



KRI #2 Regatta, 27th & 28th January 2007, Lake Karapiro, New Zealand



For the first time ever Sydney Rowing Club sent a team to New Zealand to compete in the second of the three regattas that make up the Karapiro Racing Inc. regatta series. The series is made up of Premier, Senior, Club, Novice and some age events, with similar criteria to the Australian system of grading. The quality of competition in each event is excellent, with exciting battles and nail-biting finishes very frequent. The national team competes in these regattas as a part of their selection process, providing a great spectacle, with the likes of Mahé Drysdale and the Evers-Swindell sisters competing against the countless other world medallist New Zealand has been able to produce in the last few years for a spot in the 2007 national team to compete in Munich.

Sydney Rowing Club selected a team of six athletes who were joined by Luke Freeman and Hugh McLeod from Mosman and Newcastle Rowing Clubs respectively. The team was lucky enough to borrow boats free of charge from Waikato Rowing Club, who were very helpful throughout the regatta, providing information and advice as well as equipment. The SRC crews performed extremely well, every crew placing in the top two or three in their heats in order to be placed in the A final. The results for the regatta were as follows:

- Men's Senior Four: 3rd
 - Simon Nola
 - Jeremy Anderson
 - Luke Woods
 - Luke Freeman
- Men's U21 Four: 2nd
 - Luke Woods
 - Dom Grimm
 - Phil Matthews
 - Luke Freeman
- Men's Club Double: 3rd
 - Luke Woods
 - Luke Freeman
- Men's Club Double: 2nd
 - Luke Freeman
 - Dom Grimm
- Women's Senior Single Scull: 3rd
 - Eliza Mathews
- Men's Senior Pair: 3rd
 - Simon Nola
 - Jeremy Anderson
- Men's Senior Single Scull: 1st
 - Hugh McLeod

Congratulations to the athletes mentioned above, and thanks to everyone who showed so much support for the team by coming to the fundraiser and buying raffle tickets, without you the trip would not have been possible.

Congratulations also to Jenny Cole for organising and managing the tour, the organisation and smooth running were the result of much hard work and persistence on the part of Jenny and the team is very grateful for all the hours that she has put in.

The Captain