

# Broulee Under-19 Surfboat Crew "Dim Sims" Win Mollymook

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Broulee u19 surfboat crew won the prestigious Mollymook AA ASRL surfboat carnival on Saturday in demanding surf conditions. The crew were missing Jeff Gamble and used experienced U19 female rower Jaykie Bull as his replacement on the day. Other regular members Dean Scott, Ewen Pollock, Hayden Connor and sweep/coach Rob Pollock were up against Australia's experienced clubs Avoca, Bulli, Corrimal, Newport and Woonona.

Progressing to the final after the preliminary rounds the crew faced a big shore dump and 2mt swell. Starting well both Bulli and Broulee won the start and were well clear of Australian silver medallist Avoca and Corrimal crews. Bulli had a boat length lead in the choppy and undulating swell. Broulee settled into a long strong stroke rhythm and slowly pegged back the highly fancied Bulli crew. After a great buoy turn the crews were level and battled hard for an advantage. Nearing the gate cans the crew latched onto a great runner and forged to the lead, they climbed on to a fat wave and to the delight of the Broulee club members held the wave and crossed for a massive win.

Jaykie Bull must be commended on a great performance against the other male crews, "Jaykie never missed a stroke in the difficult conditions and in the most demanding seat in surf, the bow", said sweep Rob Pollock

This was a Double A selection race for the NSW team and gives Broulee a great chance to represent NSW again and defend NSW Interstate title. Final selection will be the triple A Manly carnival in January. Broulee picked up a winning cheque for \$1000.00

Broulee Open Women's crew "Sweet & Sour Pork" continued on their great performances this season and made the Mollymook final. Unfortunately Nikki Kemp was injured in the Semi and U23 stroke Taylah Connaughton replaced her for the final. Crew members were Louisa Bonner, Michelle Cottington, Nikki Kemp, Kimberly Eke, Taylah Connaughton, sweep/coach Robert Pollock

In the final Broulee Women got off to bad start with Taylah getting her oar caught, his compounded when a 8ft wave set approached and took three crews out including Broulee. Taylah swallowed allot of water and was in the First aid room for some time after but recovered well in time. Broulee broke a sweep oar and damaged the 3 seats rowlock housing, boat back shoot was also ripped out. Repairs are under way for this weekend's South Coast series round at Corrimal in which Broulee leads the club championship.