

## 2011 WINTER EDITION

### AGM – OUT WITH THE OLD & IN WITH THE NEW

So who's who in the zoo I hear you ask?

Well, first of all, huge thanks must go to our outgoing committee for their efforts over the past 12 months. The following members have decided to pass on the baton:

Robyn Barnsley	Secretary
Jacinta Veitch	President
Deb Reid	Vice President
Allison Elliott	Committee Member
Carole Hartley	Committee Member
John Cooper	Committee Member
Carole Hartley	Women's Boat Captain
Steve Sharpe	Men's Boat Captain
John Hartley	Maintenance Coordinator
Jacinta Veitch	Uniform Coordinator

And here are the new kids on the block. Thanks guys for accepting the positions, we welcome you!

John Cooper	President
Diane Butler	Vice President
Ciaran Lowndes	Treasurer
Margaret Lees	Secretary
Robyn Stephenson	Committee Member
Patricia Berchtold	Committee Member
Rachel Roy	Committee Member
Bill Veitch	Head Coach
Narelle Freeman - 1	Women's Boat Captain
Robyn Stephenson - 2	Women's Boat Captain
Stephen Sharpe	Men's Boat Captain
Stephen Sharpe	Maintenance Coordinator
Allison Elliott	Uniform Coordinator

### PADDLER PROFILE

Well readers, have I got a treat for you! This member is certainly an enigma, a puzzling conundrum in fact ... introducing the illustrious and until now, somewhat mysterious Treasurer Extra ordinaire, **Mr Ciaran Lowndes!!!!**

**Q: How long have you been with BFD?**

*Must be 3 years now. I refuse to accept anything longer than that.*

**Q: What's your proudest BFD moment?**

*Nothing comes to mind. However, I do have a memorable BFD moment which saw the crew finish the 14km Broadwater race on Australia*

*Day 2009 in one piece. The majority of the competing crews went over in the windy waters numerous times. We had Bill Veitch sweeping (and hanging on for dear life) and there was a tremendous vibe in the boat with random panic attacks thrown in for good measure. We had a couple of crew members bailing water out of the boat for the duration of the race. Good entertainment for a Sunday afternoon. We were lucky to survive the day intact. It later transpired that the race was illegal (not Council approved), unsafe and high risk. We learned later that we were disqualified for failing to take a specific turn correctly. No wonder it was so much fun!*

**Q: What's your favourite sports regatta, i.e. Kids in Need, States, Nationals, etc?**

*They are all very important in their own right*

**Q: What's the one thing you can't go to a regatta without?**

*I generally find a 49 inch paddle is necessary at most regattas except Kids in Need – sleeping pills required for that one*

**Q: If you're feeling low and need energy, what do you do?**

*Have two pints of Guinness*

**Q: If stranded on a desert island, who would you like to be stranded with?**

*Ivanka Trump. I could have a meaningful discussion about business dynamics and obtain advice from a successful heiress of the Trump empire (she's also good looking and when you're stuck with somebody on a desert island, looks do matter)*

**Q: How would a good friend describe you?**

*Objective, realistic, uncompromising, frank (not Ciaran)*

**Q: When you're not dragon boating, what do you do?**

*Work long hours, undertake treasurer duties, avoid Mother in Law, jog, read financial press, eat, drink and sleep*

**Q: Do you have any goals/aspirations for your 'dragon boating career'?"**

*No - I'll just be happy to survive it and contribute to a winning crew*

**Q: Is there anything else you'd like to add for our readers?**

*I need a holiday.*

*Contributions welcome to the Lowndes Benevolent Fund*



## AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS....

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## DIARY DATES & REMINDERS

14 August	BFD BBQ
28 August	Lanakila Sports Regatta, Emerald Lakes
11 September	BFD Come & Try Day
18 September	Redcliffe Dragons Regatta, Kawana
9 October	Gold Coast Chinese Club "Tropicarnival", Pacific Fair
4 December	BFD Club Regatta, Varsity Lakes

### And looking further ahead:

State Titles (17 & 18 March 2012)

National Titles (1-5 April 2012)

World Club Crew Championships – Hong Kong (August 2012)

## AND THE WINNERS ARE

Drum roll please ..... congratulations to Ray Borman! He's the proud recipient of the annual 'Shirley Spiller Award'. This award is voted by club members and is in honour of our loved paddler, Shirley. The award was presented by Shirley's family at the AGM. We miss you Shirley ♥

Lovely Narelle Freeman won the Coaches Pet ... ops, sorry – I mean the Coaches Award so a big round of applause definitely goes to Narelle, our little dynamo!

## BFD IN PICTURES

In the absence of you guys supplying articles for your newsletter, I'm unable to provide stories on the goings on of all things Burleigh. PLEASE help me to make your newsletter interesting, informative and inspiring by sending me your thoughts and articles, ideas – anything! Anyway, here's what's been happening of late.....









