

AOCRA

Invites you to the



Friday 18th May 2018

**At the Mooloolaba Spit. Parkyn Prd,
Mooloolaba Qld**

MAYORAL MESSAGE

2018 AUSSIE AITO

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to competitors and spectators from across the country and overseas who are joining us on our beautiful Sunshine Coast for the 2018 Aussie Aito and National Marathons.

I'm sure we'll get the opportunity to watch some great racing and admire the skills of outrigger paddlers who have an intimate knowledge of the ocean.

Our residents love watching events such as this one and will no doubt find it inspiring to see you in action, as well as enjoying the opportunity to make friends with competitors from across the world.

The Sunshine Coast has a reputation as a high-value destination for hosting major sporting and entertainment events, and events like this one add to that legacy.

Hopefully you will also have some time to have a look around the Sunshine Coast and enjoy our pristine beaches, our wonderful hinterland, our entertainment venues and clubs as well as some of the finest cuisine and shopping in the nation. Don't forget to tag the photos from your stay with #sunshinecoast and #visitsunshinecoast which helps us to show off our region.

I wish you the very best of luck with your racing and I invite you to return to see us again in the future.

With best regards



MAYOR MARK JAMIESON



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

AOCRA welcome paddlers to the 7th Annual Aussie Aito. With the interest of V1 paddling continuing to grow this event should be on everyone's competition calendar in the lead up to participating at 2018 Marathon National Titles. The beautiful waters of Mooloolaba Bay offer a perfect venue to test your V1 skills in open ocean.

Since its inception in 2012, and with its links to the international V1 events such as Te Aito in Tahiti and Aotearoa Aito in NZ, international interest in the Aussie Aito continues to grow.

Good Luck to all participants. Paddle hard and enjoy our Aussie Aito.

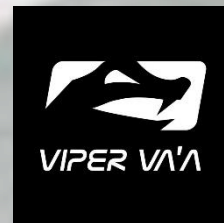
Kind regards ... Grant

Grant Withrington

President, AOCRA



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Race Categories

- Race 1 - U12 2km & U14 4km (boys & girls)
- Race 2 - U16 6km, U19 and Women long course 12km
- Race 3 - Men and Women short Course & Adaptive 6km
- Race 4 - Men long course 18km

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

Race Courses

All races will be held in open water from Mooloolaba Beach (near the rock wall at The Spit). If conditions do not allow for open water paddling, all races will be held in the Mooloolah River, north of the coast guard station on Parkyn Pde.

- Race 1 – a 2km triangle. U12 to complete one lap, U14 to complete two laps
- Race 2 – a 6km triangle. U16 to complete one lap, U19 and women to complete two laps
- Race 3 – a 6km triangle. All competitors to complete one lap
- Race 4 – a 18km course. Option 1 heads north towards Coolum and option 2 heads south towards Kawana

Courses will be finalised on Thursday to optimise exciting paddling yet ensure safety - depending on conditions.



Race map



Fees and Registration

- Nominations to be made via AOCRA website www.aocra.com.au
- Nominations Due: 12pm (AEST) Friday 4th May 2018 (late fees of \$20 will apply after this date)
- \$30 per senior paddler per race (includes race entry and hat)
- \$20 per junior paddler per race (includes race entry and hat)

If you are having trouble with the online registration through AOCRA please email support@aocra.com.au The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion to not allow late registrations to paddle if he or she has concerns about the paddler/support boat ratio.

Racing Schedule

Tide Times: Friday 18th May 2018 – 4.15am 0.04m, 9.58am 1.46m, 3.57pm 0.25m, 10.39pm 2.04m

Paddlers must sign-in to confirm their registration and canoe number for each race

- Registration desk will be open from 7am
- Race Briefing 7.30am
- Race 1 start 8am, other races to follow as per Race Directors directions. Please listen for information given on the day

Waka/Vaá

- No Vaá will be permitted to have a rudder and Vaás will not be weighed
- AOCRA V1s will be available to loan for \$11 (GST inc) per race. This will be done via the website nomination process – see information sheet to follow.

Safety

- All Vaá/Wakas will be checked for the following:
 - Bailer
 - Leg rope
 - Life jacket

If borrowing a Vaá it is your responsibility to organise the bailer, leg rope and life jacket. No excuses.

- Wearing of a fluoro coloured hat or shirt will be mandatory

Medal and Prizes

- Medal presentation will be after the completion of the last race
- Major prizes include:
 - An economy return flight to TeAito 2017 Tahiti, will be awarded to the first Australian U19 Boys & U19 Girls paddler across the line in their race.
 - An economy return flight to TeAito 2017 Tahiti, will be awarded to the first Australian paddler across the line in the Men and Women Long course race.
 - All category winners will go into a draw to win a donated Viper Vaá paddle. Each win will count as 1 entry.

Conditions will apply for Prizes – please see Paddler information Sheet that will be provided.

Parking

So that we continue to host this event in the future, we ask for your assistance. Once unloaded, please move your vehicle away from the unloading area at the end of Parkyn Pde. There are to be NO cars parked in the cul-de-sac at the end of the spit. Local businesses rely on this parking area and there is plenty of parking further down Parkyn Pde. Please be respectful.

We also ask that no cars, trailer, vans etc that do not have permission, park within the regatta site.

Please be advised that there is to be NO PARKING or STOPPING of vehicles in the driveway located adjacent to 'The Spit' parklands. The entrance to the driveway is to remain clear at all times and is signed a NO STANDING area. The driveway to the DTMR & Water Police facilities is to be kept clear at all times during the conduct of the event. (No loading and or unloading to be undertaken in the driveway or at the entrance to the driveway). Any vehicle found to be not complying maybe issued an infringement notice which can incur a penalty of \$170.



Accommodation

Accommodation on the Sunshine Coast is renowned worldwide for its superb quality, award winning locations and incredible variety. Choose from hundreds of options along the coast, many boast stunning water views. Come to life on Queensland's Sunshine Coast with the local accommodation experts.

<https://visitsunshinecoast.com/accommodation>

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