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FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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2014 Aon Maadi Cup – Largest Ever

The Aon Maadi Cup is the pinnacle of the school rowing season and this year there was considerable growth with 125 schools attending the regatta and 155 schools registered members of NZSSRA. This growth in membership is another indicator of the continued strength and depth of this major sporting event.

There were 2108 pupils competing in 1641 crews at Lake Ruataniwha. This was the largest Maadi Cup ever held. Consequently, this led to an extremely busy schedule with racing taking place from 8am-5pm over the six days (and in some cases until 6:30pm).

Early in the week four hours was lost due to extremely high winds consequently, the race committee made the tough decision to revert to time trials for the repechages only in order to make up time. This is a new way of completing races and although many found this controversial about the same number of schools were happy with this decision. After completing the repechages the regatta was back on track and felt no further delays.

The racing of finals was very exciting, especially when it came time for the boys U18 eight, the crews competing for the Maadi Cup. **Hamilton Boy's High School (5:55.84)** took the honours again this year beating St Bede's College by 2.15 seconds, and Napier Boy's High School taking third. The girl's U18 eight saw **Waikato Diocesan School (6:51.43)** win the Levin 75th Jubilee Cup after a dominant performance. Westlake Girl's High School and St Margaret's College were placed second and third.

Hamilton Boys High School also retained the Star Trophy (*Overall Champion School*) with a narrow win from St Margaret's College and also took away the Executive Trophy (*Best Sweep Oar School*). This year **St Peter's School** won the President's Scull (*Best Sculling School*). Coxswain of the regatta went to **Natalie Bocock** from **St Margaret's College** and the Coach of the Year to **Dan Kelly** from **Roncalli College and Timaru Girl's High School**.

It is wonderful that the sport of rowing continues to grow within New Zealand Schools and we extend a big thank you to all the competitors for their dedication and sportsmanship at the event. We also thank the many dozens of volunteers who gave a week or more of their time to run such a wonderful event.

Now we look forward to seeing you next year at Lake Karapiro!

You can find full results here <http://www.rowit.co.nz/results/mads2014> or check out the article in the upcoming Oarsport Magazine which will be in mailboxes soon!



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2015 Championship

Programme

8:30am	1	B U17 1X
8:50am	2	G U17 4+
9:10am	3	B U15 2X
9:30am	4	G U15 4X+
9:50am	5	B U18 2-
10:10am	6	G U18 2X
10:30am	7	B U16 4X+
10:50am	8	G U16 1X
11:10am	9	B U18Nov 2X
11:30am	10	G U18 Nov 8+
11:50am	11	B U17 8+
12:10pm	12	G U17 4X+
12:30pm	13	B U18 Lwt 4+
12:50pm	14	G U15 4+
1:10pm	15	B U18 4X+
1:30pm	16	G U18 2-
1:50pm	17	B U16 4+
2:10pm	18	G U16 8+
2:30pm	19	B U18 Nov 8+
2:50pm	20	G U18 Lwt 4+
3:10pm	21	B U17 2X
3:30pm	22	G U17 1X
3:50pm	23	B U15 8+
4:10pm	24	G U18 Nov 2X
4:30pm	25	B U18 4+
4:50pm	26	G U18 4+
		DAY 2
8:30am	27	G U16 4X+
8:50am	28	B U16 2X
9:10am	29	G U18 1X
9:30am	30	B U18 1X
9:50am	31	G U15 2X
10:10am	32	B U15 4X+
10:30am	33	G U17 8+
10:50am	34	B U17 4+
11:10am	35	G U18 Lwt 2X
11:30am	36	B U18 Lwt 2X
11:50am	37	G U16 4+
12:10pm	38	B U16 8+
12:30pm	39	G U18 4X+
12:50pm	40	B U18 2X
1:10pm	41	G U15 8+
1:30pm	42	B U15 4+
1:50pm	43	G U17 2X
2:10pm	44	B U17 4X+
2:30pm	45	G U18 Nov 4+
2:50pm	46	B U18 Nov 4+
3:10pm	47	G U15 8X+
3:30pm	48	G U16 2X
3:50pm	49	B U16 1X
4:10pm	50	B U15 8X+
4:30pm	51	G U18 8+
4:50pm	52	B U18 8+

2014 Aon Maadi Cup Footage

Videos for the 2014 Aon Maadi Cup have been uploaded to the [RowingNZ YouTube channel](#). For more information on the DVD and downloadable video files you can go to whitetable.co.nz/maadi. There you can add yourself to a mailing list or you can contact Adam Dransfield directly: Splashaudio, Wellington, Ph +64 4 974 4024, Cell +64 21 455997 www.splashaudio.co.nz www.facebook.com/Splashaudio

NZSSSRA AGM Outcomes

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Rowing Association was held in Twizel on Sunday 23 March 2014. The [DRAFT Minutes for the 2014 AGM](#) are now available online.

Some items of note arising from the AGM include:

- **John O'Connor** admitted as a Life Member of NZSSRA.
- New members for the [Schools Committee](#). Leith Menzies retired by rotation and was replaced by **Scott Wilson**. Members ratified the Board's reappointment of Janey Wackrow for a second term.
- 2015 [Championships fees](#) are now set. NISSC and SISSC fees have been kept unchanged. There is a small increase in Maadi entry fees but the Maadi non-progression penalty has been raised to \$100 (from \$40). The penalty rise is part of an effort to try and curb the practice of entering pupils in more events than they can complete.
- 2016 Championships hosts have been appointed but the dates for SISSC and Maadi are subject to confirmation. SISSC because there were concerns that regatta duration needs expanding to avoid starting finals on the Saturday afternoon. Maadi because it is so late in the year beginning on April 4th.
- Financial provisions of the Constitution were updated (Articles [9](#) and [15](#))
- [Rule 4.4](#) was changed to allow the use of shoes and stretchers with quick-release systems.
- 'Nike tick' draws have been ruled out for future Maadi regattas

The [Constitution](#) and [Rules](#) have now all been updated online.

Octuples and Novice Eights in 2015

Next season will see the addition of the U15 Octuples and the U18 Novice eights become a permanent fixture on the Championship Programme. Check out the full programme list in the side panel. We look forward to seeing your entries in both of these events at the 2015 North and South Island Secondary School Champs and the Aon Maadi Cup.

Survey of Coaches about Maadi

The Schools Committee has been busy assessing the state of school rowing in NZ and it is clear with the enormous growth being experienced that our regattas will need to face some changes going forward. So the Schools Committee will be sending around a survey to get your opinion on Maadi and all that entails, so coaches look out for that hitting your emails shortly, we really value your feedback and want to hear your views on our sport.

Aon Maadi Cup Competition Winners

Team Banner

Villa Maria College had the best banner displayed during the Aon Maadi Cup parade.



Team T-Shirt

The school with the best team t-shirt was Waitaki Boys High School.



School Mascot

For the school with the best banner mascot supporting their school at the lake. The winners were Craighead Diocesan School, 2nd St Thomas of Canterbury, 3rd Queens High School.



Thanks to Aon who donated the prizes for these competitions

Coaches Conference

Around 140 coaches from across the country converged on Lake Karapiro for the Rowing NZ Coaches Conference to “share our knowledge”. Coaches listened to a wide range of presenters from the Elite Coaches and HPSNZ Support Staff to sleep experts and masters research students. Topics such as training programmes, nutrition, minimising risk of injury, rigging, strength and conditioning, coaching males vs females, team building and sweep/sculling technique were all covered and coaches even heard from some elite athlete discussion panels. Feedback from the weekend was overwhelmingly positive and Rowing NZ was pleased to provide this coaching education opportunity.



Rowing NZ announces Coach Scholarships

At the recent Rowing NZ AGM Simon Peterson was pleased to announce that Rowing NZ will be providing 40 scholarships worth \$1000 to coaches from around the country in order for them to travel to Lake Karapiro and spend time with Elite Coaches and valuable experiences with some of the best. Each Regional Association will be allocated 4 scholarships and as part of the dedicated support to school rowing at least one of these scholarships must go to a coach who is involved with a school programme. Rowing NZ looks forward to hosting these coaches at the High Performance Centre. For more information about the scholarship positions get in touch with your local associations.

If you know of anyone who would like to be on the mailing list for this newsletter (Coaches, Managers, Rowing Parents) please email sonya@rowingnz.kiwi to be added to the list!

