

Orewa Clubbies to the fore at Australian National Championships

Hot on the heels of a successful New Zealand National Champs, Orewa's Teneale Hatton and Rachel Clarke have turned in some exceptional performances competing for Kurrawa SLSC in the Australian Champs held at Perth on 19th-22nd March.

In an unbelievable result, Teneale and Rachel won Gold and Silver respectively in the Under 19 Ski Race on the Saturday. This is the second consecutive year Teneale has won this event and it is a rarity for one club to claim first and second in an event – and made all the rarer by it being 2 Kiwis!!

Teneale had already won Gold in the Open Ski Relay and Under 19 Taplin Relay and then went on on Sunday to take the Bronze Medal in the Open Ski Race. This was after she had led the race all the way but was caught from behind by 2 paddlers who managed to pick up a set wave before Teneale and pip her on the line.

Rachel also took a Bronze Medal in the Under 19 Taplin Relay. After her stunning Ironwoman performances in Gisborne it was a disappointment that she was taken out by another competitor in her Heat and did not qualify for the final. While she did not medal in other events, Rachel made 6 other finals to round out a great all round performance over the weekend.

Congratulations to Teneale and Rachel from all of us.