

Broulee Women Record Breaking Row

The Broulee "Coasties" Open Women's Crews powered to their way into second place for the Open Women's Division of the 2012 George Bass Marathon .Broulee were a class act all the way during the 2012 George Bass and finished so close to the powerful Torquay/Fairhaven crew. Broulee broke race records in Leg 1, 3 and 7 all three records narrowly beaten by Torquay/Fairhaven

All crew members lived within 20klms of Broulee surf club and were locally trained and prepared in the Eurobodalla. Jaykie Bull and Taylah Connaughton both 17 and 1st GB, were awesome as the youngest of the crew and were blended into an experienced group including Nikky Kemp [4th GB] Michelle Cottington [4th GB] Kimberlie Eke [4th GB] Kerryn Hopkins [2nd GB] Amy Morgan [2nd GB] and Louisa Bonner 1st GB.

Broulee in breaking three race records on the way down the coast and finished within 30 seconds of the Torquay combination twice and within one and a half minutes twice. Broulee "Coasties" were 2nd place, 5 out of the seven legs Both Torquay/Fairhaven and Vikings boosted Olympic, Australian, Canadian, Victorian, ACT representatives but the local girls were never fazed and applied pressure at the front of the race on all seven legs. Sharing the load all 8 rowed equal time and never gave up. Light weight compared to their opposition but skilled oarswomen in any conditions. Pollock said "*finishing second into a tough 20 knot plus southerly with a lightweight crew and tapping on Torquay/Fairhaven sweep oar during the leg* "was a real highlight.

Was disappointing that the crew were not presented with their second place medals at the presentation at Merimbula, organisers had only enough time to present the winners. Many people in the Broulee club need recognition for such a great effort.

Trainer and on water support, Roy Booker must be congratulated on the overall fitness of the crew. No member got Hypothermia during the 7 legs and all rowed equal amounts during the event a great credit the preparation they received.

Powerboat driver Darrell Bull who did a fantastic job driving in close quarters and avoiding other crews and helped in camp all the way. Jodie Bull and Mark Bull were fantastic support on land.

Rubber Duck Drivers Peter Halkett, Mal McCallum support IRB Robyn Halkett, Tryg Casbin, Kerryl Davies [also reserve rower]Tathra IRB Driver Matt Theirie "Zeus"

Bruce Kemp general Camp Boss and Driver of Bruce Reid's truck and Bruce Reid also paid for the truck Fuel.

Darren Reidy and Melissa Clarke helped with towing vehicles and motivation.

Edwin Ingram and Ryan Pollock were drivers for boat and power boat trailers provided their own vehicles to make this happen and back up camp workers.

Narelle and Peter Connaughton were tireless support on land with Food, Ice, Massage, cooking etc a huge effort. Narelle Pollock was a tower of support on land weighing girls ensuring they were rugged up watered and feed after each leg and cooked in camp. Kerryl Davies backed up in this role as well. Kerry Kemp was also a great support on land and took some great photo's at sea.

Tony and Karen Hackett also helped tow Moruya/Tuross Rugby league BBQ trailer and helped out at the Camp site.

Sweep Rob Pollock also had his beautiful 5.7mt Haines Hunter as support boat "the Wok" and was towed by his company vehicle.

Big thanks to the Moruya Jockey Club and Brian Cowden for tables chairs, eskies, tents, urn, leads.etc

Tony Dale Did many early hours training with support from Roy Booker and Ken Murphy.

Sweep/Coach Rob Pollock said it was the best female crew he had trained, which is a huge compliment to the girls considering his previous fine crews. Eclipsing previous best records three times proves we had a fantastic club team.

Broulee "Coasties" won their club \$4400 in prize money

Our new boat really went well in the difficult conditions thanks to Dataflex, Eurobodalla Toyota and Moruya Hi Fi & Electrical.