

Publicity

Thank you

After previously thanking our sponsors it is appropriate to dedicate a special section to the huge contribution from Tery and Deb Hardwicke at Photos Forever (www.silverdebster.com). As a proud EW employee Deb saw the team building and overall benefits of the EW Dragon Boat Club. Deb and Tery then took it upon themselves to capture the events and personalities on camera to promote the team. The popularity of their photos from the Hamilton Super 12 (originally displayed on the www.silverdebster.com website) lead to the creation of a dedicated Waikato Dragon Boat website (www.silverdebster.com/dragonboats). Deb and Tery became welcome fixtures at our regattas, including the long trip to Wellington. They captured amazing moments of our races and their warm personalities eased even the stiffest photographic subjects. Their continued support off-season with website updates, compilations of the team photo and contribution to this yearbook has been above and beyond the call of duty. We are proud to have them as our sponsors and know that Deb and Tery are a very important part of the team. Visit our amazing website at www.silverdebster.com/dragonboats for heaps of photos, videos, regatta dates and fundraising targets. ~ Cirina

From our publicists

The invitation to write something for this page was a big surprise and we welcome the opportunity to return thanks to everyone for allowing us to be part of the Dragonboat scene. Special thanks to Cirina and Allan for making a place for us.

Photography is, to say the least, invasive. The Dragonboat crews have borne the burden of cameras focusing on their every movement, without the opportunity to call for wardrobe, makeup, or an airbrush artist.

Dragonboating doesn't seem to pull the pundits in the manner of NZ's more popular sporting past-times but after a relatively short period of capturing-the-action we are of the opinion that Joe-public doesn't know what he is missing! A hard fought race and close finish can be very exciting indeed. It's been great fun for us (if a little chilly at times) and has involved a learning curve as well; we've had to learn not just to pick the photo that is well lit, has wonderful reflections and a magnificent Waikato backdrop, but also to make sure all the paddles are neatly lined up. 'Good photo' now has a considerably broader meaning.

This page offers us the opportunity to share another side of our photographic business. While wedding and portrait photography is the bread-and-butter of any photographic enterprise our passion lies in capturing the beauty of New Zealand. We have created a gallery on www.Silverdebster.com called the NZ Collection and hope to compile a gallery of photographs from all corners of New Zealand. We cannot do this entirely alone and have opened the gallery to contributions from digital photographers throughout NZ.

A unique section of the NZ Collection is a series of photos from 1936 about a trip made down the Wanganui River by 4 men, in a flat-bottomed boat. Our dream is to duplicate the journey photographically, replacing the Wanganui river with the Waikato and capturing the river as it flows from Lake Taupo to Port Waikato. Are there any takers...?

~ Tery and Deb Hardwicke



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