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WELCOME

Rowing WA would like to extend a warm invitation to all Masters rowers across Australia to take part in this the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships (AMRC) being hosted at Champion Lakes, Perth from 22-25 May 2019.

Since this event was last held at Champion Lakes in 2010 (soon after the facility had been built) there has been extensive development at the venue and it is now only one of two internationally recognised facilities in Australia by FISA. The other being Penrith, Sydney.

Rowing WA has been working hard over the past 6 months to prepare an amazing experience for all those that choose to come to Western Australia in May. Rowing WA has developed a range of unique experiences before, during and after the AMRC.

This commences with an opportunity to row on one of WA's beautiful regional waterways the weekend prior to the AMRC. Clubs in Albany, Margaret River and Bunbury will open their doors on 18-19 May to allow visiting rowers to experience these beautiful waterways.

During the AMRC, Rowing WA will provide a participant and spectator experience second to none, starting with live streaming of the entire four days of competition. Those at the venue will also experience a unique 'marketplace' atmosphere showcasing a range of rowing and local suppliers when they are not on the water. Two dedicated athlete and spectator lounges will also ensure a great place for people to relax in between their events. Other unique experiences will be promoted as the event nears.

And following the conclusion of the AMRC on Saturday 25 May, interstate and international rowers will be able to take part in one of Australia's longest head races on the morning of Sunday 26 May, the Perth to Fremantle. This 17km event will commence from the steps of the CBD and finish at Fremantle Rowing Club near the river mouth of the Swan River. This event will be over by 11am, providing plenty of time for visitors to make flights home that afternoon.

This is the first of several bulletins that will highlight key information related to the 2019 AMRC. We look forward to seeing many of you in WA in May to enjoy the amazing line up of activities that we have organised and the high quality participant experience that we know you will all have.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D. Tackenberg".

Daniel Tackenberg
CEO
Rowing WA

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VENUE

Champion Lakes Regatta Centre is located at the foot of the picturesque Perth Hills, an easy 35-minute drive south-east from the Perth CBD.

The Regatta Course is an international standard fully buoyed eight-lane course, featuring a fully separate off-course channel to the start line.

There are some great shots of this fantastic venue in the promo video available [HERE](#).



EVENTS OFFERED

The Indicative Race Schedule has now been finalised and is available [HERE](#).

This schedule is very similar to that used at the 2018 Australian Masters Rowing Championships held at Lake Barrington, Tasmania.

PROMO VIDEO

Rowing WA has produced a promotional video to showcase what participants can experience when they visit WA and the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre.

[CHECK IT OUT HERE](#)

Please circulate the link to all your masters rowing colleagues both domestic and abroad.

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FLIGHTS AND ON-GROUND TRANSPORT

FLIGHTS

The Perth International Airport is located 10km (approx. 20 minutes drive) due east of the Perth CBD and 18km (22 minutes drive) due north of the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre

For domestic travellers, depending on which airline you fly you may arrive in different terminals at Perth Airport (on opposite sides of the runway). Just pay attention when booking hire vehicles or connecting transport upon arrival and departure.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The closest train station to Champion Lakes Regatta Centre is Kelmscott Train Station, which is located 3km from the regatta course. There is no bus that connects Kelmscott train station directly to the regatta course. The closest bus route would require you to walk the last 1km.

VEHICLE HIRE

With limited public transport options, it is recommended that participants hire vehicles upon arrival at Perth airport for ease of transport to and from the course. Rowing WA is working to secure discounted rates for vehicle hire. More information will be posted to the event website as soon as available and outlined in Circular 2.

ACCOMMODATION

There is limited accommodation close to the regatta centre. Rowing WA is currently working to secure discounted accommodation rates in hotels located within or close to the Perth CBD.

More information will be posted to the event website as soon as available and outlined in Circular 2.

ENTRY FEE

The cost to enter the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships is **\$45.00 (incl. GST)** per seat (including coxswains).

RULES OF RACING

The 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will operate under the Rowing Australia Rules of Racing which are available [HERE](#).

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ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which they attain the age of 27. The age of a Masters rower shall be that which they attain during the current calendar year.

Masters events shall be held in the following crew age categories:

- A Minimum age: 27 years
- B Average age: 36 years or more
- C Average age: 43 years or more
- D Average age: 50 years or more
- E Average age: 55 years or more
- F Average age: 60 years or more
- G Average age: 65 years or more
- H Average age: 70 years or more
- I Average age: 75 years or more
- J Average age: 80 years or more
- K Average age: 83 years or more.
- L Average age: 86 years or more
- M Average age: 89 years or more

The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew rounded down to the nearest whole number.

ENTRIES

Entries from Australian clubs will be taken via Rowing Manager. A link will be available on the [event website](#) in line with the Key Dates below.

International entries will be taken via a link available through the [event website](#) shortly.

BOAT TRANSPORT

Rowing WA encourages interstate clubs and crews to work together to ensure that any trailers travelling to the 2019 AMRC are well utilised. This also shares any travel-related costs. For example, when travelling to the Sydney International Rowing Regatta, WA clubs and schools share the three largest trailers in the state and work together to source towing vehicles, drivers and sharing costs.

Rowing WA will be developing a number of resources for our knowledge in towing boats across the country including budgets, route maps, places to stay/fuel up, etc. More information will be uploaded to the event website soon and be included in Bulletin 2.

As some WA rowers say “You aren’t a real Aussie until you’ve driven the Nullabor towing a boat trailer”

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BOAT HIRE

Rowing WA is in the process of securing a fleet of rowing boats for participants who are unable to bring their own equipment from interstate and overseas.

We encourage travelling crews to make contact with WA [clubs](#) and [schools](#) directly to discuss boat loaning/sharing/hiring. WA clubs and schools are keen to support our interstate and international visitors to have a great experience in WA.

Rowing WA will be providing a list of boats on the event website that local clubs and schools will be making available for hire once local clubs have worked out when they will require their own boats.

Rowing WA has set a minimum seat hire fee of \$20 per race (not event). Local clubs and schools will be able to set a higher seat hire fee based on the quality of the boat.

Rowing WA will be developing a standard boat hire agreement between boat owner and hirer to ensure both parties understand their responsibilities.

More details on the fleet of hireable boats will be available shortly on the event website.

TEAM TENTS, TRAILERS AND BOAT STORAGE

TEAM TENTS AND SITES

A dedicated team tent area on the grassy banks of the competition lake will be made available for all participating clubs. Tents will also be available for hire for those that do not have the capacity to bring their own tent. Sites and tents of varying sizes will be made available for hire.

Further details will be available in Circular2 and via the [event website](#) soon.

BOAT TRAILERS

No boat trailers will be stored on Sports Island. A dedicated boat trailer parking area will be established at a location close to the regatta venue. This location will be patrolled by security personnel but clubs are encouraged not to leave any valuables in their trailers.

BOAT STORAGE

The Boat Park will be located on Sports Island and be large enough to accommodate all rowing craft. Allocated times for the drop-off and pick-up of boats from Sports Island in future circulars. Security will patrol the boat park overnight.

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TRAINING TIMES

The venue will be officially open to training from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday 21 May 2019. The course will be available again for training after the briefing until 5.00pm.

Training at other times is at the discretion of the Field of Play Manager and the RA Technical Delegate and will dependant on the availability of daylight. There will be no access to the lake outside of these official training times.

If training times can be extended prior to the commencement of the regatta these will be communicated through future Event Bulletins

On-water rescue and First Aid will be operational during all training times.

EXHIBITORS/TRADERS

Vendors will have an opportunity to be part of the unique Marketplace atmosphere being developed by Rowing WA. This area will include indoor and outdoor stallholder opportunities located directly underneath the Athlete Lounge. This off-water social area will be a hub for all athletes and spectators alike.

Sites available and the cost for the four days of the regatta include:

❖ 3m x 3m internal site	\$400
❖ 3m x 3m external site	\$400
❖ 3m x 6m internal site	\$600
❖ 3m x 6m external site	\$600
❖ 3m x 9m internal site	\$750
❖ 3m x 9m external site	\$750
❖ 6m x 6m external site	\$750
❖ Other Options available Upon request	TBD

Each vendor will receive:

- 1 x announcement per day by course announcers
- Include ½ page colour advertising in the souvenir program (artwork supplied by vendor)
- Logo listed in the souvenir program and on event website (supplied by vendor)
- 1x 6ft Trestle Table and 2x plastic chairs

For further enquiries please contact the Rowing WA CEO, Daniel Tackenberg on 08 9364 3905 or email ceo@orwingwa.asn.au

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VOLUNTEERS

A team of dedicated volunteers will be required to ensure a successful event. Rowing WA is working with a number of local volunteer groups and TAFE colleges to achieve the volunteer requirements. However, we would love to offer this opportunity to those from within the rowing fraternity first, due to your knowledge and experience in the sport.

Aspects of the regatta that we require volunteer assistance with include:

- Umpire, Marshal and Rescue Boat Drivers
- Finish Bridge Marshal
- Pontoon Marshals
- Boat Park Coordinator
- Start Area Coordinator
- Boat Holders and Boat Holder Coordinator
- Event Medical Coordinator
- Event Doctor
- Time Keepers
- Regatta Administration Assistants
- Results Runners
- Bow Number Coordinators
- Commentators
- Medal Presentation Coordinator and Assistants
- Operations Assistants
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Courtesy Bus Drivers

Within the next few weeks, detailed position descriptions of each role will be available [HERE](#).

If you are interested in volunteering for as little as a few hours in any of the above roles to assist deliver an amazing event experience to those participating then please get in contact with:

Vanessa Paun
development@rowingwa.asn.au
08 9364 3905 or 0401 463 064

MERCHANDISE

A range of Official 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships merchandise will be produced by:



The Regatta Shop will be located within the Marketplace for the duration of the regatta.

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SPONSORSHIP

There are still fantastic sponsorship opportunities available for companies to promote their products and services to a significant market linked with the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

With exposure to 45,000 masters rowers across Australia and a broader market more locally in Western Australia, Rowing is keen to speak with anyone interested in promoting their businesses through this major event.

For further enquiries please contact the Rowing WA CEO, Daniel Tackenberg on 0879364 3905 or email ceo@orwingwa.asn.au

PERTH TO FREMANTLE HEAD RACE

The iconic Perth to Fremantle Head Race will be held on the morning of Sunday 26 May 2019, the day after the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships concludes.

These regattas have been aligned to provide visiting crews an opportunity to row in WA's most prestigious head races. This 17km event will start under the backdrop of the Perth city skyline and finish at Fremantle Rowing Club. This event is contested in singles and eights only and winds through the picturesque Swan River.

When making your travel bookings, transport arrangements or speaking with local clubs and schools about Boat Hire don't forget to take this opportunity into consideration!!

Registrations will be via [Rowing Manager](#) and promoted updates made on this [event](#) page



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TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

Welcome to Western Australia!!

Outside of the rowing-based opportunities before and after the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships, Western Australia has a myriad of activities and amazing destinations to visit. Let's face it, if you are visit WA for the 2019 AMRC, you might as well as stay a bit longer and enjoy some of what WA has to offer.

To start planning your extended trip make sure you check out the [Tourism WA website](#) and the links we have provided to a range of tourist destinations and activities on the [event website](#).

KEY DATES

Entries Open	Monday 4 March 2019
Entries Close	Sunday 12 May 2019
Withdrawal without Penalty Period Ends	Tuesday 14 May 2019
Due date for entry fees	Friday 17 May 2019

ENQUIRIES

For any further enquiries about any aspect of the 2019 Australian Masters Rowing Championships:

The primary contact is:

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Rowing WA
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Queries specific to the Indicative Race Schedule please contact:

Alice Evans
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FUTURE BULLETINS

Proposed dates for future Bulletins:

Bulletin 2: early April

Bulletin 3: after close of entries

NOTE: Additional Bulletins may be disseminated or publication dates may change if important information needs to be circulated prior to the above timeframes.

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