



2007 Australian Rowing Championships; Nagambie Lakes, Victoria.

The Australian Rowing Championships were hosted by the town of Nagambie in Victoria in 2007, and once again there were a huge number of entries from around Australia. The Sydney Rowing Club team this year was small, consisting of only nine athletes; Kurt Spencer, Dom Grimm, Ry Kehlet, Tom Quilty, Phil Matthews, Simon Nola, Luke Woods, Sarah Handley and Eliza Mathews. The week started badly with extremely poor conditions causing the early heats to be run in time trial format to ensure fairness of conditions, this in addition to the delaying of the second half of day one meant a week of uncertainty was ahead, as well as some very uncomfortable racing. To the credit of the boat race officials and regatta organisers the regatta was brought back on track by the middle of the week, but unfortunately the organisers were unable to control the weather, which continued to be a headache for competitors and spectators alike.

Sydney Rowing Club performed extremely well despite the confusion and strong winds, bringing home a total of nine medals. In addition to these, Toby Ledgerwood and Alex Berzins, Sydney Rowing Club members who were at the national Championships to represent their schools were very successful, Alex winning gold in the Under 19 Single Scull for the Kings School, and Toby stroking the Shore crew in the Schoolboy Eights. Congratulations to these Australian Champions and to the medallists who represented Sydney Rowing Club with pride and excellence.

Luke Woods: 2nd Men's U23 Lwt Pair,
3rd Men's U23 Lwt Four,
3rd Men's Lwt Eight
Simon Nola: 2nd Men's Lwt Double,
2nd Men's Lwt Quad,
3rd Men's Lwt Eight
Kurt Spencer: 3rd Men's U19 Single Scull
Ry Kehlet: 2nd Men's U23 Eight
Sarah Handley: 3rd Women's U19 Double Scull

The Sydney Rowing Club team was very well supported, with many parents making the trip to cheer on the athletes, as well as many other members of the club whose support was very much appreciated. The team manager Jenny Cole was instrumental to the team's success, providing the assistance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the trip from start to finish.

The Captain