

OC6 Paddlers Get-Together – A Great Success!!

The OC6 paddlers Crossover get-together held last Sunday 01 May was certainly a great success. Teams from the Talobilla Waka Ama Club (based in Scarborough), Coochiemudlo Island and the Tingira Boat Club competed in the 5km Crossover race and 300m sprint races. Our planning and preparations paid off with the event being a sporting, social and financial success.

The sprints held parallel to Sandpiper Beach were very exciting to watch and drew a good crowd of onlookers. There were certainly some close finishes and none better than this dead heat finish between the Coochiemudlo Sea Eagles (No. 14) and Tingira's *Ohana* (No. 0011)



(Photo courtesy of Helmut Perowitz)

The Crossover event saw teams having a simultaneous start from both Coochiemudlo and Macleay Island and crossing over to the opposite Island, snatching a flag planted on the beach and then returning halfway to the Tingira Pontoon stationed between the two islands. The race was approximately 5km in length.

Results for the Crossover and sprints were as follows:

Club	OC6 No. Team Name	Team	Crossover	Sprint 1
Talobilla Club	1	Mixed	1st	1st
Tingira Club	0011 <i>Ohana</i>	Mixed	2nd	2nd
Tingira Club	Capricorn Coast	Men's	3rd	4th
Coochiemudlo	14 Sea Eagles	Mixed	4th	3rd
Coochiemudlo	543 Fossils	Men's	5th	5 th
Talobilla Club	71	Mixed	DNF	DNS
Coochiemudlo	4 Dinosaur (Submariners)	Men's	DNF	DNS

After the paddling events, the paddlers and on-water volunteers returned to the Tingira Clubhouse for a well-earned lunch and refreshments. The kitchen, BBQ and bar volunteers were kept very busy, and it was very pleasing to see the friendly interaction between the clubs. During lunch Commodore Moss Lane and Sailing Master Ian Waller-Wilkinson presented prizes and awards.

We have received very pleasing feedback from the participating Clubs. For example this email from the Coochiemudlo paddlers:

“Greetings from the Coochiemudlo Island outriggers.

Thankyou for a wonderful day on the bay yesterday. Your club's hospitality & organisation was superb. The outriggering crew supported by your club's boat committee is a credit to the Tingira Boat Club.

Lastly, congratulations to your paddling crews who performed so well on the day in all events. The welcome we all received from your friendly members was a credit to you.

Cheers Russel Jackson.”



The two Tingira Teams: *Capricorn Coast 2* with Ted Upton steering and *Ohana* with Terry Hunter steering. (Photo courtesy of Helmut Perowitz)

Winners are grinner: The Talobilla Waka Ama 1 Mixed Team won both the Crossover and Sprint events



(Back row L-R) Whetu (Steerer), Graham, Isaac
(Front row L-R) Lisa, Lynley and Mel (Photo courtesy of Helmut Perowitz)

An event such as this takes quite a deal of planning and preparing if it is to run smoothly. The Tingira Club is run entirely by volunteers who give their time freely (and generously) to work in the kitchen, bar, BBQ or out on the water.

The Tingira Management Committee gives a very big and sincere thankyou to the following volunteers who supported this event.

Paddling Sub-Committee Planning, preparation, documents and course maps	Ian Waller-Wilkinson, Peter Hayward, Kerry Otter, Karen Smith, Ann Wyborn, Chris Medcalf, Terry Hunter, Moss Lane, Peter Fox & Ted Upton
Pontoon Crew Finish line judges and place recording, Photography	Moss Lane, Marion Mori, Don Noble, Michael Larsen, Jen Rush and Helmut Perowitz (photographer)
Sandpiper crew Coochiemudlo start, lead and safety boat.	Peter Lawson and Peter Fox
Tango crew Macleay Island start, lead and safety boat.	Ian Waller-Wilkinson and Max Keily
Kitchen Crew Morning tea and lunch	Providore Maree Lallensack, Maggie Carstairs, Bridget Larsen, Gwen Lane, Kathy Cantrell
Bar Crew	Linda Woodland, Moya Fox and Michael Larsen
BBQ	George Feist
Tingira VHF Base Station	John Hynes
Prizes	Ted Upton (for creating the Crossover sculptured wood trophy). Karen Smith and Chris Medcalf (for their Special Tingira Labelled Bottles of Wine)

(**Message from Providore Maree:** A big thank you to my kitchen and BBQ crew and especially to Bridget, Gwen and Kathy who jumped in at short notice to give a hand.)



The Pontoon Crew: Michael Larsen, Commodore Moss Lane, Marion Mori, Don Noble and Jen Rush (Photo courtesy of Helmut Perowitz – also one of the crew)

A Message of thanks from Peter Hayward:

“Hi all

Sorry I don't have everyone's email but if the Tingira Boat Club committee could please pass onto everyone involved in the Paddler's Funday on Sunday, many, many thanks from all the Paddlers.

The committee, kitchen and bar staff, land crews and those on the water in support craft and everyone else we've forgotten to name (and all volunteers I might add) you did a brilliant job in making it a fantastic day for everyone. 3 million cheers plus one.” (Peter Hayward)

My sincere thanks to Kerry Otter and Helmut Perowitz for their assistance in putting this report together – Kind regards Peter Fox, Secretary