dragons	Dragon Masters
Melbourne Flames	Melbourne Flames
Southern Storm	
Yarra River Dragons	

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

Exceptionally pleasing was the fact that a number of our Victorian Juniors competed in an Australian Joeys team in the Under 18 events held on the same days as the Premiers. The Joeys are a combination team made up of Juniors from across Australia who competed in events against a number of school teams in the Under 18 category.

Victorian State Team



A large contingent of Victorian paddlers represented Victoria in the State vs State Championships held on Day Three of the Auschamps in Canberra. The overall results are listed below.

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



## 2019 State Team Coaches and Management Team

Once again, our State coaching team did a magnificent job. The State Coaches appointed to each Division were:

- Junior Coach - Julian Duarte (YRD)
- Premier Coach – Darren Newton (CYSM), Assistant – Boyce Wong (CYSM)
- Senior A & B - Kathryn Sanford (Melbourne Flames), Fiona Schoonderwaldt (Peninsula Dragonflys)
- Senior C - Desma Smith (Melbourne Flames)
- Regional Team - Lisa Smallbone (Warriors Albury-Wodonga)



*Julian Duarte, Darren Newton, Boyce Wong, Kathryn Sanford, Fiona Schoonderwaldt*

*Desma Smith and Lisa Smallbone*

The State Team was managed by David Nairn and Cathy Urie, especially team uniforms and training camps in Melbourne. Many thanks to all for their contribution.

- Team Manager - David Nairn (Dragon Masters)
- Assistant Team Manager (Premier) - Lesley Chan (Southern Storm)
- Assistant Team Manager (Junior) - Cathy Urie (Dragon Masters)
- Assistant Team Manager (Senior C) - Fran Nichols (Peninsula Dragonflies)
- Assistant Team Manager (Regional) - Diane Edmondson (Brave Hearts)

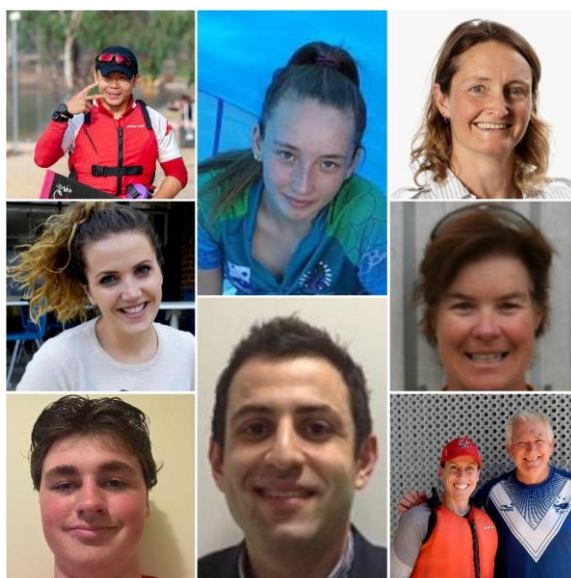


*David Nairn, Lesley Chan, Cathy Urie, Fran Nichols, Diane Edmondson*



Victorian State Team Captains 2019:

- Premier: Eric Cham, Emily Mason
- Junior: Aidan Meyer, Ella Varman
- Senior A: John Cuzzupi
- Senior B: Karen Morris
- Senior C: Jennifer Brown
- Regional: Luana Maggenti, Ray Olsson



*Eric Cham, Emily Mason, Aidan Meyer, Ella Varman, John Cuzzupi  
Karen Morris, Jennifer Brown, Luana Maggenti, Ray Olsson*



## 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 Cucsa, from Melbourne Flames, is the current Head Coach for the Australian Dragon Boat Federation and has held this position since 2010.

## 14th IDBF World Nations Championships

In late 2018, selection trials were held for paddlers across Australia seeking to become members of the Australian *Auroras* teams to participate in the 14th IDBF World Nations Championships, held in Thailand in August 2019. The following Victorian paddlers were part of the Australian Auroras crew that proudly wore the green and gold:

### **Junior A:**

Nerys Downing (Melbourne Flames)  
Charlotte Jones (Brave Hearts)  
Ella Varman (Brave Hearts)  
Kaitlyn Meyer (CYSM Sea Dragons)  
Tenzin Anderson (Yarra River Dragons)  
Matthew Chapman (Brave Hearts)  
Rhys French (Yarra River Dragons)  
Declan McClellan (Yarra River Dragons)  
Riley Sheedy (Yarra River Dragons)  
Cole Peeters (Yarra River Dragons)

### **U24:**

Rebecca Chau (Melbourne Flames)  
Young Tan (CYSM Sea Dragons)  
Natascha Voelker (Yarra River Dragons)  
Zijing Chu (Yarra River Dragons)  
Craig Hagan (Yarra River Dragons)  
Kye Jarvis (Yarra River Dragons)  
Li Hao Soh (Yarra River Dragons)

### **Premier:**

Katie Nguyen (CYSM Sea Dragons)  
Alli Burgess (Yarra River Dragons)  
Jules Simeonov (Yarra River Dragons)  
Nancy Zhao (Melbourne Flames)  
Erin Mahar (Yarra River Dragons)  
Eric Cham (CYSM Sea Dragons)  
Viraj Kothalawala (Melbourne Flames)  
Andrew Lu (Melbourne Flames)  
Justin Nguyen (Melbourne Flames)  
Kieran Ormrod (Melbourne Flames)  
Will Shelmerdine (Yarra River Dragons)  
Yuan Soon (CYSM Sea Dragons)  
Amir Yadegari (Melbourne Flames)

**Senior A:**

Racheal Blake (Melbourne Flames)  
Yuh-Min Chong (Yarra River Dragons)  
Jessica Murnane (Melbourne Flames)  
Tricia Ong (Melbourne Flames)  
Michelle Van Niekerk (Melbourne Flames)  
Steven Kimm (Yarra River Dragons)

**Senior B:**

Karen Anderson (Melbourne Flames)  
Bernadette Cudars (Brave Hearts)  
Kathryn Sanford (Melbourne Flames)  
Lisa Smallbone (Warriors Albury/Wodonga)  
Scott Ho (Melbourne Flames)  
Colin Marshall (Melbourne Flames)

**Senior C:**

Maxine Reid (Brave Hearts)  
Jennifer Brown (Melbourne Flames)  
Rose Doery (Melbourne Flames)  
Kerry Keil (Warriors Albury/Wodonga)  
Jennifer Reilly (Melbourne Flames)  
Brendan Maher (Brave Hearts)

## Guinness World Records – Boating for Brains

One of the key highlights of this season was the extraordinary effort undertaken by a group of paddlers which resulted in a record agreed for inclusion in the Guinness Book of Records.

The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne is internationally renowned for the care and management of paediatric neurological conditions, supporting hundreds of children every year. The team work together to improve health outcomes of infants, children and adolescents with disorders of the brain, nerves and muscles. Boating for Brains (BfB) is a registered charity specifically setup to raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital via an attempt on the dragon boat longest journey record. Money raised by the effort was targeted to fund the position of a specialised neuroscientist for the management of brain scans in children with epilepsy, brain tumours, stroke and malformations.

Most crew members of BfB joined a Victorian club to train for the event; they were joined by several DBV members keen to support this cause. Members from Bendigo, CYSM, Geelong, Melbourne Flames, Southern Storm and YRD were all in the crew. The group paddled down the Murray River from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the crew broke the world record and raised approximately one quarter of a million dollars in the process.

An extraordinary achievement!



## DBV Awards Night 2019

Annual Awards Nights was held at Batman's on Collins on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The list of winners for year 2019 as below:

- Sweep of the year: Vicki Shannon (Dragon Masters)
- Coach of the year: Kathryn Sanford (Melbourne Flames)
- Volunteer of the year: David Nairn (Dragon Masters)
- Rising Star award: Kevin Humphries (Melbourne Flames)
- Female Junior paddler of the year: Nerys Downing (Melbourne Flames)
- Male Junior paddler of the year: Cole Peeters (Yarra River Dragons)
- Female premier paddler of the year: Michele Tsui (Melbourne Flames)
- Male premier paddler of the year: Amir Yadagari (Melbourne Flames)
- Female Master paddler of the year: Kerry Keil (Warriors)
- Male Master paddler of the year: Neil Mudford (Southern Storm)
- Club of the year: Peninsula Dragonflys



## Financial Report

### Revenue & Expenditure

Dragon Boat Victoria has incurred a net loss of \$24k in 2018-19, it was up by \$22k compared with the budget and down by \$17k compared with last year. In comparison with the budget, total revenue was down by \$21k or 7% and total expenditure was on a par with the budget.

The revenue gap was mainly driven by lower revenues from the regattas and team building program. Participations across the regattas were below expectation, except Chinese New Year in February 2019. Cancellations of Lilydale Lake paddling event with Canoe Victoria and Midsumma Pride Cup also further reduced revenue. While the association has savings from payroll expense due to the paid operation role was vacant almost four months, it was offset by higher boat maintenance expense.

### Financial Position

The association remains in a strong financial position with assets that include cash \$86k, other current assets \$12k and \$83k available-for-sale financial assets, total liabilities of \$25K and net assets of \$155k. Dragon Boat Victoria has a healthy cash balance despite of higher cash outlay on boat maintenance, the association has no current borrowings.

### Year under review

The Board discussed the root cause of boat damage at the hub and delegated two Directors for executing the action plan. We expect new installed pontoon roller, dock wheels and a new set of boat trolleys will reduce boat damage.

Our 3-year grant funding from Supporting Victorian Sport and Recreation has come to end in June 2019. A travel grants program from the State Government also funded the travel expenses of State Team Coaches and Team Managers to the Australian National Championships 2019 in Canberra. The association would like to thank the State Government of Victoria provided enormous support to the sport.

Dragon Boat Victoria continued to subsidise the AusDBF accredited Officials course, the association also ran a professional development day for the Officials in June. The association purchased race runner software, camera, accessories and laptop as part of the timing equipment in November 2018. The equipment has been very useful for time keeping during the regattas, we plan to train more Officials to be competent users of the equipment.

CNY Dragon Boat Festival was a two-day event with corporate & community racing on Saturday and club racing on Sunday. Despite of late promotion of the event, eight corporate & community teams entered this inaugural Dragon Boat Festival held in Docklands. The event generated huge publicity across print, social media and received favourable feedback from the participants. I would like to thank CNY United and Progressive PR worked with us, such partnership will continue in 2020.

### Looking forward

Diversification of revenue and market segmentation are still our key tasks going forward. A new business model requires the association fully understands the needs of each market segment and targets value proposition accordingly. Alignment of finances and new strategic plan 2019 - 2023 will remain our focus by delivering relevant activities across four strategic pillars. Finance, Audit & Risk Committee will continue to play an advisory role to the Board and monitor DBV risk management framework.

Business Manager, Dragon Boat Victoria  
Jonathan Low





**ABN: 66 340 170 411**

**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board has determined that the Association is not reporting entity. The Board has determined that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies.

In the opinion of the Board, the financial report as set up herein:

1. Present a true and fair view of the financial positions of Dragon Boat Victoria Inc. as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Dragon Boat Victoria Inc. will be able to pay its debt as when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board and is signed for and on behalf of the Board by:

Adrian Stephens – President

Jonathan Low – Business Manager

Dated this as 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019



**Dragon Boat Victoria Inc.**  
**ABN: 66 340 170 411**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**  
**For the Year Ended 30 June 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b>		
Total Association Membership & Club Revenues		128,569	127,320
Total Corporate Days & Regatta Revenues		115,827	103,417
Total Grant & Other Revenues		29,652	38,602
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>274,048</b>	<b>269,339</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>2</b>		
Total Corporate Days & Regatta Expenses		80,992	57,361
Total Depreciation Expenses		15,480	16,906
Total General Expenses		18,155	16,329
Total Insurance Expenses		21,848	17,506
Total Motor Vehicle Expenses		1,205	1,497
Total Other Expenses		59,760	55,181
Total Payroll Expenses		66,857	84,301
Total Repairs & Maintenance Expenses		33,602	13,228
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>297,898</b>	<b>262,311</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>-23,850</b>	<b>7,029</b>

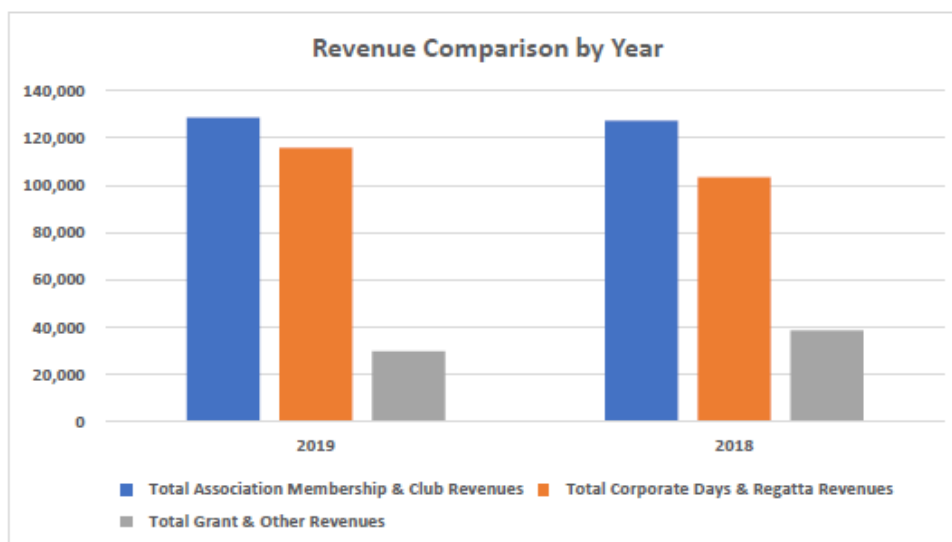
Dragon Boat Victoria Inc.  
ABN: 66 340 170 411  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at 30 June 2019

	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Business Cash Maximiser	68,433	90,037
Prepaid Credit Card	272	-
Regional Grants Cheque Account	7,374	3,952
VDBA Inc Everyday Account	9,630	14,952
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>85,708</b>	<b>108,940</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Prepayments	5,345	2,546
Sundry Other Debtors	2,055	-
Trade Debtors	4,608	16
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>12,008</b>	<b>2,562</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Equipment at Cost	153,462	145,357
Less Accumulated Depreciation	-70,302	-54,822
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>83,160</b>	<b>90,535</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>180,876</b>	<b>202,037</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
NAB Business Payments Card	225	31
Provision for Annual Leave	2,244	4,951
Provision for Personal Leave	853	1,997
Sundry Other Creditors	754	332
Unearned Revenue	5,415	3,680
Trade Creditors	5,554	1,954
Unpaid Expense Claims	1,604	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>16,199</b>	<b>12,944</b>
<b>GST Liabilities</b>		
GST	21,128	12,071
Payments to ATO	-22,611	-11,797
<b>Total GST Liabilities</b>	<b>-1,483</b>	<b>274</b>
<b>Payroll Liabilities</b>		
PAYG Withholding Tax Payable	3,934	7,861
Superannuation Liability	2,562	1,671
Wages Payable - Payroll	4,228	-
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>10,724</b>	<b>9,532</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>25,440</b>	<b>22,751</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>155,436</b>	<b>179,286</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Current Year Earnings	-23,850	7,029
Members Funds	100,892	100,892
Retained Earnings	78,394	71,366
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>155,436</b>	<b>179,286</b>

Dragon Boat Victoria Inc.  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

**Note 1: Revenue**

	2019 \$	2018 \$
Association Fee	2,000	1,772
Dragon Boat Hire	0	575
Insurance	10,901	6,728
Membership	109,691	109,678
TK1 Hire	0	2,810
Training & Courses	5,977	5,759
<b>Total Association Membership &amp; Club Revenues</b>	<b>128,569</b>	<b>127,320</b>
Regatta Revenues	86,643	61,467
Corporate Events	5,713	18,095
Victorian Championships Regatta	21,552	22,709
Victorian Teachers Games	1,919	1,145
<b>Total Corporate Days &amp; Regatta Revenues</b>	<b>115,827</b>	<b>103,417</b>
DBV Annual Awards Night	0	3,892
Donation/Gift Income	0	20
Grant and Funding Income	16,000	20,000
Miscellaneous Income	3,359	12,948
Sponsorship	0	1,167
Victorian State Team Registration	5,500	0
Victorian State Team Uniform	4,316	0
Interest Income	477	576
<b>Total Grant &amp; Other Revenues</b>	<b>29,652</b>	<b>38,602</b>

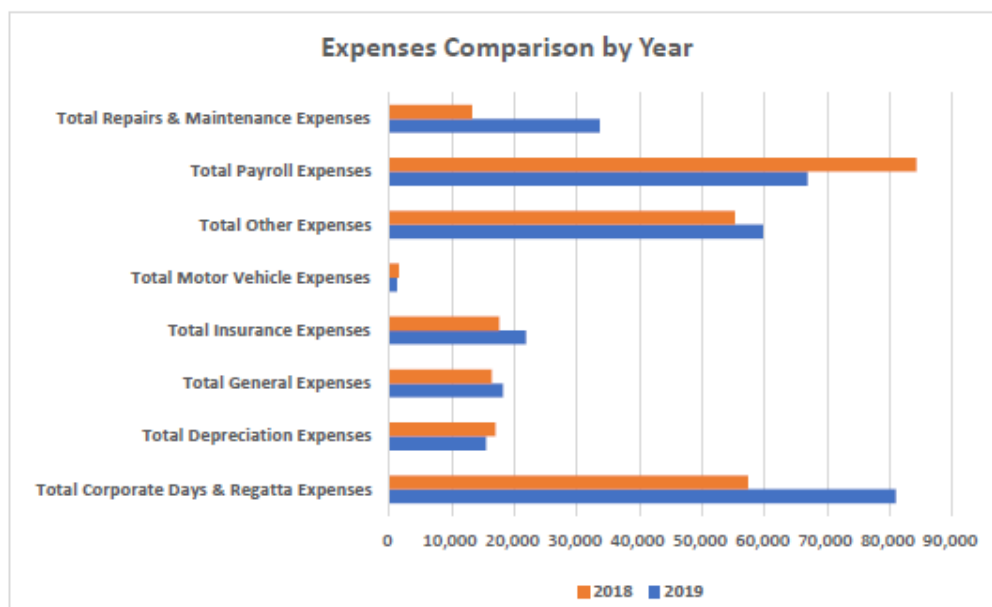


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For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

**Note 2: Expenses**

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Regatta Expenses	63,388	33,571
AusChamps Expenses	2,385	0
Corporate Days Expenses	1,440	6,953
Victorian Championships Expenses	12,493	16,030
Victorian Teachers Games Expenses	1,285	807
<b>Total Corporate Days &amp; Regatta Expenses</b>	<b>80,992</b>	<b>57,361</b>
Depreciation - Equipment	15,226	16,867
Office Equipment Depreciation	254	39
<b>Total Depreciation Expenses</b>	<b>15,480</b>	<b>16,906</b>
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	1,381	3,102
Bank Fees	164	188
Computer Expenses	164	43
Food & Drink	711	361
General Expenses	3,403	1,308
Internet	246	137
Legal Fees	0	1,364
Meetings	929	502
Parking/Tolls Expenses	395	293
Postage	106	85
Printing	946	0
Rent	4,038	3,974
Stationery	759	359
Telephone Expenses	1,172	993
Travel & Accommodation	3,741	3,621
<b>Total General Expenses</b>	<b>18,155</b>	<b>16,329</b>
Business Insurance	10,901	2,903
Insurance DBV Expense	10,946	8,892
Motor Vehicle Insurance	0	2,120
Public Liability Insurance	0	3,591
<b>Total Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>21,848</b>	<b>17,506</b>
Motor Vehicle Fuel/Oil	986	1,248
Motor Vehicle Registration	219	249
<b>Total Motor Vehicle Expenses</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,497</b>
Advertising & Marketing	956	1,064
AGM & Awards Night Expenses	0	4,207
Course Expenses - Coaching	4,282	2,501
Course Expenses - Officials	1,063	271
Course Expenses - Sweeps	261	0
Equipment purchase	2,440	0
Event Operations	0	41
Hub Outgoings	4,834	4,801
Junior Development Program	3,809	1,210
Membership - AusDBF	500	500
Membership - AusDBF Paddlers Levy	20,360	23,720
Membership - Sports Community	2,000	0

Membership - VicSport	564	673
Membership Management - Revolutionise Sport	3,750	3,405
Stripe Fees	67	0
Training Expenses	205	6,516
Victorian State Team	14,668	6,270
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>59,760</b>	<b>55,181</b>
Annual Leave	-2,707	5,923
Other Payroll Expenses	5,827	6,658
Sick Leave	-1,144	538
Wages & Salaries Expenses	63,935	70,189
Work Cover Premiums	946	992
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>66,857</b>	<b>84,301</b>
Boat repairs and maintenance	27,923	11,482
General Repairs & Maintenance	5,679	1,767
<b>Total Repairs &amp; Maintenance Expenses</b>	<b>33,602</b>	<b>13,228</b>



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

## Report on the Financial Report

I have reviewed the accompanying financial report of Dragon Boat Victoria Inc which comprises the profit and loss statement and the balance sheet as at 30 June 2019.

Based on my review which is not an audit, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Dragon Boat Victoria Inc. as at 30 June 2019 and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012*.

Yuxia She CPA

Dated: 09 September 2019