

Local Broulee Crews Ready for George Bass Marathon

Broulee “Bluebottles” Open Women’s team and Broulee “Bats” are ready for the World’s Longest ocean oared race starting on New Year’s Eve Batemans Bay. 7 legs over 7 days finishing in Eden on January 6th. This is the 42nd year of the race started in 1975 and held biannually .

“Bluebottles” and “Bats” have been training since July and are looking forward to the many challenges that the marathon rowers face, hypothermia, sunburn, exhaustion, sharks, bluebottles, surf, sea fog etc.

“Bluebottles” have had a steady build up to the event and have had a solid 8 training since July Crew Members L to R Grace Pollock, Paris Hadley, Taryn Carver, Nikky Kemp, Michelle Cottington [Captain], Danielle Heron, Topaz Eaton, Karen Gleeson. Sweep Rob Pollock, Team Manager Tony Dale, IRB Driver Colo Fifita, IRB Crewman Ryan Pollock, Boat Driver David Price.

Crew members age varies from 19 to 45 the women have a good mix of youth and experience and are a happy group excited to do the journey and happy to evolved representing Broulee .

Robert Pollock, Tony Dale, Michelle Cottington, Nikky Kemp and Taryn Carver have had plenty of George Bass experience and should be we prepared for what lies ahead in the 180klms of rowing.

Broulee “Bats” Vet Women’s Crew have also been training since July but have had some crew withdrawals and injuries at the last minute. Sweep Justin Zutt no stranger to the event has been cracking the whip over the last 9 weeks since he has taken charge and the “Bats” have learnt to be early “Bats” getting at a 5am training early mornings to get the miles in the legs.

Crew Members to R front row Cherise Walker, Belinda O’Keeffe, Ruth Nelson Michelle Zutt, Narelle Pollock to R Back Gabi Smith, Jenny Taylor, Justin Zutt, Kerryl Davies, Donna Clarke

5 survivors of the 2016 trip, Michelle Zutt, Narelle Pollock, Gabi Smith, Donna Clarke, and Kerryl Davies have added, and Kirsty Luff Dunkley Reserve is

Cherise Walker and Pip Butt. Unfortunately Jenny Taylor has suffered a back injury a few weeks ago and has had to withdraw.

Boat Driver is Gerrard O'Keefe, Team Manager Bede Lafferty, and IRB Driver Tony Xuereb.

"Bats" as always are doing it for fun and fitness and team bonding. "Bats" have a huge following and "Cat Woman" is bound to be seen Jan 6th in full flight.