



BULLETIN 1 - DECEMBER 2012

Welcome

Rowing ACT is looking forward to extending a very warm welcome to the Masters rowing community at the 2013 Australian Masters Rowing Championships to be held in Canberra. We hope to welcome back those who have rowed in the championships before and those who may be entering for their first time.

Our Organising Committee are an enthusiastic group of volunteers who are committed to ensuring we provide a well run competition with a strong social and community atmosphere over four days of events commencing on Anzac Day 2013.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE (OC)

Ann Landrigan: Chair

David Bagnall: Rowing ACT President and representative

Geoff Brown: Director Finance & Governance

Leigh Gordon: Director Technology

James Hammond: Executive Officer Rowing ACT

Geoff Northam: Director Competition & Venue Operations

Deb Styman: Director Administration

Kath Wellman: Director ACT Government and NCA Liaison

Amal Davis: Rowing Australia representative

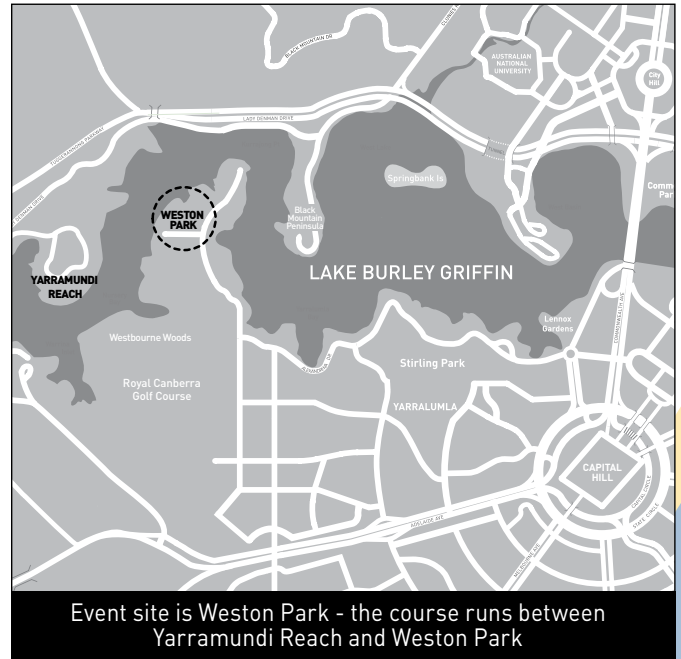
We will also be **Celebrating Canberra's Centenary** next year. 2013 marks 100 year's since the naming of Canberra, our national capital and home of the Australian story. The Centenary of Canberra offers an opportunity for Australians to revisit and re-imagine their national capital-the city that tells the story of our country's freedom of spirit, achievements and aspirations. Visit www.canberra100.com.au for the year-long program of celebrations.

So, please join us in Canberra in April 2013. We look forward to seeing you then and in the meantime watch out for information updates in subsequent Bulletins and News Flashes on both the Rowing Australia and ACT Rowing websites.

Ann Landrigan

Chair - Organising Committee

The Venue



Lake Burley Griffin is situated in the heart of Canberra. The Regatta will run from Weston Park, on the southern side of the lake, about 15 minutes by car from the CBD.

A Weston Park Regatta Site Plan will be provided in the next Bulletin.

The Course

Lake Burley Griffin is the premier rowing training venue in Australia. It is home of the joint venture, the National Rowing Centre of Excellence, a partnership between the AIS and Rowing Australia, that hosts many of Australia's best crews and coaches. Lake Burley Griffin benefits from the restrictions on access to the water from private vessels, and very limited commercial traffic, without being remote from accommodation and support services. The superiority of this training venue is evident to the all conquering UK Olympic team who will use it as their training base prior to the 2013 World Cup regatta at Penrith.

The Yarramundi Reach course should provide excellent racing in the most wind sheltered section of the lake. The venue on Weston Park is a natural viewing area adjacent to racing with participants close to both start and finish lines. The Organising Committee have already purchased appropriate boating pontoons from an American manufacturer to ensure that all crews and scullers will get to and from the course promptly and safely. The combination of a great venue in sheltered water in mild weather is likely to be a winning combination for all participants in this regatta.

Weather

We hope that the weather stays true to April's daily average of 20 degrees celsius! The regatta organisers deliberately opted to hold this regatta earlier in the year to provide the best conditions for racing.

However, competitors are advised to come prepared with adequate cold and wet weather clothing and recovery strategies. The Organising Committee will ensure there are adequate competitor amenities and covered areas to provide protection and warmth from any inclement weather.

Please note that daylight saving will end on the first Sunday in April 2013.

Who is Eligible to Enter

Masters rowers are those athletes who are 27 years and over (in 2013) and are included in the following 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**

The 2013 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will be conducted in accordance with Rowing Australia Rules of Racing which can be viewed at:

www.rowingaustralia.com.au/comp_rules.shtm

Entry Fees

The cost of entry for competitors will remain at \$45 per seat for rowers. Opening and closing dates for entries will be advised in the next Bulletin.

Preliminary Program of Events

Dependent upon participation levels, racing is expected to start on the afternoon of Thursday 25 April and conclude by mid afternoon on Sunday 28 April.

The 2013 preliminary program of events has not yet been finalised. We will provide this as a news flash on both the ACT Rowing and Rowing Australia websites as soon as it becomes available.

Getting There

Fly: Fly into Canberra International Airport with any of the major airlines. The city centre is a 10 minute drive from the airport by taxi, hire car or shuttle bus.

Drive: Driving to Canberra is easy with major highways linking Sydney and Melbourne to the capital.

Once in Canberra, Weston Park is easily reached by road via the National Route 23 over Commonwealth Bridge from the Canberra CBD. Stop at the Canberra and Region Visitors Centre at 330 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson for information.

For further information on transport options visit:
www.visitcanberra.com.au

Accommodation

Please book your accommodation early!

In our Centenary year, accommodation is expected to be highly sought after. The Organising Committee has already put out an early alert about accommodation which advises a number of preferred accommodation suppliers:

www.rowingaustralia.com.au/comp_natl_masters_2013.shtm

For more general information on accommodation options refer to the **Canberra Tourism website - www.visitcanberra.com.au**

Boat Hire

The ACT rowing community is a relatively small group, and therefore we are unfortunately unable to offer boat hire facilities. However, if your club is intending to bring boats that can be hired during the Regatta and you would like us to link you up with potential competitors wishing to hire then please contact

Deb Styman: gdth.styman@netspeed.com.au

Club Tents

There will be a limited number of premium tent sites available for hire from the Organising Committee. More details about cost and booking information will be available in Bulletin 2.

Trailer Parking and Boat Storage

Trailer parking and boat storage will both be located at the Regatta venue at Weston Park. More details about access times and specific locations will be provided in subsequent Bulletins.

Social Events

In choosing to start the Regatta on Anzac Day, our Organising Committee is very aware of the importance of this day for many Australians. We hope that many of you will take the opportunity to attend the annual dawn service at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) www.awm.gov.au and we intend to hold a small commemoration at the Regatta site prior to the commencement of the day's competition.

We are working with Rowing ACT and our local rowing clubs to present a program of activities over the regatta which we hope you will enjoy and support. More event details will be available in subsequent Bulletins.

Canberra Tourism also provides this brochure to help plan your trip around the Regatta.

www.visitcanberra.com.au/hp2012/index.html

Volunteer Opportunities

We would love to hear from anyone interested in volunteering for the event. We recognise that the success of the event will be highly dependent upon our volunteers and our ability to organise and support them. Volunteers will be fully briefed prior to the event and receive a special 2013 Volunteers Pack. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- **Coxswains**
- **Boatholders for race starts**
- **Boat race officials and assistants**
- **Catering and/or assisting with food service**
- **General administration during the event**
- **Car parking marshals**
- **Boat water entry/exit marshals at pontoons**
- **Medal presentations manager, presenters and medal carrier/s**
- **Runners for notice board postings**
- **Boat number distributors**
- **Commentators**

If you are interested, or have any queries then please contact:

Deb Styman: gdth.styman@netspeed.com.au

Official Clothing Merchandiser

The Regatta Shop has been awarded official clothing merchandiser for the event. Official 2013 Australian Masters branded clothing will be available on site during the event. **For further details see www.theregattashop.com.au**

Merchandisers

Applications for a merchandiser location at the 2013 Australian Masters Championships are invited from interested parties. Please register your interest with Ann Landrigan, OC Chair:

mailto: abc@netspeed.com.au

Partnerships and Sponsorship

The costs to hold this event are substantial, especially given the Regatta site will require most infrastructure and competitor facilities to be built just for the 4 day event.

We are keen to hear from any individuals or organisations who are in a position to provide cash or in-kind sponsorship and/ or partnerships for the event. Our costs cover such items as printing and marketing, scaffolding, demountables, tents and marquees, chairs/tables, communications equipment. We would be happy to discuss how we might show appreciation for such support in both the lead up to, during and after the event itself.

Please contact Ann Landrigan, OC Chair:

mailto: abc@netspeed.com.au

For More Information

www.rowingact.org.au

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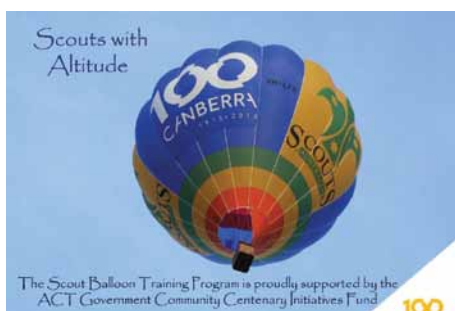
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