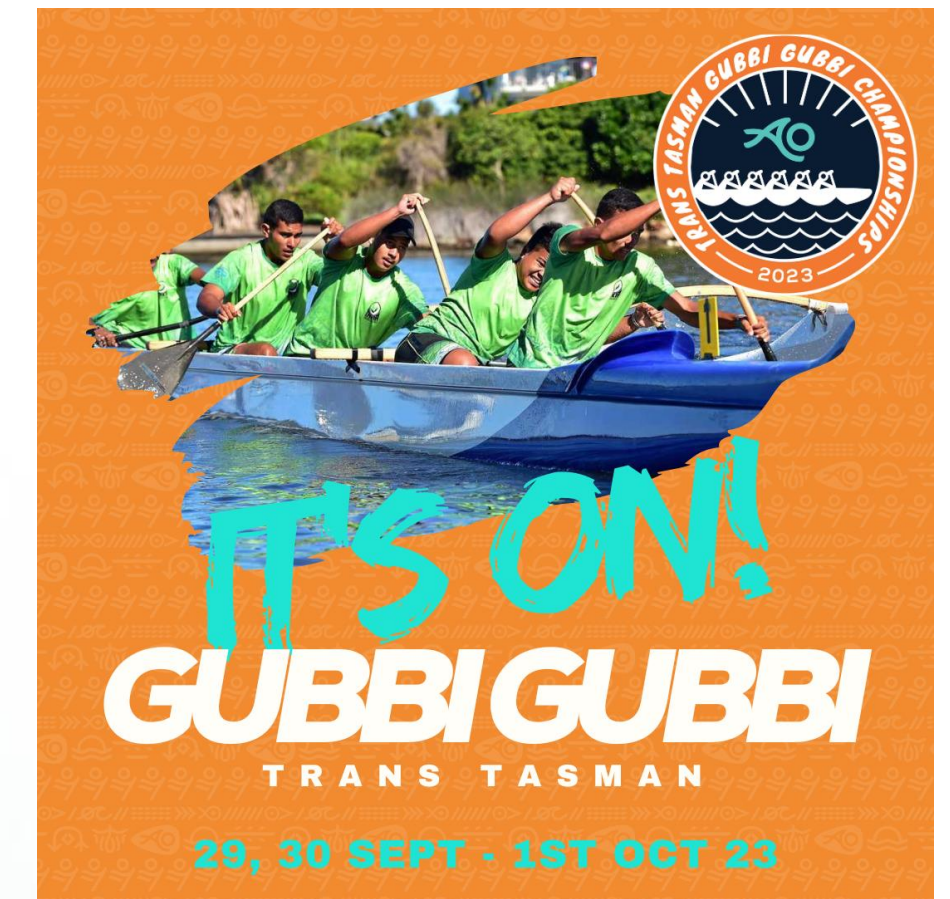




Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi 2023



Junior Challenge 2023 Marathon and Ocean Sprints



Mooloolaba Spit Park at Sunshine Coast, QLD

Dates: 29 September – 1 October 2023



Welcome Message AOCRA



On behalf of the Board of the Australian Outrigging Canoe Racing Association (AOCRA), it is with great pleasure that I welcome all junior athletes, coaches, sponsors, officials, guests and supporters to the 2023 Trans-Tasman Gubbi Gubbi event, hosted by AO National Events in conjunction with the National Junior Development Team. It is a great honour to once again host this traditional and exciting event; which is the pinnacle for our Juniors after three years of minimal national competition.

This three-day competition is a great celebration of our youth and upcoming paddlers in their paddling journey, offering participation opportunities, along with athletic excellence, teamwork, camaraderie and leadership. Comprising a full competition schedule, the regatta welcomes all Juniors. Seniors by invitation will have an opportunity to participate and be a part of the event and support Juniors transitioning to Opens.

In conjunction with our major sponsor Sunshine Coast Council, we welcome you to the very sunny Sunshine Coast as the most loved destination in Australia. The Sunshine Coast offers an array of attractions, tours and experiences, from wildlife encounters to getting lost in a hedge maze and embarking on a special tour. There are endless accommodation options available for all budgets. Go to visitsunshinecoast.com for more information. We invite you to race, play and stay.

I would also like to wish every participant the very best for their races and hope all spectators have a wonderful long weekend watching and participating in the competition. I look forward to witnessing some great racing and enjoying the forming of new friendships and catching up with interstate and international paddling friendships.

While you compete and have fun, we ask that you respect the same rules, share the ocean, the power and the spirit of outriggering with your fellow athletes.

Enjoy the experience everyone.

President AOCRA Ltd



Michael Seay
President AOCRA Ltd



Welcome message Junior Development Committee

Nagra! Nau Mai Haere Mai! Kia Orana! Welcome to Gubbi Gubbi Land



We would like to acknowledge the Sunshine coast country, home of the Gubbi Gubbi peoples the Traditional Custodians whose land and waters we will share during our 3-day Trans-Tasman Gubbi-Gubbi Junior Games.

We recognise that this place has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance. We pay respect to your unique values, ancient and enduring cultures that deepen and enrich our community.

It is with great pleasure to welcome all junior athletes, coaches, sponsors, officials, guests and supporters to the 2023 Trans-Tasman Gubbi-Gubbi event. Hosted by AO National Events and the AO National Junior Development Team. We are excited to be the host of this year's 2023 TTGG event.

To all paddlers, coaches, assistant coaches, teammates, supporters, families, friends and volunteers, you are all welcome to enjoy a wonderful weekend of padding, races both marathon and ocean sprints, land games, mentoring and sharing from some of our Australian World Distance Juniors (Samoa 2023), meeting and making new friends both near and far. We want to wish every participant all the best for your paddling weekend, for the spectators we hope you enjoy the weekend of seeing our juniors race and have fun in the event that is just for them. We look forward to witnessing some great racing, catching up with old friends and new friendships and catching up with interstate and international paddling friendships.

We look forward to see you all. National JDO (Rere), Zone JD teams and AO Events team.



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VP Junior
Development



Program Overview



The Trans-Tasman Gubbi-Gubbi Junior Challenge 2023 is 3 days of quality racing. A mixture of Land and Water competition, the opportunity to experience healthy and positive competition. We are looking forward to having fun together, supporting each other and helping each other to participate in all activities and races.

We are really excited to support and cheer on our youngest paddlers (8yrs) to our oldest juniors (19yrs) in 3 days of fun, excitement, curiosity, overcome any fears and support our juniors to be the best version of themselves as they paddle and represent their Clubs, their families, their whanau and country. There is time to make new friendships and catchup with our mates as we all come together for a cultural evening to share our background of who we are and why we love paddling.

Friday 29th September Day 1 of Racing at Mooloolaba spit beach

Saturday 30th September Day 2 of racing at Mooloolaba spit beach

**Saturday Evening – Cultural Social Night – Theme: Hawaiian Night ‘Aloha’*

Sunday 1st October – Day 3 / final day of racing at Mooloolaba spit beach

EVENTS:

- Ocean Sprints-in V1,OC1 and V12, ranging from 250m through to 2km
- Marathon events -in V1,OC1 and OCb ranging from 2km to 6km
- Beach relay-Vb comprising of 4 laps at 2km each lap
- Seniors invited to compete in Opens demonstration racing with Juniors
- Saturday night Cultural Evening - Hawaiian Theme
- HUB: Workshops and indigenous activity running
- HUB: On land activities such as : tug of war, giant Stack toss, Hoop Hustle and more



All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced, as per the [AOCRA Regatta Rules](#) available under the Administration tab on the AOCRA website.

Please note:

AGE GROUPS

- Minnows must turn 8 or 9 on or before 31st December 2023
- U12 must turn 10, 11, 12 on or before 31st December 2023
- U14 must turn 13, 14 on or before 31st December 2023
- U16 must turn 15, 16 on or before 31st December 2023
- U19 must turn 17, 18, 19 on or before 31st December 2023

MINNOWS:

- Cannot race up into other divisions
- Cannot participate in turns races
- Cannot steer themselves
- Steerer must be experienced and be 14 years and over, passive steering required
- Cannot nominate in V1



Nomination Information - Juniors In Australia



Local Nominations must be done by the club and will be on-line via the www.aocra.com.au site. It is not possible to register on the day. If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au International Nominations, please see the next page for instructions.

Event Fee including ALL Competition Land and Sprint Racing and Cultural Social

- Minnow : \$65 per paddler
- Junior: U12, U14, U16, U19 \$125 per paddler
- Families with 5 or more Juniors between 8 - 18 years of age living under the same household upon proof as siblings may apply for a special Event Fee capped at \$600.

Supporter Event Fee including all land activities and Cultural Social

- Junior and Senior: \$40 per person

Club Nominations due: Friday 8 September 2023 11:59pm (AEST) A late fee will apply thereafter and at the Race Directors discretion to accept late nominations.

There are plenty of SPOT Prizes on offer throughout the event for demonstration of leadership, teamwork, skill, best dressed and so much more....



Nomination Information - International Juniors



We invite all International teams to register through the AOCRA website as follows:

- Log on to www.aocra.com.au
- On left hand side of page click on “Race Registration”
- Select Event Trans Tasman 2023
- Select - I am not a member but want to nominate for an event
- Fill out club details, contact, address, phone number and email address Select - Submit
- Put the number of juniors in each age division.
- An event fee as per slide 12 will appear down the bottom. Select - Proceed
- The next page allows you to put in the names, gender and dates of birth of your juniors in the non AOCRA members area. Select - Proceed
- Click on the empty boxes to produce a tick next to each of your paddlers’ names.
- Select - Proceed to Payment
- Credit Card requirements will appear
- Fill out and click on Submit only once and wait for payment to process.
- You will receive an email confirmation of your payments within a few minutes.
- If you have any difficulty with this process, please contact aocra.events@aocra.com.au

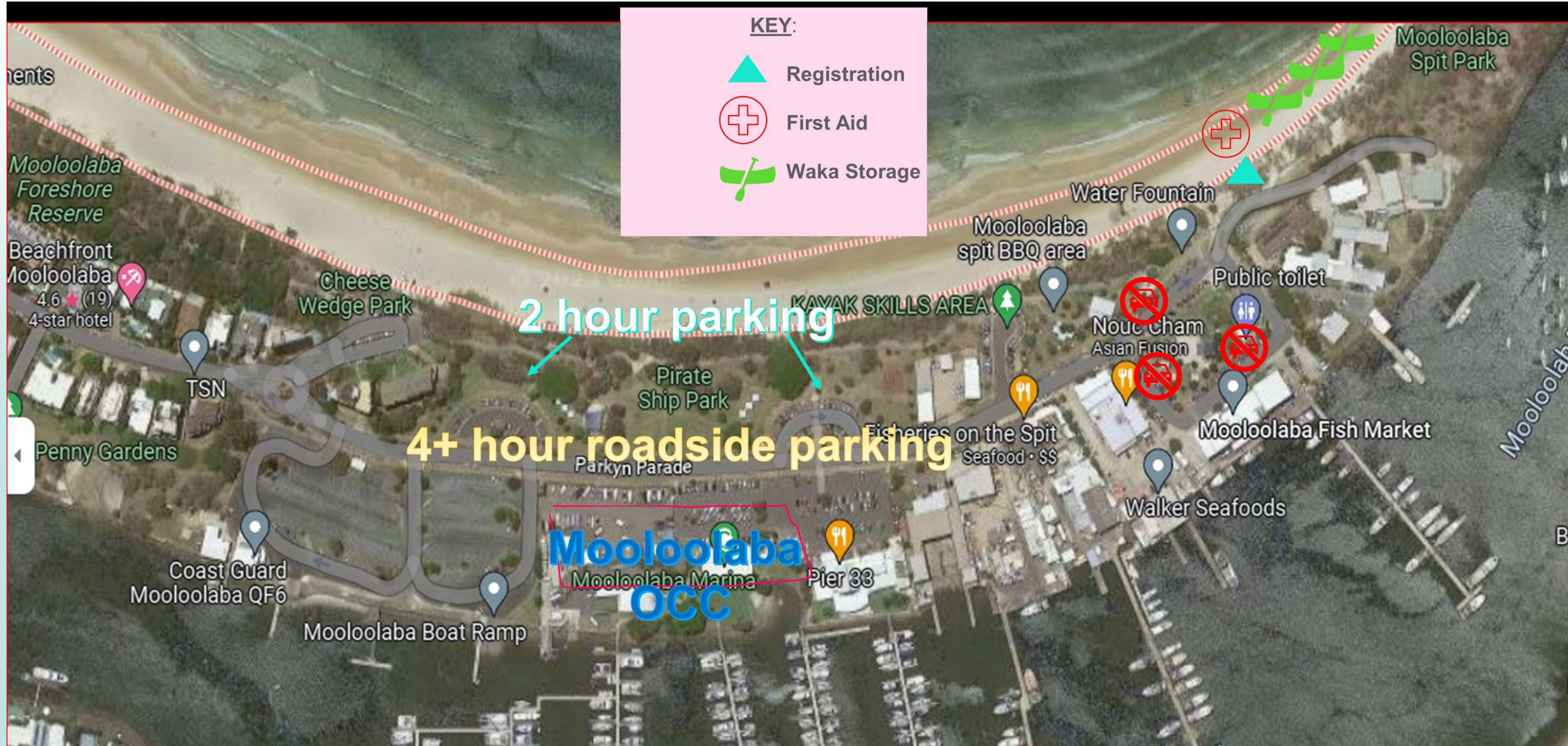
Note: Once nominations are paid, AO Events will email an Excel spreadsheet to complete and return email to aocra.events@aocra.com.au

International Paddlers must be a member of an IVF affiliated association or territory.

They must have their own travel insurance and sign an AOCRA International indemnity release form.



Mooloolaba Spit Park - Site Map and Location



Schedule of Events: Thursday 28 September 2023

SETUP and RIGGING

Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
9am	Bump in & Setup Begins	
2-4pm	Registration Open Mooloolaba Spit Park	Club Managers to collect arm bands to distribute to individual paddlers / teams.
1-4pm	Rigging of V12 & V1 and Boat Handling Setup <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V12s lashed • V1s lashed • OC1' s assembled • Marque and Vendor set up 	All volunteer assistance appreciated Mooloolaba OCC Compound Mooloolaba Marina 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba QLD 4557 Mooloolaba Spit Park



Schedule of Events: Friday 29 September 2023

SPRINTS

Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
6.30 AM	Registration Open Mooloolaba Spit Park	Club Manager to collect arm bands to distribute to individual paddlers / teams.
7.30 AM	Welcome/Blessing Ceremony	
8.00 AM	Ocean Sprints - V12 (Heats, Semi, Finals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minnows, U12, U14 U16, U19 On land activities 	Teams put together into age groups. Minnows, U12, U14 (250m) U16, U19 (500m) On land activities throughout the morning.
Program will flow on as each event finishes (will depend on entries)	12.30 Lunch Break	
	Sprint - OC1 (Heats, Semi, Finals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12U = 250m, 14/16/19U = 500m Sprint - V1 (Heats, Semi, Finals) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14/16/19U = 500m Minnows V12 250m (extra race) On land activities 	On land activities throughout the afternoon. All volunteer assistance appreciated
	Clinics will be held throughout the day	Details to follow.
	De-Rig V12's & convert to OCb	All volunteer assistance appreciated
	Medal Presentations	



Schedule of Events: Saturday 30 September 2023

MARATHON DAY



Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
7:00 AM	Registration Open Mooloolaba Spit Park	Club Manager to collect arm bands to distribute to individual paddlers / teams.
7.30 AM	Welcome to day 2	
Program will flow on as each event finishes (will depend on entries)	OCb	Minnows (1km) 12U (2km), 14U (4km) 16U/19U (6km) Teams put together into age groups.
	V1	12U (2km), 14U (4km) 16U/19U (6km) On land activities throughout the day.
	OC1	12U (2km), 14U (4km) 16U/19U (6km) On land activities throughout the day.
	Pack Down	All volunteer assistance appreciated Pack down Vb's that won't be needed
	Medal Presentations	
5.30 PM	Cultural Evening	Mooloolaba Club Compound



Schedule of Events: Sunday 1 October 2023

BEACH RELAY AND LAND ACTIVITIES



Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
8:00 AM	Semi Finals - On Land Activities	Mooloolaba Spit Park
	Vb racing/Relays - water & land)	Fun races Combined Vb Paddler from each division Minnow/U12/U14/U16/U19 Best fancy Dress
	Pack up Vbs	All volunteer's assistance appreciated
	Finals - On Land Activities	
	Finals - Activities	
1:30 PM	Presentations and farewell	Presentations for all fun events



Beach Relay Map



2km x 4 Laps for 12U, 14U, 16U & 19U

14/16/19U paddlers wishing to extend on their Change Clinic, can try their skill in the water

12U Beach changes only

Minnow participation in relay event will be determined after nominations close.

- Each team will partner with a team (draw following registration) of the same category where possible
- Where same category is not possible, a handicap time will be applied
- Each team on the land will undertake a land challenge whilst the partner team is completing their water lap



On Land Activities



Giant Connect 4



Giant Sack Toss

Hoop Hustle



Giant Jenga



**Castle
Creations**



Tug a War



Saturday Night Cultural Social: All Welcome



We invite all schools, clubs and teams to share their cultural heritage and background through: story telling, song, dance and play as we are proud to share who we are and what we love about outriggering.

Mooloolaba Outriggers welcome everyone to their compound for an evening of entertainment with a DJ and team performances while sharing a pizza and ice cream treats.

The Cultural exchange will follow medal presentation and food treats:

WHEN: 5:30 - 8:30 PM Saturday 30 September 2023

WHERE: Mooloolaba Outrigger Canoe Club on 33-45 Parkyn Parade, Mooloolaba QLD

THEME: Hawaiian Night

This is a fun Smoke free, Vape free and Alcohol-Free event.



Would you like to be an Event Volunteer



As we all know, events can only be run with the help of many hands, if you would like to volunteer during this event please email: aocra.events@aocra.com.au or vp.jd@aocra.com.au. We would like to know what days and times you are available and if you have any special skills.

We will be putting together a canoe handling roster for this event. This will be based on how many competitors your school, club has, for every 5 paddlers you will be asked to provide 1 volunteer per shift to assist in canoe handling we will of course take in to account those clubs who have volunteers assisting in all the other areas needed to run this event ie judging, timing, starting, marshalling etc

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



History of Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama



The Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama outriggering competition has come a long way from the early days when it was known as the Gubbi Gubbi east coast junior outriggering championships. The very first competition came about after coaches Allan Rasmussen, Fred Gapes and Warren Mc Neich formed a team made up of Mooloolaba and Panamuna club members and competed in the 2004 world sprints in Hawaii.

As these juniors had been winning everything in Australia high hopes were held for the world sprints but we soon learnt that winning in Australia meant very little on the world stage. We came home with only one individual medal. So, from that valuable lesson it was decided Australian kids needed more racing. The sunshine coast junior paddling development was formed and the decision was made to put on a one off national junior only regatta in 2005 to be held at Lake Kawana. Whilst we were overseas, we noted how other countries incorporated their culture into outriggering and thought how great for the kids to do the same in Australia. So we approached the local Gubbi Gubbi people to see if it was possible to incorporate their name and culture into the competition. They were happy for their name to be used and performed at our presentation. Our numbers in that first year were far beyond what we were expecting with around 70 kids coming along. For some of these paddlers it was their first race. Clubs were joined to make teams and friendships were formed.

It was so much fun that everyone started to talk about next year and so it kept growing. In 2006 we had a change of venue to double bay on Kawana Island but it was not received well by some of the locals so the following year it returned to the lake. In the beginning we offered both marathons and sprints over 2 days but as the numbers grew the event program had to be modified as time did not allow for the full range of events.

As the years went on and our juniors were taken to other countries, contacts were made, and we started hosting teams from New Zealand and Cook Islands. The word quickly spread and soon we were hosting a number of teams from New Zealand, so in 2011 the name was changed to Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama. At that stage it was still hosted by the Sunshine Coast Junior Paddling Development with the help of some parents and paddlers of local clubs. But with the numbers swelling towards 400 the decision was made to hand over the competition to AOCRA and AOCRA junior development committee to run and started recruiting helpers from all clubs that had juniors.

Today we offer a new range of events and have extended it out to 3 days to incorporate all the races.



Refund Policy

AOCRA Refund Policy effective 30 November 2021

Gubbi Gubbi Race Fee Total AOCRA	Minnow \$65 \$65	Juniors 12U – 19U \$125 \$125	Junior Senior Supporter \$40 \$40
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AOCRA Refund Policy in the event of Postponement and or Cancellation

Refund policy may vary depending on the type of event and the Host or Organiser. The Host of each event must include a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event Program outlining the terms for eligibility to request a refund. The Refund Policy must be the same wording as outlined in the AOCRA Rules, otherwise, the Host must seek approval from AOCRA Events for any changes prior to publishing a Refund Policy in the approved Regatta / Event program. The Refund Policy applies to nomination fees paid to enter a sanctioned AOCRA event only.

Nominee Cancellation Prior to the Event Date

Change of Mind or Unable to Attend

Once the nomination fee is paid there is no refund for change of mind. If you have paid the nomination fee and are unable to attend the event due to extenuating circumstances outside of your control, you may apply in writing using the AOCRA Request for Refund Form on the AOCRA website and email to support@aocra.com.au giving details of the reason for requesting a refund. The Host, Zone and AOCRA are not obligated to refund their respective portions of the nomination fee, and if a refund is approved it will be processed in full less an administration fee of up to \$10 for processing the refund. AOCRA determines the administration fee at the time of processing a refund and retains the administration fee to cover their processing costs.

The nominee cannot request a refund on the day of the event or after the start date of the event.

Post Postpones or Cancels the Event

Host Giving Notice of Postponement or Cancellation

The Host must follow the AOCRA Rules to postpone or cancel an event and give notice in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook post, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The effective date is the date of dispatch.

Event Postponed

Should the Host, Zone or AOCRA postpone an event, they are required to give notice at any time prior to the scheduled start time of an event.

A date for the rescheduled event must be announced within 7 days of the original event date in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook page, written announcement on the AOCRA website. The Host reserves the right to postpone the event (where no refund will be issued).

The rescheduled event program content / format may change including scheduled times which is at the discretion of the Host, and they reserve the right to do without notice.

The Host, Zone or AOCRA may continue to postpone an event following the same process as above.

Event Cancelled

The Host, Zone or AOCRA may cancel an event inline with the AOCRA Rules.

Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum a 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum an 70% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation more than 1 day before the event is at minimum a 60% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

Cancellation on the day of the event is at minimum a 40% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.

The Host reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

The Zone reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

AOCRA reserves the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only, than the stated cancellation terms above.

Refund Payment

Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment.



Accommodation Options:

With a sparkling coastline fringed by sugar white sand, one visit to sun-drenched Mooloolaba and it's not hard to see why this part of pure paradise has been consistently voted one of Queensland's best beaches.

Yes, that's right folks, Mooloolaba is what we call one perpetual Sunshine Moment - and that's saying a lot because we all know how tough the competition here is.

There are plenty of accommodation options for everyone from:

- camping, glamping and cabins,
- motels, hotels,
- air bnb's and self contained apartments

Here is the Sunshine Coast link:

<https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/accommodation>

<https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/deals>



Thanks to our event sponsor Sunshine Coast Council



We are thrilled to have Sunshine Coast Council partner with sponsorship this year and welcome you all to stay & play. Refuel: Refuel after your event! Don't let the pristine beaches and warm sunshine distract you, there are plenty of family friendly ideas.

Link: <https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/guide/17-family-fun-ideas-in-caloundra>

Link: <https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/guide/a-locals-guide-to-food-on-the-sunshine-coast>

Link: <https://www.visitsunshinecoast.com/itinerary/the-ultimate-family-holiday-itinerary>

