

Race 1
Winning Time 1:23
Environment Waikato
Busting With Life
Mainfreight

Race 2
Winning Time 1:21
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Auckland Regional Council

Race 3
Winning Time 1:23
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Lion Nathan
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Auckland Viaduct sprints: Sunday 26 February 2006

With much anticipation, a very excited and inexperienced Environment Waikato Dragon Boat team gathered at the Viaduct basin in Auckland for what was to turn out to be a great opening to the 2005/06 season. In total five teams were on hand to compete and measure our wares against. On completion of three mighty races it was apparent that our hard work and killer trainings had paid off, with the result 1st place in each of our three races.

The Viaduct Sprints doubled as heats for the "Dash for Cash" money race to be held during the Auckland Regatta a few weeks later. As a result of our blistering form we managed to qualify with the fastest time of the day at One minute 21 seconds.

This event provided a super start to the season proper, with a relaxed atmosphere for both the novice paddlers and for those a tad more experienced. A special mention must be made for Rosalind and her one and only superstar appearance. The sprints provided an opportunity to get used to the competition starts and racing in general and was a good reminder of how great the buoyancy of sea water can feel!

All in all a good day was had by all. Rumour is the trip home was pretty good for some as well...

~ Brenda, Tane & Kelly

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