



Purple Warriors Australia INC.

Letter from the Board

It has been a busy few months since the restructure of Purple Warriors INC. and the board have moved ahead on many goals set forth at the AGM at the end of 2019.

Board Positions

1. Chairmen Purple Warriors – Ray Bennie
2. CEO – Damen Edwards
3. Director Outrigger Canoeing – Steve Rana

Administrative Development 2019/2020 season goals;

1. streamline and automate administrative processes,
2. establish a base of outrigger canoers in Sydney and Brisbane,
3. reach 150 members,
4. participate in 2 Dragon boating events,
5. establish a PWAUS code of conduct, and
6. establish PWAUS as a Charity.

Achievements

So far this season we have successfully established a social media presence, released V1 of our website and competed in several events around Australia, predominantly in NSW. We are still working very hard with the legal team to progress the charity status of the organisation, which is the key to expanding Purple Warriors Australia INC. nationally.

We have had a huge amount of interest from affiliate clubs and are currently working with them to establish a great working relationship and the requirements for Outrigger and Dragon Boating club affiliation.

The community we are creating is extremely important and the board is very passionate about making this happen. We are asking for current members of Purple Warriors to speak to friends, family and work colleagues about Purple Warriors, what we do and why we do it.

When you do discuss it with people consider these three phrases:



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Reconnection

So often after we leave the military, for whatever reason, we leave and have limited contact with not only the defence or veteran community but the civilian community as well. Purple Warriors provides veterans with the opportunity to reconnect with both communities in a casual atmosphere, without the normal social pressures and social expectations.

Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation through our association happens in a number of ways including but not limited to:

1. Reconnecting with the community and Veterans,
2. A sense of purpose and teamwork, and
3. Water sports and the healing power of the ocean.

Prevention

This is an easy one. Preventing your mates from suicide, depression and being alone. The ADF currently has a suicide rate of over 6%, twice the national average. If we're able to assist the ADF and Veteran community by reducing this by 1 person, **it is worth it.**

Expressions of Interest

We are currently looking for committee members to fill the following positions:

1. Membership – The membership committee member will assist the board in welcoming new members. Some basic computer skills will be required. (Up to 5 hours per week).
2. Grant Administration – The Committee member will assist the board in applying for various association grants to purchase equipment, association merchandise and overseas trips to compete in various outrigger canoe and dragon boating competitions. Advanced writing skills required. (Up to 3 hours per week).
3. Merchandise Coordinator – To assist the board in purchasing and managing PWAUS merchandise stock. Basic computer skills required.

Affiliate Clubs



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Thanks to the continued support of both Koa Kai Outrigger Club and North Queensland Phoenix Dragon Boating Club, who have been instrumental in the initial development of Purple Warriors, and we look forward to continuing the relationship into the future.

PWAUS is on the road to success, spread the word. Thank you for being part of Purple Warriors Australia, and if you aren't jump on the website, sign up @ www.purplewarriors.org.au and [find a local paddling club!!!](#)

Thank you

PWAUS Board of Directors

Ray Bennie - Chairmen
Damen Edwards - CEO
Steve Rana - Director Outrigger

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