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To: Past Members of Busting With Life
Re: Re-Connecting

Ladies,

As you know, the Busting With life Dragon Boat team was established to provide hope and inspiration to those with breast cancer, and to make a difference - through heightening awareness of breast cancer, and through encouraging active living following a diagnosis and treatment of the disease. That goal remains today.

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| <p>Mission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To inspire those with breast cancer to lead full and active lives.• To improve the quality of life for breast cancer survivors whilst research to find a cure continues• To heighten awareness of breast cancer, with a particular emphasis on early detection. | <p>We do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Being a dragon boat team – competing and winning• Demonstrating through action that age and lifestyle are no barrier• Leading the way in building breast cancer dragon boating throughout New Zealand• Being a public voice on breast cancer awareness issues |
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You played a significant role in furthering the goals of Busting With Life, and along the way enjoyed the team camaraderie, success on and off the water, and no doubt a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

As we approach our tenth anniversary, it has become increasingly apparent to the current team that we have lost touch with most former members – a situation we need to rectify. All Busting With Life paddlers – past and present – are the heart and soul of what the team stands for, so we need to find a way to engage all those interested in being part of BWL ... somehow.

It has been proposed that BWL create a second tier membership category that would be open to former BWL paddling members who wish to re-connect and be involved with the Team. While details need to be worked out, this second tier membership might involve:

- Wearing the team shirt at relevant events and functions

- Being invited to off-the-water team social functions, breast cancer awareness events, fund-raising efforts, and the like.
- Participating in team social and fitness walks
- Having full-access to the web-site – including the member-only sections.
- Would not be on the team's main committee, but would be invited to participate on the various sub-committees
- Would not have voting rights, but would be encouraged to attend the AGM and any special meetings – to contribute to dialogue on the full range of matters tabled.
- Supporting the team at regattas
- Travelling with the team to out-of-town regattas (at own cost) – staying with the team and participating in off-the-water regatta functions
- Helping the team as needs arise
- Paying a nominal second-tier membership fee – perhaps 50% of the paddling member fee

All current BWL members have unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the establishment of a membership category for former BWL members. The team's leadership committee is determined to make this happen.

Next Step: We need your feedback:

1. Is this of interest to you?
2. What would be key to making it work for you?
3. What level of engagement with the team do you want?

Please take some time to share your thoughts on this with us – by email to the team secretary Linley Rivers linleyrivers@ihug.co.nz . Or, if you prefer, do not hesitate to ring any of the committee members:

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We would love to hear from you,

Kind regards,

Trea Kenny

President,

Busting With Life Dragon Boat Team Incorporated