



Murray Bridge water activities club launches

MURRAY Bridge Water Activities Club was launched on Sunday at Sturt Reserve by Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, after months of planning by a dedicated committee.

With the weather perfect for the Sailability Yachts, a team from Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club were kept busy from 11am to 3pm with the six little yachts in great demand.

Two of the yachts are destined for Murray Bridge in the near future, on loan from Sailability SA.

The new Water Activities Club will be negotiating with local community organisations to help set up infrastructure and volunteers to assist on active days by rigging boats, operating cranes, assisting sailors into yachts and skipping club boats on the water.

Much colour and many laughs were added to the day as one large Dragon Boat proceeded towards the centre of activity at Sturt Reserve with nine members of Adelaide Survivors Abreast Inc.

As affiliated members of Dragon Boats SA they attended on behalf of the association which controls dragon boating in SA.

Local clubs must belong to this organisation to be eligible to compete in events throughout Australia.

The Clubs' aim is to hold at least one regatta at Murray Bridge during the coming summer.

This could involve up to thirteen locally affiliated clubs from Adelaide and Goolwa on what has been described as a perfect venue for the sport, by leaders of Dragon Boats SA.

Adrian Pederick was pleased to don a pink vest and paddle up the river, as his part in the promotion of dragon boating.

He was one of many who enjoyed paddling in a dragon boat with experienced paddlers.

The Murray Bridge Paddlers, a cancer support group and one of the foundation groups within the Water Activities Club had a successful day, not only paddling in their kayaks but with their 'Cookies for Cancer' fundraiser.

They have now raised over \$1000 to purchase a drug trolley for the new chemotherapy unit at the Murray Bridge Hospital.

Canoes SA were also represented with canoes available

for keen paddlers to try.

The Water Activities Club warmly welcomed enquiries from anyone interested in participating in non-motorised water sports and becoming

part of the growing trend of fitness and wellbeing in our communities. For further details or enquiries phone Clem on 0408139099 or Ian on 85313212.



Making a splash: Dragon boaters, kayakers and Sailability sailors take part in the launch of Murray Bridge Water Activities Club.