



**Te Waka Dragon's training ground is only 5 kms from Brisbane CBD at Breakfast Creek Newstead**

**Our distinctive black dragon boats can be seen sharing the water with a variety of other craft on the Brisbane River**

The large exuberant force that Te Waka takes to regattas and other events often leads the local dragon boat community to believe that Te Waka is one of the largest clubs in South East Queensland. However, with our membership numbers bordering on 55, Te Waka is not as large as is often thought. What we do have though is plenty of spirit and a high participation rate! We often turn up to local regattas with around 75% of our paddlers racing plus our supporters.

Te Waka Taniwha (Te Waka - the boat, Taniwha - dragon in Maori) was formed in 2000 by a group of friends wanting to revel in the sport's social nature. The club's name reflects the origins of the foundation members but it is now made up of many diverse cultures (Kiwi, Australian, English, Mauritian, German, Dutch, Slovakian, Niue, Fijian to name a few) and has an age range of 13 to 60+.

Originally located on the Gold Coast, the club moved north to Brisbane in 2002. In 2007, an influx of new members saw the club and its committee reinvigorated. With this new lease on life, the club has seen membership numbers grow and with the assistance of grant funds and some supportive sponsors, new boats and the associated equipment have been acquired.

Our success in recent years at Queensland State Titles and the experience gained from attending National Titles makes us proud to be one of Queensland's top teams and represent the sport of dragon boating to the wider community.

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