

Broulee Open Men Surfboat Perform well in opening round of Ocean Thunder

## Broulee Open Men's Surfboat Crew has started the Ocean Thunder series well.

Broulee's Boat "Jack **Links Beef Jerky**" as a sponsor. Started their campaign with a second place from a huge sprint up the beach by debutant Haydan Connor to just edge out rival Sydney crew South Curl Curl.

There were 24 crews drafted across Australia

The crew did extremely well over the six rounds which resulted in 1 x win, 4 x seconds and 1 x 3<sup>rd</sup> place. They sat in 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 24.

This gave them a good lane in the quarter final alley 4.

Crews were seeded, top 4 in alley 3, crews 4-8, alley 4, crews 9-12, Alley 2, crews 13-16 in Alley 1.

Broulee started the quarter final well and were headed by eventual winners Bulli, Broulee were a length behind Bulli coming into the break. Bulli caught a wave to be ahead and Broulee just slipped off and then were caught in NO Man's land and a large wave loomed, It was a late take off and the crew trailed but were speared into the sand bank and driven slide ways allowing South Curl Curl and Batemans Bay to come through and qualify for the 1<sup>st</sup> semi.

Sweep Jack Paterson who filled in for regular sweep Rob Pollock was full of praise for the crew and was impressed with their boat speed." Unfortunately we were caught in a bad position after rowing well during the race, that's surfboat racing and we will take it on the chin "

It was great to get debutants Haydan Connor and Craig Shephard experience and will get better from here.

Next round is on December 9<sup>th</sup>

There are 4 rounds which will be televised on Fox Sports and replayed numerous times during summer in Pub/Clubs/homes both in Australia and overseas .

The crew is Steve Kenna, Brendan Ellis, Hayden Connor, Craig Shepard and Rob Pollock and Jack Paterson as sweeps.

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