

## Dragons Abreast Hobart Celebrate Member's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Surprise!!!!

The call came from the top..." Pssst, Dragon Gals... can you keep a secret?"  
Hard to believe I know, that 35 women could, but we did....

DATH team member Fay Johnson turned 80 on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Fay is still a keen paddler with DATH and we were keen to celebrate this dynamo woman – and so, behind closed doors we collaborated to make cakes and sandwiches, bring flowers, cups and tablecloths for a High Tea for 80 guests – paddlers, ex-paddlers, original members and colleagues of Fay's.

Fay was one of the first members of the Dragon Abreast Tasmania Hobart when they started back in 2003. The women learnt how to paddle by sitting on chairs in the shape of a boat and using broomsticks, as there wasn't a boat as yet! Imagine how keen these survivors were to do this for nearly 12 months!

Fay's friend and fellow paddler, Toni, managed to convince Fay that she had to pick up something she'd left behind at the Club House. As Fay opened the door 80 faces and voices greeted her with: "Surprise!" The shock and delight was clear on Fay's face and she kept saying: 'I can't believe it. I had no idea.'



Overwhelmed at first by what had been organized in her honour, Fay eventually managed to sample a few of the treats, but was kept busy throughout the morning chatting with all the guests who wanted to wish her a Happy Birthday.





Fay thanked everyone for coming and then cut the gorgeous cake made by paddler Rosemary.



The day was even more special as Fay mentioned that she didn't think she's had a party since her 40<sup>th</sup> – all Christmas birthday people know that reality!

Happy Birthday Fay!

I wonder how many other clubs have an Octogenarian, especially an original club member.



Left: DATH memory table

Below: Kitchen maids



