World Champions and Olympians battle it out for prizemoney at local Canberra regatta

Black Mountain Rowing Club is holding the second annual **"Black Mountain Rowing Club Sculls Challenge"** at its annual regatta to be held this Saturday the 1st December at Yarramundi Reach, Lake Burley Griffin. Canberra

The Sculls Challenge will be raced over 1800m and this year is open to both men and women. The races will be a **Mens Single Scull** and a **Womens Coxless Pair**

14 mens scullers and 9 women pairs have entered and will be competing for over \$7,000 in prize money with first place winning \$1,000 each and all other finalists sharing in the remaining prize money.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see up close Australia's best rowers as they compete for selection in the Australian Olympic Rowing Team bound for the Bieijing Olympics.

Entrants for the womens pair include 2005, 06 and 07 World Championship medallists, 2004 Olympic medallists and AIS Scholarship holders Sally Kehoe, Sonia Mills, Sarah Cook, Robyn Selby-Smith Amber Bradley, Victoria Roberts, Elizabeth Kell, Kim Crowe, Sarah Heard, Natalie Bale, Saraj Outhwaite, along with locals Christabelle Northam and Veronica Tamsitt who represented Australia at the World Youth Rowing Championships in Beijing earlier this year.

The men's single scull will have recent Australian team members Tom Laurich, Karsten Fosterling, Jeremy Stephenson and Dan Noonan along with locals Craig Jones an Athens Olympian and Nicholas Barnier an Australian junior representative in 2007.

Heats for the men will be held at 7:30am and the heats for women at 9.45am with the finals expected to start around 11:30am.

Black Mountain Rowing Club and the event sponsor *Construction Control* are delighted to be able to support these dedicated athletes in their preparations for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games

The final of the "**BMRC Sculls Challenge**" will be rowed between 11.30am and 12.00 am at Yarramundi Reach at the base of Black Mountain on Lady Denman Drive.

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