

# EOY Dinner and prizegiving

Dinner and Prize-giving for this year was held at the Bank, which was a pretty good choice. It's a very convenient venue, plenty of room to comfortably seat everyone, great visibility for the prize giving, and more than enough coasters to go around. Thanks especially to Gin and Sarah who made certain that those of us with oddball diets had as nice a meal as those of the meatball persuasion.

What made things extra special this year was that the team was able to 'shout' dinner for themselves (and us). It's been a monumental year for fundraising, so great to see the rewards go directly back to those who've worked hard to keep the team alive and financially well this season.

Gin's speech was a reflection that her 'Sports Person of the Year' award was earned for an all-round effort in every way, rising to a seemingly endless stream of new challenges. Seems she couldn't actually pull the whole thing off by herself, though, and had to divvy out some of the work.

*Paparazzi*

And the AWARDS of the season went to:



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In Gin's (edited) words "But all in all, I've decided that this person has actually done a huge amount of work for the club this year, and it deserves to be recognised. The club went through a bit of makeover over the past year, which incorporated the title [to become] the dragonboat and waka ama club. This person spent some time developing our constitution and rules of conduct and ensuring that these were up to the grade (in a legal sense). She is an organisational whiz; the work she has put in has been wonderful, and I'm sure the same enthusiasm will go into organising her own wedding. So, I'm presenting the cup to Catherine R this year."



Virginia Comer  
Most Dedicated and  
Sportsperson of the Year



Christine Cahalane  
Most Improved



Paul Smith  
Best Crew Member

Glasses were awarded to:



Sheryll Collins  
*In appreciation*



Sarah Mackay  
*In appreciation*



Ross Wightman  
*for 10 years service*

**A.W.O.L**

Rumoured to be  
on the run in  
London

Allan Halse  
*In appreciation of*

SPECIAL THANKS of the season went to: (Paparazzi bullet-points coming right up)

- **Jenny Davis:** For coming along, organising the trophies, and helping with the Hamilton Gardens Fundraiser.
- **Shane and Margie, Jimmy and Jen, Sheryll and Vaughn** for training and all that other totally important essential boat/mentor-stuff.
- **Sarah O:** Secretary, for organizing the Wellington accommodation, and reminding paddlers of training dates, plus...
- **Jojo Cootes:** For organising the rental vans, and helping at the Super 12.
- **Sez:** For being an all-round good sort with good opinions, and helping to solve dilemmas.
- **Muzz:** For co-ordinating the cheques.
- **Ric G:** For motivating the paddlers and co-ordinating the waka side of things.
- **Dr T and Paparazzi** for photos (not that we did it alone this year... not by a long shot).

It was widely rumoured that Rosco spoke after the Awards ceremony but no one was certain of the exact comment. A few of the team were interviewed and commented that it was probably:

Very little, he's short and too far from my ears. (DB), Back Paddle (SO), that's it edub! (BAT), anybody seen my sweep oar? (EP), Zzzzzz zzzzz zzzzz (MH), Ya bunch of ^%\*&#\$\$s, Get it together (RG), probably something totally un-pc (JC)

or, "Christopher Columbus was an amateur" (MM)

