



TINGIRA AHOY!

December 04 - 11 2017



Tingira's contribution to this year's Macleay Island Christmas Parade was a real crowd pleaser and was greatly appreciated by the Macleay Island community.

The Tingira Dragon was created through the blended talents of Lynne Turner, Alexandra Skinner, Gerald Franks and Kerry Otter. It was constructed by the team and consumed many busy hours of work.

As the colourful Dragon made its way in the procession it made very cheerful dragon like roars and growls amid enthusiastic chants of "Join the Dragons" along with their war cry:

One Heart, One Soul

One Team, One Goal

We Are! We Are!

TINGIRA!

YEAH!

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Also appearing in the parade was the Club bus (driven by Moss Lane) towing our new safety RIB. More importantly, Santa Claus (Bob Stampton) was seated inside the RIB waving cheerfully to the crowd and distributing lollies to the children. Walking alongside was Ian Waller-Wilkinson **in disguise again** - this time not as a beautiful princess but a Christmas teddy bear (Bundy Bear?)

Judith Gorham whistled her way through the parade and helped distribute sweets as well.



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Ted Upton and Gerald Franks proudly led the Tingira contingent with a new Dragons and Outriggers banner purchased recently by the Club.

At the head (or in the head) of the Dragon was Lynne who was assisted by Kerry, Summer, Robyn, Joan S, Jean C, Sonya, Karen and Avril.

Walking and giving out sweets to the crowd were Judith and Claire

Riding in the Club bus were Moss, Digby, and Sonya's children.

Kerry Otter and Joan Stampton showed great enthusiasm as a Dragon handlers / controllers during the parade.



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After the parade, much to the delight of the crowd, the Tingira Dragon made a loop of the market stalls and then on to the community centre hall.

One Macleay Island Lions Club member was quoted as saying "The Tingira Dragon was the best float they had seen in the Christmas Parade's 15 year history".



A Heartfelt Note from Club Members Alexandra and Gerald

Dear Committee,

On behalf of Gerald and myself I wish to extend our sincere thanks for the opportunity of participating in the boat club's Xmas 'float'. We also want to acknowledge how important it is to us to be included by the club, and particularly the warmth of welcome from Lynne and Kerry. The chant, led by Kerry during the parade of "one heart, one soul, one team, one goal" epitomized for us the generosity of spirit that the Tingira Boat Club offers to its members, old and new.

The experience of building 'the Dragon' was an excellent introduction to the team spirit of the club with Lynne and Kerry putting their 'legendary' energy into creating the magnificent body and organizing the team to bring the dragon to life on the day. We are humbled by the trust that was placed in us to come up with a 'dragon head' that would complement the ideas and efforts that led up to what is now considered by many as a significant boost in profile for the club. On the day, interest and involvement came "out of the woodwork" and, we believe has inspired a new energy and commitment for 2018.

Again, as new members we thank you and your (our!) club for your collective generosity of spirit

Alexandra and Gerald

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A Good Turnout of Paddlers & Sailors Last Sunday

Sunday saw an excellent turnout of 21 paddlers which meant that both the outrigger canoe and a Dragon boat took to the water.

The sailors had a session on how to recover a capsized sail boat which saw them practising in the shallow water just off the Club beach. Later four Vagabonds took to the water. Joyce and Trevor Armitage sailed together showing their ever improving sailing skills. Gerald Franks and Bruce Legg sailed together while Bob Stampton and Ian Waller-Wilkinson crewed together.

Peter Fox, Joanne Racine and Deirdre Sanmugan had a training sail.

Meanwhile Ivan M and Darren G turned up in a catamaran that they are learning to sail along with Joanne's pooch who was very calmly enjoying the sail as well.



The Tingira launch area was very busy at times on Sunday



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The Tingira Dragon Recipe

Ingredients:

- 2 x cardboard boxes (for the head)
- egg cartons (for the dragon's nose)
- paper cake cup liners (for the nostrils)
- bright dragon paint (e.g. orange)
- 2 blue doggy run tunnels (for the body)
- 1 wind sock (for the tail)
- 15 packets of streamers
- 30 metres of satin ribbon and bells (for the dragon feet)
- bamboo sticks (for the control handles)
- whistles & bubble blowers
- 6 buckets of lollies

Method:

Blend the creative design and building talents of Lynne Turner, Alexandra Skinner, Gerald Franks & Kerry Otter.

Hand sew and craft the various dragon body bits over many nights.

Organise plenty of space available in your home and shed to store and then assemble the dragon from its many parts.

Deploy highly enthusiastic and happy dragon people to operate the head and body and provide the legs.

Many nights of work, lots of streamers, lots of paint and a labour of love.



Kerry's home (above) and shed (below) overrun with Dragon bits.



All this busy creative and **secretive** work certainly would have had the neighbours quite curious on what was going on in Kerry's shed?

The Dragon's head was constructed by Alex Skinner over a period of two weeks - and involved the use of cardboard boxes, egg cartons, etc and lots and lots and lots of paint.



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Malayan Chicken with Noodles this Friday Night!

Jeanette Trefle and Moya Fox will be cooking a Malaysian chicken dish for this Friday's members dinner. It will come with chilli but this will be kept separate so that each person can self administer the dosage that they enjoy.

Please place your names up on the dinner board by Thursday if you intend attending.

Bus Driver: Willem Guillot **Bar Crew:** Fay Hooker

Setting-Up Crew: Cath Brokenborough & Michele Newton

Saturday's Clean-Up Crew: Jackie Sheargold & Judith Brady

How To Book the Club Courtesy Bus for Friday Night

Book a ride on the Club's courtesy bus by indicating on the Dinner Board or telephoning/texting **Neville Prosser on 0425 798 750** and let him know who, how many and the pick-up address.

Geofabric Mat Roll-Out Working Bee - This Saturday 09 December

The existing launch and retrieval access mat which has been placed out from the Tingira beach will be extended this Saturday morning.

An additional 100m of Geofabric mat has been purchased and is ready to be rolled out.

Lynne Turner, Kerry Otter and Peter Hayward have kindly organised sand bags to help settle the mat into position.

The mat will be rolled out during the low tide (low tide at Pott's Point is 7:57am @ 0.56m).

The mat will then need to be observed as the tide comes in case adjustments are required.

Start time is 7:00am.

Sunday on the Deck

There will be Sunday On the Deck this **Sunday 10 December** with delicious light lunches available. The bar will be open from 12 noon.

The rostered crew for Sunday:

Galley Crew: Margaret Jones & Helen Boulton

Bar Crew: Fay Hooker **Barbeque:** Rob Thompson

Sailing and Kayaking this Sunday 10 December

There will be a high tide of 2.21m at 3:19pm. This will give good access to the water from the club's beach from 12:30pm throughout the afternoon for kayaks, dragon boats and Vagabond sailing boats. The boat yard and shed will be open from 12:00.

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STOP PRESS: All tickets to the Christmas Party have been sold.

Club Christmas Dinner - Saturday 16 December

Carol and John Lynch have planned a delicious Hawaiian Christmas themed buffet for this year's Tingira Christmas party.



Main Buffet:

Ham, Hawaiian Chicken, Fish Suruwa, Hawaiian Curry Pork & Rice, Potato Bake, Island Pineapple Boats, Green Salad, Pumpkin Salad & Coleslaw.

Dessert:

Traditional Christmas Pudding and Humming Bird Cake.

Times and Program

6:00pm: Drinks and Nibbles (cheeses, pate, biscuits etc).

7:00pm: Main Buffet served with dessert and dancing to follow.

Entertainment

Live music for dancing will be provided by duo **Vicki and Frankie**.

Dress: Hawaiian Christmas Style or Christmassy Smart Casual

Tickets: SOLD OUT

Community Notice - "Seat of Many Colours Unveiling"

The Renegades /MISS will be unveiling the '**seat of many colours**' on Thursday 7th. December at 11.30am on the corner of Mel and Pecan Street near Alan's Ramp. The years 3-6 children from Macleay Island S. S. will be walking down for the ceremony and the school captains and Cr. Mark Edwards will be carrying out the unveiling. A major focus of this project is to encourage the children to feel part of the community and for adults to recognise the children's efforts. So, we're encouraging as many people as possible to attend. We want lots of clapping, cheers and laughs especially when Mark unveils the humorous sign.

At a Glance - Upcoming Events at Tingira Boat Club

Saturday 09 December	Launching Mat Placement Working Bee
Saturday 16 December 2017	The Club Christmas Party
Friday 26 January 2018	Australia Day BBQ Lunch for members

3 Million Cheers, Peter Fox, Hon. Secretary, Tingira Boat Club Inc.