



2016 AUSTRALIAN
MASTERS
ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
LAKE KAWANA • SUNSHINE COAST

BULLETIN 2: MARCH 2016

IMPORTANT DATES

- **ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN!**
- Entries Close: 11:59pm AEST Tuesday 17th May 2016. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- Withdrawal without Penalty Period: up to 11:59pm AEST Friday 20th May 2016
- Final entry payments must be received by 11.59pm AEST Wednesday 25th May 2016. Any entry that has not been paid by this time will not be accepted.



ENTRIES

All entries into the Australian Master Rowing Championships are through www.regattacentral.com. The cost to enter is \$45 per seat (including GST). Credit card transaction fees may apply. There will be no charge for coxswains. If you have any specific questions regarding entries or Regatta Central please email AMRC.Entries@rowingaustralia.com.au.

For transparency to the masters rowing community Rowing Australia has prepared a document showing the cost drivers for the Australian Masters Rowing Championships which is available on the Rowing Australia website here: <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/AMRC-Seat-Fee-Cost-Drivers.pdf>

EVENTS:

The 2016 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will see the continuation of the “Champion Club Eight” event. Club medals will also be awarded to the fastest single-club crew in each final, again encouraging rowers to focus on club crews. A list of events to be offered can be found [here](#).

Not one but two social functions are currently being organised; details on these will follow in Bulletin 3 – these events are not to be missed!

ACCOMMODATION:

A large range of accommodation is available on the Sunshine Coast, from Noosa through to Caloundra, and inland to the hinterland areas of Maleny and Montville. Visit Sunshine Coast will happily provide further information <http://www.visitsunshinecoast.com.au/accommodation>. A range of accommodation deals are currently being negotiated, stay tuned for further details.



REGATTA RULES:

Racing will be conducted in accordance with the Rowing Australia Rules of Racing which can be found at: <http://www.rowingaustralia.com.au/ra-rules-of-racing-and-related-by-laws/>

The Rowing Australia Code of Conduct applies and is also available on the RA website.

ELIGIBILITY:

All rowers who are 27 years or older in 2016 are eligible to race in the Championships. Age is taken at 31 December 2016. The average age of a crew (excluding 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. The age categories are as follows:

- 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: 85 years or more
- Overseas crews are welcome to compete.



TEAM TENTS

Tent spaces will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis. Clubs wishing to erect a tent at the course will be required to complete an application form and spaces will be allocated. Please click [here](#) to apply for a tent space – maximum size 8m x 8m. **No tents will be permitted to be erected prior to 8:00am Wednesday 1st June.**

TRAILERS AND BOAT STORAGE

Clubs attending are asked to complete a form advising of their boat storage and trailer parking requirements. For trailer parking booking forms click [here](#). Dedicated off-site parking will be available for trailers. **Trailer parking and Boat storage will accessible from 1:00pm Tuesday 31st May 2016.**

TRAINING TIMES

The venue will be available for training on Wednesday 1st June. Details of permitted training times will be released in Bulletin 3.

EXHIBITORS

Information for potential exhibitors can be found [here](#). The Organising Committee is calling for 'Expressions of Interest' from those organisations interested in being involved. Please register your interest with Stephanie Krippner via stephaniek@rowingqld.asn.au or telephone (07) 3842 1200.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The 2016 Australian Masters Rowing Championships presents an exciting opportunity for sponsors and event partners to interact with the rowing community. For information please contact Peter Hicks via peterh@rowingqld.asn.au or telephone (07) 3842 1200.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an integral part of the smooth running of any large event and any time that can be spared to assist in the running of the 2016 Australian Masters Rowing regatta will be appreciated. To express your interest in volunteering for this event please fill out the form on the event website: <http://www.rowingqld.asn.au/#!/blank/cfki>. For further information on volunteering please contact the 2016 AMRC Volunteers Coordinator, Jan Harris via mobile 0409 515 642 or email AMRC16volunteers@rowingqld.asn.au.

BOAT HIRE AND ORPHANED ROWERS PAGE

A "Boat Hire" page has now been setup on the AMRC16 website <http://www.rowingqld.asn.au/#!/boat-hire/e6b4q>. This includes a list of clubs/school that will be willing to assist with boat hire. Boat hire can be arranged directly through the clubs, schools and boat manufacturers who have offered their boats for hire.

An "Orphaned Rowers Noticeboard" is also now available: <http://www.rowingqld.asn.au/#!/orphan-rowers-noticeboard/mka7i>. This noticeboard allows rowers who are looking for a crew to row with to upload their details so that crews looking for another rower may make contact with them directly.

Please check the AMRC16 website regularly as new posts are updated frequently.

ENQUIRIES

For the most up to date news and information about the 2016 Australian Masters Rowing Championship please visit the event website <http://www.rowingqld.asn.au/#!/amrc16/cdy8>. Alternatively contact Peter Hicks via peterh@rowingqld.asn.au or telephone (07) 3842 1200.

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