

Sydney Rowing Club – New Zealand Tour 2008

Sydney Rowing Club has sent a team to the KRI #2 regatta at Lake Karapiro, New Zealand for the second time. The Regatta, recently renamed The Cambridge Town Cup Regatta, also set the stage for the second race off between Mahe Drysdale and Rob Wadell, which resulted in larger than expected crowd attendance. The SRC crews made their presence felt at the regatta, and by the end of day 1, every crew was qualified into the respective A Final for day two.

When day two began the team was treated to a spectacular showdown between undoubtedly the two best single scullers in the world. Television and media presence was at a high for the event, and the banks of the 2010 world championships course were lined with spectators from all over New Zealand who had come to watch the Sydney Olympic Champion narrowly defeat the reigning World Champion by no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ length.

Sydney Rowing Club's Men's team were nearly undefeated in their races, winning the Senior Pair, Senior Four and Club Quad, and placing second in a very hot field in the Premier Coxed Eight. The Women's team also performed well, highlighting their trip with a nail biting victory in the Club Coxed Eight and a close second in the women's Club Coxed Four.

The regatta officials and organisers took every opportunity to make the visitors feel welcome. The level of sportsmanship and competition in New Zealand was very impressive, as was the popularity of the sport among the locals who lined the banks to watch. The success of the team combined with the superb organisation courtesy of Jenny Cole the team manager and the coaching staff Gary Robertson and Glenn Bates led to an extremely positive and memorable experience for all those involved. The athletes will now concentrate on the upcoming State and National Championship Regattas, both to be held at Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith NSW.

Full Results:

1st: Men's Senior Coxless Four

Ry Kehlet, Dominic Grimm, Tom Quilty, Simon Frank

1st: Men's Senior Coxless Pair

Dominic Grimm, Ry Kehlet

1st: Women's Club Coxed Eight

Jordan Toombes, Emma Paver, Samantha Doyle, Grace Mellowship, Georgia Separovich, Renata Dare, Kelli Stride, Sarah Handley, Cox M.Grimes

1st: Men's Club Quad Scull

Lachlan Carter Nick Wiadrowski Luke Woods Simon Nola

2nd: Men's Premier Coxed Eight

Lachlan Carter, Nick Wiadrowski, Luke Woods, Dominic Grimm, Tom Quilty, Simon Frank, Ry Kehlet, Simon Nola, Cox M.Grimes

2nd: Women's Club Coxed Four

Jordan Toombes, Emma Paver, Renata Dare, Grace Mellowship, Cox M.Grimes

3rd: Women's Senior Coxless Four

Kelli Stride, Georgia Separovich, Samantha Doyle, Sarah Handley

5th: Women's Club Quad Scull

Olivia Mathews, Sarah Handley, Kelli Stride, Eliza Mathews

5th: Women's Club Double Scull

Olivia Mathews, Eliza Mathews

Simon Nola
Captain