

Warriewood Carnival

For the first time in 27 years, the boats returned to Warriewood beach for Round 3 of the SNB boat series. With a stiff nor'easter blowing and some tricky conditions, the carnival came alight with one of the more spectacular moments of the season so far.

As Kingy pointed out, the last time he rowed at Warriewood, Phantom was a troublesome young junior rower. Saturday saw Phantom's son Connor hit the water with the newly formed jollytails. As this was the boy's first carnival together, a nice smooth hit out was just what the boys needed, unfortunately this happened:



Welcome to the big leagues boys!!!

Just to ensure the Michael King got a thorough work out on Saturday, Rob Emerson tested the aquatic skills of the mighty Coi, resulting in this:



A steep take off made for a hasty roll in the choppy swell, however this has not been known to dampen the spirit of the Coi, as they showed in the other races.

Juniors:

The juniors made their mark on this carnival in more ways than one. While the Jollytails attempted to take out Gold in the gymnastics, the narwhal capped off a stellar carnival with three dominant

displays to claim a well deserved win to take a clear lead in the SNB points score. After suffering at the ends of their nemesis Sth Curly last week, the boys rallied to beat the Curly boys and stamp their authority on the race and on the series and sound out a warning to other junior crews that the magical horned whales are here for the long haul.

Despite some spectacular aerial displays, the jollytails continued to row and in the first carnival ever for young boys Pair Jake and Tom, this promises to be locked away in the memory bank as a cracking introduction to racing. Well done guys and keep it up, it only gets better from here!!

U23 Women:

The damsels again showed they are out to make a mark this season with their third points placing in as many carnivals. A 5th place finished has them well placed in the points standings and in a great position for the upcoming Mollymook carnival. Well done again girls.

U23 Men:

With the mako off pretending to do university exams, the Flying Fish and the Sardines stepped up to continue to impress upon everyone the force that Newport has become in this division. With the sardines continuing to get faster, it will not be long before these boys start making finals and having their name thrown around as future contenders. The Flying Fish returned after a finals berth last week to finish a dominant second. After leading for the majority of the final, the boys were unlucky to be piped on the line by a fast finishing Bilgola crew. Well done boys a brilliant result.

Reserves:

The Coi continued their growth and racing prowess with a number of strong displays and one spectacular roll that unfortunately put an end to their finals hopes. Keep working boys and keep the boat upright and we can expect plenty of great results from you boys in the near future.

Upcoming Events:

Mollymook is this coming Saturday. Consult your sweeps for further information on accommodation and times to be down there. The golf club will be hosting the presentations so gear up for a great night at one of the best carnivals of the year!!

Rowers Levy:

This is the final week to pay the rowers levy. I will take cash payments from anyone who does not have a credit card available. I will be in contact with you this week if you have not paid, so please get this done as quickly as possible.

Year 12:

Well done to our group of year 12 students who have recently finished exams and moved on from high school to the big wide world. Congratulations on a great year and you no longer can use exams as an excuse to get out of training!! Well done guys and best of luck with your various admissions to uni and such that are coming soon.

Gym Use:

Gym equipment must remain inside the gym. The Erg cannot be taken outside to be used as the club gets angry with me for it! Please use the equipment inside. If it is hot then turn the fans on or do your ergs at night. Having the equipment outside exposes it to excess salt and sand and will ruin the fan. Please leave all equipment inside the gym.

Photo Exhibition:

A huge thank you to Michael King, Liz King and Bev Barnes for all of your work with the recent photo exhibition at the club. It was a major success and show cased the world of Newport when cows still graced the slopes of Bungan hill. A brilliant night and a great chance for many rowers and club members to come together and enjoy the past and celebrate the club and its achievements, as well as plan the next stage of developments to the club. Well done guys and thank you for all of your work.

Everyone have a lovely week and see you down at Mollymook.

Take care

Tom