

J. B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series Report 2014

The 2014 winter series of 5 regattas was once again sponsored by BMG Aviation, Specialist Aviation Insurance Brokers.

BMG's ongoing commitment to the success for the series is most appreciated by the competing clubs; their athletes; the boat race officials and supporters.

Glebe R.C. hosted the first regatta held on Blackwattle Bay Glebe for the first time many years on 15th June. Glebe's is clearly an energetic club and their members worked hard to ensure that the regatta was an outstanding success. An Old Boys function followed the regatta and all present were elated by the return of regattas to the Glebe club. Congratulations!

UTS Haberfield R.C. were scheduled to host their regatta at their new club house on the 29th June however very windy weather lead to the regatta being cancelled which was a great disappointment since the new facility at UTS Haberfield is first class.

Drummoyne R.C. followed on 13th July and again the high level of entries was apparent from the first race.

Balmain R.C. regatta was conducted on the 27th July and was well supported with races keenly contested. Unfortunately some of the coxing was very substandard.

Leichhardt R.C. hosted the finale to the series with fine weather and strongly contested events being the highlight of the morning.

John Sharp was represented by son Alexander at the presentation ceremony whilst Blake Hanna represented BMG Aviation.

The **J.B Sharp Memorial Cup** - overall point score – Leichhardt 228; Glebe 177; Sydney 148.



Alexander Sharp presents the Memorial Cup to Leichhardt Captain Steve Duff

The **Walker & Hall Chalice** - Handicap Scull point score – Hugh McLeod (Sydney) 19; Henry Robinson (Nepean 17); Isabella Andrews (Drummoyne) 16. Hugh won the point score after a row off with Isabella.

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The **Sid Sharp Silver Tray** - men's Novice & U16 point score – Sydney 44, Glebe & Nepean 34.



Young Sydney R.C. competitors receive the Sid Sharp Tray.

The **Kayser Shield** - Women's Open & Intermediate point score – Leichhardt 62, Glebe 25, SUBC 10.

Glebe Centenary Shield - men's Open & Intermediate point score – Leichhardt 58, Sydney 48, Glebe 41.



Matt & Blake present the Glebe Centenary Shield to Steve Duff

The **Kevyn Webb OAM Cup** - men's Novice Scull point score – Glebe 40, Balmain 22, Sydney 20.



Matt Bourke & Blake Hanna present the Webb Cup

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The **John Sharp Vase** – women’s Novice and U16 point score – Balmain 68, Leichhardt 67, Sydney 20.



Alexander Sharp with Balmain Captain Renate and young rowers.

Lea Insurance Brokers Trophy – women’s Novice Scull point score –Glebe 19, Balmain 15 & Penrith 14.



The “**Trainee Boat Race Official of the Series Medallion**” was awarded Krystin Munro of Sydney R.C.
CONGRATULATIONS!



Alexander with an enthusiastic Krystin and Matt.

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The **Combined Men's & Women's Under 16 Scull** \$ 500 prize was also awarded to Leichhardt R.C.
CONGRATULATIONS! **Point Score** The result was Leichhardt 73, Sydney 69, Balmain 45.

BMG AVIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Two BMG AVIATION scholarships of \$ 1,000 each were awarded to 2 young aspiring champions.
The BMG AVIATION Scholarship recipients for 2014 are Rachel Balcomb (Leichhardt R.C.) and Lloyd Catano (Sydney R.C.). CONGRATULATIONS!



Rachel & Lloyd receive their scholarships from Blake Hanna.

On behalf of the Sharp family and the Committee I would like to thank the many competitors; the Boat Race Officials; Rowing NSW and BMG Aviation for their support and contribution to another successful series.

Terry Maher
Chairman
2014 90th J.B. Sharp Memorial Regatta Series.