

President's Report



Ahhh, sit back, relax, and as our 2007/08 season draws to a close we can reflect on our successes and achievements throughout the year.

I'd like to start with a few thank you's. I'll just stick my tongue in my cheek and say my first thank you to Allan Halse – if it wasn't for him and his charm and weasel words I wouldn't be writing a President's Report!



Now for the real thank you's 😊 Huge thank you and arohanui to Jimmy for all that he has given our team. It is a big commitment from you and your family, and on behalf of the team, thank you for this generosity. You're an awesome coach and a real taonga for our team.

Big ups to all the committee – as usual there has been a group of dedicated team members that have ensured that we all got to regattas. This is no small task. From begging for money to organising fundraisers, regatta registration, transport, accommodation ... the list goes on, and generally kicking people's butts to get them along! Thank you Cirina, Helen, Kat, Willy, Muzza and Sarah.

Once again, we've been broadcast to the world via photos and video on our fabulous website. Thank you Deb and Tery, it's a pleasure having you on the team.

Each and every one of us has other things we could have done on a Wednesday night and on regatta weekends. But we all sacrificed spending time with our families, doing other sports, valuable drinking time, whatever it may be for you, to commit to the EW Dragon boat team – thank you for that. At the end of the day it's all the little and unnoticed contributions by the club members that has contributed to our success.

We have had record numbers in the team this year (though you wouldn't always know it from the numbers at training...tut tut!). For the most part this is great as it gives us flexibility when people have other things on. But it does mean that for regattas like Wellington when we had so many team members, that team selection becomes an issue. This is difficult and not everyone is going to agree with the outcome, so once again I'd like to express my gratitude to those that stood down some races when they'd rather be out there paddling.



Personally, I have been dragonboating for more years than I care to remember, and fewer years than I hope it'll be. And once again the EW dragonboaters have shone both on and off the water. The team ethic is strong; we paddle hard; we party hard; and we have heaps of fun on our journey.

Bring on next season!
Sez da Prez

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