



**ANNUAL
REPORT
2024/2025**



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DRAGON BOATING IN SA

With everything we do, we look to uphold our Purpose, Vision, Mission and Values.

Our purpose

To govern, promote and grow the sport in South Australia to benefit the Dragon Boat community, represent and advocate Dragon Boating across South Australia and Australia

Our vision

To have a statewide and national reputation for excellence in participation and performance, delivered by sustainable member organisations

Our mission

To create opportunities and promote the sport of dragon boat racing and foster dragon boat competition across South Australia

Our values

Inclusive, participation, collaborative, diversity, accountability, openness and transparency

Dragon Boat SA is one of the eight Dragon Boat associations sitting under the umbrella of The Australian Dragon Boat Federation Ltd (AusDBF) and is the governing body for dragon boating in South Australia.

The Board has two active sub committees (Sweeps and Race) and several portfolios that support its administration and governance. The sweeps committee meets regularly and represents DBSA at interstate meetings and is always looking to ensure safety in our sport. The race committee meets prior to each race day, making decisions impacting on the day and has met to develop the racing calendar for the 2025/2026 Season.

DBSA continues to adopt AusDBF policies and procedures aligning us nationally and internationally whilst reducing duplication and the number of policies where interests are already covered by the National and International body.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reflecting on the last 5 years, DBSA has been challenged in many ways through what we now call the 'Covid years', getting the new boat shed and then fitting it out all have which have impacted on membership and subsequently financial outcomes. The 2024/2025 season has been the first without these impacts and we have seen membership continue to increase and it is now at its highest in the last 10 years with a 7% jump on season year.

Attendance at online training sessions for Safe365 has seen many of our paddlers now having access and increased knowledge on behalf of their club and the App used more regularly for the reporting the right type of events.

It has been a year where the number of coaches and sweeps has increased, and this is a credit to course/training providers and enthusiasm of our paddling community. There is a core group of volunteers who through recruitment have regularly assisted at regattas and our Officials and Volunteer Portfolio are looking to increase numbers of officials in the next 12 months.

It's difficult to comprehend the number of hours that go into liaising with schools and corporate groups and then to arrange a paddling event much of which happens behind the scenes unnoticed. Our paddling community is always willing to assist to make these events happen and as the number of events increase, we need to encourage a wider group of volunteers to step up and enjoy the fun to share the load.

Paddlers have stepped up to challenge themselves for State and/or National Team representation. The State Team was represented across all age groups mainly from the three clubs who travelled to Penrith for the Australian Club Crew Championships. After a competitive selection process, 17 paddlers across all age groups were selected for the Auroras National Team and will travel to Germany to compete in July. At both State and National Team representation it is pleasing to see there are new faces supporting the returning paddlers.

The Policy and Procedure Portfolio have undertaken in-depth reviews of policy as they become due to ensure alignment where relevant to AusDBF policy and ongoing fit for purpose for practical application within DBSA. With so many policies and procedures and the changing environment it's always a challenge to review within timescales.

The Maintenance Portfolio has been hard at work maintaining our boats and equipment in particular the safety boat and trailers. Our volunteers work endlessly behind the scenes to ensure even the most minor repair is undertaken as soon as possible and the facilities within the boat shed are clean and tidy.

The Board in planning for the future has established a capital fund and strategy based on a forecast budget to replace its fleet of boats and equipment by the time Adelaide hosts the Australian Club Crew Championships in 2027.

In March, DBSA was accepted into Sport SA's 2025 Governance Reform Program with the aim to increase maturity levels against the Australian Sport Commission governance standards and principles. Members of the Board and the Public Officer have attended initial training and awareness sessions.

Based on the feedback from the Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing, our Board functions extremely well and I look forward to seeing this continue as the sport of dragon boating moves forward.

Acknowledgement

I would like to thank the Board for their ongoing direction, commitment and oversight during the last 12 months for the many hours dedicated to the behind the scenes work.

Finally, on behalf of the Board, appreciation is extended to our sub-committee members, officials, volunteers, coaches and membership who dedicate and donate their time willing so we can all enjoy our sport and who all make the season possible.

**Julie Lister
President**

Some of our State Team Medallists



SEASON SNAPSHOT



Total membership 759
Female 66%
Male 34%



Membership increase 7%



Youngest 10yrs and
Eldest 88yrs



Junior members 39



19 Clubs



11 Regattas and 3 Courses



47 Accredited Coaches



102 Accredited Sweeps



23 Accredited Officials



2,161 Followers



645 Followers
1146 following
Up by 29%

65.4

Average Age

MEMBERSHIP

DBSA Life Members

Jennifer Bould (2001)
Michael Burridge (2003)
Julie Clinch (2017)
Steve Clinch (2017)
Pat Doogue (2023)

George Galloway (2001)
John Holland (2017)
Pete Smith (2003)
Chris Wood (2017)



Established in 2016

- Dragon Fire – metropolitan Adelaide
- Goolwa River Dragons – Goolwa, Fleurieu Peninsula region (100kms from Adelaide)
- Desert Dragons – Limestone Coast region (approx. 400kms SE of Adelaide)

Membership (106)



Established in 2009
Located: West Lakes

Membership (26)



Established in 2005
Located: West Lakes

Membership (20)



Established in (2019)
Located: West Lakes

Membership (93)



Established in 2004
Regional Club
Located: Port Lincoln & Tumby Bay

Membership (27)



Established in 2013
Regional Club
Located: Goolwa

Membership (35)



Established in 2011
Regional Club
Located: Wallaroo

Membership (45)



Established in 2003
Located: West Lakes

Membership (22)



Established in 2006
Regional Club
Located: Port Lincoln

Membership (24)



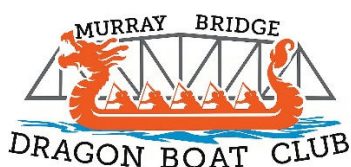
Established in 2014
Regional Club
Located: Kangaroo Island

Membership (27)



Established in 2016
Regional Club
Located: Mannum

Membership (21)



Established in 2024
Regional Club
Located: Murray Bridge

Membership (21)



Established in 2023
Located: West Lakes

Membership (26)



Established in 1989
Located: West Lakes

Membership (64)



Established in 2001
Located: West Lakes

Membership (53)



Established in 1990
Located: West Lakes

Membership (33)



Established in 2013
Regional Club
Located: Encounter Bay

Membership (42)



Established in 2004
Located: West Lakes

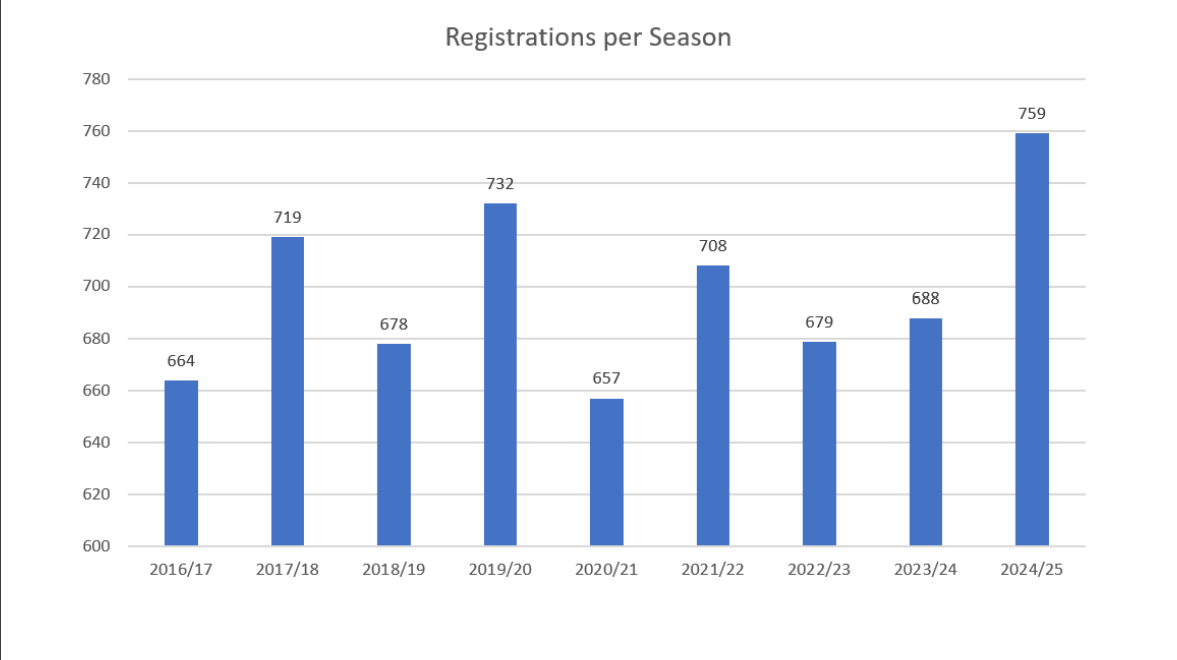
Membership (38)



Established in 2002
Located: West Lakes

Membership (32)

To note: Season 2020/21 was impacted by the uncertainty of COVID



Morning of the Regatta in January



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

There are currently five (5) Elected Directors and two (2) Board Appointed Directors.

Julie Lister, Mary-Ann Holt and Chris Wood were elected in September 2023 for a second two year term.

Tracey Gardiner and Jennifer Bould were elected in September 2024 for a two year term.

As Appointed Directors, Teresa Riccio-Goodwin was appointed in December 2023 until December 2025 and John Holland was appointed in January 2025 until August 2025.

During the period the Board held 11 meetings. During the period the Board held 10 meetings and its Annual General Meeting. Due to leave and appointment period, not all members were available for meetings.



Julie Lister
President
Attended 8 out of 10 meetings



Chris Wood
Vice-President & Secretary
Attended 10 out of 11 meetings



Tracey Gardiner
Treasurer
Attended 11 out of 11 meetings



John Holland
Committee
Attended 9 out of 9 meetings



Jennifer Bould
Committee
Attended 10 out of 10 meetings



Mary-Ann Holt
Committee
Attended 11 out of 11 meetings



Teresa Riccio-Goodwin
Committee
Attended 8 out of 11 meetings

OFFICERS

PUBLIC OFFICER

Marie Cunningham

AUDITOR

Lee Green Strategic Accountants

PORTFOLIOS

The Board has several portfolios that take the lead on specific activity and two Committees (Sweeps and Race):

- High Performance & Development
- Maintenance
- Participation, Marketing & Events
- Policy, Procedures & Grants
- Race Day Volunteers & Race Officials
- Safety & Risk

SEASON CALENDAR

During the period, DBSA held 11 Regattas including its annual State Championships held over 2 days and the Regional Masters Games and 3 courses.

Regattas	DATE	TYPE
Race Day 1: Aquatic Reserve	22/9/2024	Regatta
Race Day 2: Breast Cancer Awareness Day: Aquatic Reserve	13/10/2024	Regatta
Race Day 3: Wallaroo Marina Challenge	2/11/2024	Regatta
Peter Bristow Long Course: Aquatic Reserve	23/11/2024	Regatta
Race Day 4: Aquatic Reserve	8/12/2024	Regatta
Race Day 5: Aquatic Reserve	19/1/2025	Regatta
Race Day 6: Aquatic Reserve	9/2/2025	Regatta
Race Day 7: Corporate Challenge	2/3/2025	Regatta
State Championships Day 1: Ramsey Reserve	22/3/2025	Regatta
State Championships Day 2: Ramsey Reserve	23/3/2025	Regatta
SA Regional Masters Games: Port Augusta	5/4/2025	Regatta

Courses	DATE	Attendees #
First Aid	13/04/25	19
AusDBF Level 1 Coaching Course	22/3/25 & 23/3/25	17
RevSport online training sessions	Various*	Ad hoc
Officials online training modules	Various*	Ad hoc
Safe365 online training sessions	Various*	Ad hoc

*As these sessions are booked direct based on email communications from AusDBF there are no detailed attendee lists.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Volunteer recognition pins were presented for the first time during the State Championships and are awarded to individuals who have undertaken various activities across an accumulative period. Pins are based on 5 year periods with none awarded for 20yrs. This is a great opportunity to recognise those volunteers and will continue for future years.

Years #	Name	Key Activities
5 years	Sandy Douglas (8 yrs)	Official, Regattas
	Peter Button	Board, Official, Regattas, Maintenance, Caravan Tow
	Joy Fisher (6yrs)	Official, Regattas
	Chris Kelley (6yrs)	Board, Sweep Committee
	Christine Graham	Regattas, Official
10 years	Ron Ottaway	Official, Regattas
	Beth Dunchue (12 years)	Regattas
	Glyn Wingard	Official, Regattas
	Julie Lister	Board, Official, Regattas, Maintenance
	Wendy Campbell	Regattas
	Neil Parker	Regattas, Sweep Committee, Maintenance, Safety Boat
	Mary Newland	Regattas
15 years	Pat Doogue	Board, Official, Regattas, Sweep Committee, Maintenance, ROM, Safety Boat
	Steve Holt	Official, Regattas, Maintenance
	Mary-Ann Holt	Board, Official, Regattas
25 years	Steve Clinch	Board, Official, Regattas, Sweep Committee
	Julie Clinch	Board, Official, Regattas, ROM
	Chris Wood	Board, Official, Regattas, ROM
	John Holland	Board, Official, Regattas, Sweep Committee, Maintenance, ROM, Presenter
40 years	Jennifer Bould	Board, Official, Regattas, ROM

*Regattas include anything from pre and post regatta organisation, volunteering on the day and wider administration of events.

** Maintenance is widespread and varies across the years depending on need.

VOLUNTEERS & OFFICIALS PORTFOLIO REPORT

The 2024-25 season saw the call for officials and/or volunteers in a variety of activities with positive feedback received from those involved.

DBSA currently has 16 accredited AusDBF Officials across the three levels supported by several paddling or non-paddling volunteers, all of whom generously give their time.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Volunteers non accredited
7	5	4	20

All Officials / Volunteers participate at regattas in a range of roles as required under the AusDBF Rules of Racing as well as within unique regatta roles allowing DBSA to run its events in a relaxed fun environment. These roles include race day official, judge, secretariate and starter. Other volunteer roles include laptop and FinishLynx operators as well as timekeepers, even the towing of the caravan to site for race administration.

DBSA relies on volunteers from the paddling community far wider than its regattas with many members offering their time willingly to undertake activities such as boat towing, boat and trailer maintenance, supporting corporate and schools' activities, shed and equipment maintenance.

The structure of DBSA relies on effective overarching governance with a Board appointed by its members, Positions of Board Officer, Portfolio Leads, Race Committee delegates representing their Clubs, Sweeps Committee delegates and other working groups as required. All these positions are filled by individuals from the paddling community who volunteer their time.

As part of succession planning and increasing the number of officials our aim is to encourage some of our volunteers who fulfil regatta roles on a regular basis to undertake the Level 1 accreditation and expand their knowledge further. Having recruited and trained volunteers to operate the FinishLynx and laptop operators and become proficient timekeepers, the aim is to expand this group so DBSA has a 5 person team of FinishLynx and laptop operators.

For the accredited officials DBSA ROMs will continue to share knowledge and upskill level 1 and level 2 encouraging them to progress to the next level. This is challenging as most of our officials are also paddlers or sweeps and focus on commitment is a Club priority, but everyone is willing to 'pitch in' so we can make it work.

To all who have taken the opportunity to either volunteer or officiate as well as those who go unnoticed at events, those who work tirelessly in ensuring regattas and events proceed as planned, - thank you for your support over the season.

Mary-Ann Holt
Volunteers & Officials Coordinator

POLICIES, PROCEDURES & GRANTS

Policies and procedures due to be reviewed were done and adopted.

The Portfolio reviewed and provided proposed updates for consideration on policies either as part of the review cycle or as required to reflect any required changes. The Board discussed and approved all amendments to policy's which were then communicated via website updates, emails to Club Presidents and Secretaries and discussions at President Forums and Race Committee meetings.

After the Australian Club Crew Championships, a post review by the High Performance Portfolio and state coaches has amended existing documents and created the following new policies to uplift governance around paddler, coach and a new role of team manager:

1. Selection of state coaches
2. Selection of state team manager

Grants – DBSA continues to look for available grants, of which there were none this season.

Jennifer Bould
Teresa Riccio-Goodwin

WEBSITE

Requests sent to all Clubs to provide new action photos for the website to update the general look of the website.

There is an ongoing review to improve appearance, accessibility and navigation for members with sections of the website updated as needed.

Latest News section was utilised more to convey important campaigns from AusDBF to the SA Dragon Boat community.

Jennifer Bould
Website Coordinator

HIGH PERFORMANCE & DEVELOPMENT

State Team

State team representation was mainly from three metro clubs, Black Sea Dragons, Powerblades and Adelaide Combined Dragonboat Club supported by regional and other metro club paddlers who were not racing at the Australian Club Crew Championships.

From an expression of interest, age group coaches were selected for all age groups on a two year tenure with a combined coaching team for the Premier, 24U and juniors. This provides a great opportunity for coaches wanting that next step and knowledge transfer and succession planning.

On and off water fitness trials were held and performance monitored during on water sessions. The challenges for a small state with only 3 Clubs attending is one of performance vs opportunity and participation and finding an equal balance. It would have been easy to hold trials and place the strongest paddlers into the Premier age and then work across the Seniors. With a number of new faces in the Premier age group, it was considered that this wouldn't encourage and promote future development of premier participation and potentially reduce the depth of strength in the Senior age groups. A focus was consolidating strength and experience in categories to challenge for a top three medal position.

Medals were won in the following categories, and all paddlers should be congratulated on their efforts and flexibility on the day:

- Senior C Mixed 20s – Bronze
- Senior C Open – Bronze
- Senior C Women – Bronze
- Senior C Pursuit – Bronze
- Senior B Open – Silver
- Premier Open – Silver

After a campaign debrief by the coaching team, opportunities to uplift and improve the process for 2026 have been identified for implementation.

Some of our State Team representatives from the different clubs



Junior Development

ACDC Juniors

ACDC continues to be the only club racing a junior crew in South Australia and this year they raced an Open Small boat at five of the seven race days and had an Open and Mixed small boat at the State Championships. The club ran eight School Holiday Come and Try days and recruited six new junior members. Several of the current juniors turned eighteen during the 2024 year and are no longer eligible to compete in the junior category.

ACDC junior training is held on Sundays at 11am for an hour and this year, there were several juniors from Black Sea Dragons joining them.

At the race day on 9th February the BSD and ACDC juniors combined to race as a Dragonmites crew and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Dragonmites

The Dragonmites (baby dragons) is the name adopted by the State Junior Team and this year they competed at the Australian Dragon Boat Championships in Penrith at the Sydney International Regatta Centre. They were coached by Robert Henderson and raced in the Junior Open small boat category. Most of the training was done with the ACDC junior training sessions on Sundays.

Junior involvement remains healthy, but we need to see it grow to ensure sustainability. We certainly need to encourage other clubs to consider pushing for junior participants.

AusDBF LEVEL 1 & 2 Coaching Courses

DBSA has been running the Level 1 Coaching Course each year and in early 2024 a course was run with seven participants.

Six of the participants completed their accreditations in the 2024/25 year and one decided not to proceed.

In early 2025 another course was run with nine participants and in May, two of the participants completed their accreditation and the other seven are still working through the requirements.

In summary, DBSA has had eight Level 1 accreditations in the reporting year with a further seven still working through it.

One person has completed their re-accreditation, and it is hoped there will be more in the near future. It is suggested for ease that all coaches keep records of courses they attend and build a folio, ready to submit at the time of their re-accreditation application.

Coach Development

After an expression of interest to all coaches for the possibility of holding a Level 2 coaching course in Adelaide had insufficient interest, a separate expression of interest to all Level 1 Coaches having the ability to meet the prerequisite requirements for Level 2 was circulated. With the seed funding from AusDBF and support from DBSA, a coach was selected to attend the Level 2 course in Canberra. Relevant post course requirements are being finalised by the coach.

Auroras

After a competitive selection process, 17 paddlers across all age groups (U18, 24U, Premiers, Seniors A, B & C and Para Dragons) were selected for the Auroras National Team and will travel to Germany to compete in July. Representation is from ACDC x4, Black Sea Dragons x8 and Powerblades x5. Post the Australian Club Crew Championships the SA hub paddlers trained as a crew 3 or 4 times per week with double sessions on Saturday and were supported by a small group of other club paddlers.

Some of our Auroras



High Performance Leads

Julie Lister & John Holland (AusDBF Level 1 Coach Presenter)

PARTICIPATION, MARKETING & EVENTS

Come N Try Events

Throughout the 2024/25 season, more than 380 general participants and 600 students were introduced to the sport of dragon boating through a series of Come N Try sessions and team-building events. These initiatives were delivered through a collaborative effort between Member clubs and DragonBoat SA.

This level of engagement represents a commendable achievement and reflects the effectiveness of our outreach into the community. However, substantial participation did not translate into a proportionate increase in membership. This highlights an ongoing challenge in converting introductory experiences into sustained involvement, particularly within a competitive recreational landscape where emerging sports such as football, soccer, basketball, netball, swimming and cricket continue to capture the attention of younger demographics.

While these events generate a modest revenue stream for DBSA and provide honorariums to our volunteers, their broader value lies in fostering community awareness and promoting inclusivity within the sport. The successful delivery of these programs is contingent upon the dedication and generosity of our volunteer base, whose contributions are both vital and deeply appreciated.

On behalf of DBSA, we extend our sincere gratitude to all individuals and Clubs involved in facilitating these sessions. Your commitment ensures that participants receive a welcoming and enjoyable introduction to dragon boating, thereby laying the foundation for future growth and development of the sport.

DBSA Hosts Largest-Ever Come N Try Event

A highlight of the season was the successful delivery of its largest-ever Come N Try event, welcoming 300 students from St Michael’s College to experience the sport of dragon boating.



Students from Pulteney Grammar school pictured.

With outstanding support from 46 local and regional paddlers and sweeps, the event provided students with an engaging introduction to the sport. The collaboration between DBSA volunteers, school representatives, and the broader paddling community ensured a safe, well-organised, and memorable experience for all participants.

Feedback from students, educators, and volunteers was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the event’s scale, inclusivity, and impact. The success of this initiative reflects DBSA’s ongoing commitment to youth engagement and the promotion of dragon boating across South Australia.

Annual Awards Dinner

This year’s Annual Awards dinner was held at the prestigious Royal Adelaide Golf Course, South Australia premier golfing destination. The evening welcomed 75 members and their partners, who enjoyed the club’s excellent facilities while celebrating the 2025 State Championship awards.

Guests were treated to a delicious meal and danced to the sounds of Aiden and Simon Music duo right up to the stroke of midnight.

2025 State Championship Awards photos



ACDC



Water Warriors



Powerblades



Black Sea Dragons

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the night memorable and congratulations to all recipients of awards.

Chris Wood
Participation Marketing & Events Portfolio Lead

RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Committee met on nine occasions throughout the 2024/25 season to plan and deliver the race program and make recommendations to the Board. Each Club is represented at the meeting by two race delegates who are appointed annually by the Club to represent that Club in all decision making relating to the race program. Meetings were held at the Aquatic Boatshed with remote access via Zoom an option.

A number of improvements, activities, initiatives and decisions were made including:

- The decision to race 1000m turn races over the 200m course
- 2000m entries for race days would Open, Women and Mixed and based on number of entries, the Race Committee would decide which ones would be raced and where relevant combining the Open and Women categories
- The use of all 13 boats on race days with two colour numbers allowing where possible a two race rotation to reduce time and streamline the 500m race days where 200m races also occur
- The agreement to circulate where possible the Race Day Official's reports prior to the next race day allowing any actions to addressed or implemented
- In memory of Nick Smith (Powerblades and formerly Adelaide Sea Dragons & Black Sea Dragons) a "Paddles Up" was held at a January race day
- The October race day would be known as the Pink Paddle in support of breast cancer awareness.

Appreciation is extended to all race committee delegates, Clubs and various race day officials and volunteers for their inordinate contributions, willingness and commitment in seeing the race season being as successful as it can.

Julie Lister
President DBSA

SWEEPS' COMMITTEE

Neil Parker	Charmaine Dos Santos
Jason Kuhlmann	Janetta Angel
John Holland	Pat Doogue

DBSA continues to develop its sweeps ongoing throughout the year through training at club level and where opportunity allows the sweeping of state team and Aurora hub sessions. There are now 200 sweeps represented by:

- Level 1 - 74 sweeps
- Level 2 - 37 sweeps
- Level 3 or above - 89 sweeps

Over the last season, although several sweeps have retired, DBSA has managed to retain a number just above the previous year with 26% of membership now being a sweep which is a great percentage of the paddler population.

It has been a busy year of emails back and forth as sweeps qualify and requalify and sweeps are reminded that they need to keep up to date their First Aid (every 3 years) and their Working With Children Certificate.

Updates to sweep accreditation is communicated to all sweeps and made available on the website with the most recent requirement being the completion of the AusDBF eLearning courses. The L1 and L2 sweeps are using the comprehensive logbook (available on the AusDBF website) and checking with their sweep coach as they complete each skill and successful race.

The aim of the DBSA Board and the SA Sweep Committee is to be recognised as having safe, competent sweeps that can compete at State and National level with confidence and skill and prepare sweeps for Aurora selection camps where opportunity arises.

For continued development in addition to the Race Day Events Calendar, the Committee are planning a focused level 1 training day, and a sweep 'Come & Try' morning session.

The Committee looks forward to returning to the water and having a successful 2025/26 season preparing sweeps for the Australian Club Crew Championships in Adelaide in 2027.

Pat Doogue
DBSA Sweep Committee Chair

PORT AUGUSTA MASTERS GAMES

Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025

Venue: Wharf Precinct, Port Augusta, South Australia

The Dragon Boat event at the 2025 Port Augusta Masters Games brought together paddlers from across South Australia and beyond for a day of spirited competition and community celebration. Held on the scenic waters of Spencer Gulf, the event was a highlight of the four-day multi-sport festival running from 3–6 April 2025.

The precinct was an ideal location for the event, with a sheltered beach, wharf area for the starter to overlook the start line and shade trees in the competitor tent area.



There were around 130 participants which included seasoned paddlers and enthusiastic newcomers from metropolitan, regional and interstate clubs.

Team compositions in both small and standard boat configurations spanned men's, women's, and mixed categories in Senior A, B and C as well as Breast Cancer Survivors.

Racing took place over a 200-metre course adjacent to the wharf and finishing next to the swimming pontoon. Spectators lined the shore, creating an energetic and festive atmosphere for an event which prioritized camaraderie and celebration over competition, with plenty of shared laughs.

The Port Augusta Yacht Club hosted our medal presentation and provided an ideal venue to round off the competition.

The small but dedicated team of volunteers did a great job ensuring that the event ran on time and racing proceeded as scheduled – many thanks to Bron Bowen, Morag Craig, Sheila Klinger, Judy Power, Rod Purbrick, Angela Shaw and Chris Wood.

There has been excellent feedback from all in attendance, and they all thoroughly enjoyed it.

The event was not only a thrilling day of racing, but it was also a celebration of Port Augusta's community spirit and scenic coastline. A true showcase of how sport can bring people together.

John Holland

Dragon Boat Sport Co-ordinator

TREASURER'S REPORT

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The Board of Dragon Boat South Australia Inc. is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025. The basis of preparation, as described in The Corporations Act 2001, has been deemed appropriate to meet statutory requirements and the needs of the members. The Board also oversees internal controls necessary to ensure the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our 17 member clubs focus on their own members, whilst being secure in the knowledge that the State Governing Body (DBSA) will continue to assist in the running of Coach, Sweep and Official Courses & Workshops, and provide reimbursements for First Aid Courses and any other minor expenses incurred.

The Income and Expenditure reports detailing itemised breakdown of actual monetary cashflow during our financial year can be provided on request.

Highlights and Financial Overview

- Regulatory Changes and Compliance: during the period DBSA has complied with ATO requirements this year
- Asset Management: The current value of our assets, including dragon boats, stands at \$286,000, with significant costs allocated to maintaining these assets during the period
- Grants Received: DBSA received grants totalling \$26,200 during the fiscal year
- Financial Stability: DBSA remains financially stable despite rising costs
- Investments: Significant investment has been made in maintaining the safety boat and trailers to ensure on water safety, fit for purpose and to extend longevity
- Insurance Comparison: Since 2021 insurance costs have risen by approx. 9.5% from \$21,818 in 2021 to \$23,895 for 2024

Operating Profit: \$40,889

Detailed Expenses

- Power Boat Expenses: Fuel and registration costs amounted to \$2,642
- Lynx System Maintenance: Expenditure on Lynx system maintenance totalled \$2,442
- Other Maintenance: Maintenance costs such as those required for dragon boats, shed, and caravan amounted to \$6,886
- State Championships Expenses: The main costs relating to the state championships include course hire (\$7,710), medals/trophies (\$2,905) and security (\$1,332)
- Race Day Expenses: These are varied and cover Race Announcer, rubbish bins, volunteer expenses, stationery items and minor equipment as required approx. \$4,500
- Rent/Room Hire - Aquatic Shed: Rental expenses for the aquatic shed for numerous activities such as meetings (Board, Race Committee, AGM, Presidents Forum) and training courses amounted to \$19,065

Future Outlook

Looking ahead, DBSA anticipates continued financial stability despite ongoing asset maintenance and rising operational costs. The Board remains committed to prudent financial management and enhancing member value through strategic investments and in particular a new fleet of boats for the 2027 Australian Club Crew Championships being held in Adelaide at approximately \$15,000 per boat.

Tracey Gardiner
DBSA Treasurer