



Invites you to the



Including the V1 Aussie World Qualifiers

Friday 17th May 2019

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

Mayoral message

On behalf of Sunshine Coast Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to paddlers, coaches, officials and spectators from across the country and around the world to our beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Our region loves hosting events like this, because they are closely aligned with our vision to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, creative.

The Aussie Aito and National Marathons provide a perfect opportunity for both international and Australian paddlers to enjoy an extended stay on the Sunshine Coast by combining these events.

Both are special events on the outrigger calendar.

I encourage you, whether you are cheering on a family member or paddling in one of the races to take advantage of our spectacular natural environment, outstanding facilities and wide variety of attractions.

Please also don't forget to share your images of the championships and the Sunshine Coast on social media during your stay.

To all of the paddlers, I wish you the very best of luck during these events and I look forward to seeing you return to see us again in the future.

Best regards



MAYOR MARK JAMIESON



President message

On behalf of the Board of AOCRA, I would like to welcome competitors and supporters to the 2019 Aussie Aito, being held on once again on the beautiful waters of the Sunshine Coast, QLD in conjunction with our OC6 National Titles.

As the premier V1 event in the country we can be sure to be well represented by local paddlers as well as international competitors. And because this year's World Distance Championships will be held in the same location in August, some of our local competitors will be racing in order to qualify to represent Australia at that event.

In recent years the popularity of V1 racing has grown as more and more members trade in their rudders for a craft that requires their very best paddling skill, so we are looking forward to a large and competitive field.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards

Grant Withrington

President, AOCRA



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Australian Qualifying V1 - all divisions inc Para - Event for the 2019 IVF World Distance Championships

At the IVF Championships, each country has one entry per Category.

Paddlers intending to qualify to represent Australia in the V1 event in their division (including Para divisions) at the 2019 IVF World Distance Championships will need to participate at this event and meet the following criteria as well as commit to the outlined conditions.

Eligibility Criteria.

Must meet all AOCRA minimum requirements – financial to an affiliated Club, and AOCRA member- this must be maintained until after championships.

Must be an Australian Citizen or Resident for at least 6 months prior to this event (proof of ID will be required)

Paddlers **must nominate via the AOCRA website** (the EOI sent does not represent a nomination) and race in your desired age division in the long course (Platinum and Adaptive the 8km) – please put in the notes section that you are **“Intending to qualifying”**. The first across the line in the division that has indicated this will qualify.

AOCRA reserves the right to invite expressions of interest from duly experienced paddlers to ensure high performance Australian representation at the 2019 IVF World Distance Championships.

Once the selection process is completed for the Australian V1 paddlers, selected paddlers will need to pay the IVF nomination fee of \$150.00 each. This will be paid through the AOCRA website under Race Registration IVF WDC. This must be paid by the 31st May 2019.

Race Categories

- Race 1 - U12 2km & U14 4km (boys & girls)
- Race 2 - U16 6km
- Race 3 - U19 and Women long course 16km (as per WDC Course)
- Race 4 - Men and Women short Course & Platinum + Adaptive 8km (as per WDC Course)
- Race 5 - Men long course 16km(as per WDC Course)

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
- Race 3 – a 8km triangle U19 and women to complete two laps (as per WDC Course)
- Race 4 – a 8km triangle, All competitors to complete one lap (as per WDC Platinum + Adaptive Course)
- Race 5 – a 8km triangle, All competitors to complete two lap (as per WDC Course)

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

Race map



Nomination information & Fees

- Nominations to be made via AOCRA website www.aocra.com.au
- **Nominations Due: 12pm (AEST) Friday 10th May 2019** (late fees of \$100 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 Connie cwithrington64@gmail.com or 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 17th May 2019 – 0044 0.40m 0638 1.74m 1257 0.20m 1922 1.93m

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

Vaá

- No Vaá will be permitted to have a rudder and Vaás will not be weighed
- AOCRA V1s will be available to loan for \$20 (GST inc) per race. This will be done via the website nomination process. Please select in 'club extras' and also put in notes. There is a limited number of canoes available, priority will be given to interstate and internationals.

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 (up to a maximum of \$1400 each) to TeAito 2019 Tahiti, will be awarded to the first Australian U19 Boys & U19 Girls paddler across the line in their race.
 - An economy return flight(up to a maximum of \$1400 each)to TeAito 2019 Tahiti, will be awarded to the first Australian paddler across the line in the Men and Women Long course race.
 - **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.



Paddler Information

TRAVEL ASSISTANCE - is available to all AOCRA financial members travelling from a location that is greater than 1000km from the event. Forms are due 2 weeks after the event. *There is a pool of AOCRA funds that will be made available for this, the number of paddlers that apply for this allowance will determine the amount paid. Payments are capped at a maximum of \$120 per paddler.*

Forms and instructions have been updated and simplified and can be found on the AOCRA website [Off The Water / Administration / Travel / National Travel Assistance Rules & Request for Travel Assistance Form].

- **TOWING ASSISTANCE** - is available for trailers carrying a minimum of 4 V1 canoes to the event travelling from a location that is greater than 1000km from the event. Forms are due 2 weeks after the event and payments will be capped at a maximum of \$500 per trailer.
Form can be found on the AOCRA website [Off The Water / Administration / Travel / Request for Towing Assistance].
- **REGISTRATION - Photo ID** will be required at registration and paddlers will be issued with a **Fluro Cap** which must be worn while racing
- **PRIZE – JUNIOR 19U 2 RETURN FLIGHTS TO TAHITI (value \$2800) TO COMPETE AT THE 2019 TE AITO** - The first 19 Male and Female V1 to cross the finish line will win return flights to compete at the above event. To be eligible you must have resided in Australia for the 6 months leading in to the event or be an Australian Citizen.
- **PRIZE - OPEN 2 RETURN FLIGHTS TO TAHITI (value \$2800) TO COMPETE AT THE 2019 TE AITO** - The first Male and Female V1 to cross the finish in the long course event will win return flights to compete at the above event. To be eligible you must have resided in Australia for the 6 months leading in to the event or be an Australian Citizen.

Rules:

- AOCRA will reimburse the cost of return flights to Tahiti to the winners (up to a maximum of \$1400 each)
This can be done by completing a 'request for reimbursement form' found on the AOCRA website [Off the Water/Administration/Forms] Proof of competing will be required.
- Flights are to attend the 2018 TE AITO on 19th to 21st July 2019, not transferable for use at other events/locations.
- Prize is only valid to the winners, not transferable to any other party.
- **PARKING** – Please follow parking directives as outlined in the official program and respect local business parking areas.
- **ALL AOCRA Rules will apply.**
- **Program and further details available on the AOCRA Website.** <https://aocra.com.au/>
- **The AOCRA National Marathon Championships will be held on 18th / 19th May.** Travel assistance will be available for this event however you can only make the one claim, either for Aito or Nationals not both.

Trish Johnston

AOCRA Treasurer.

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Don't forget to vote

Click [here](#) to see how to vote early

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>

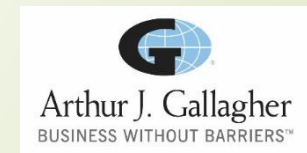
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<https://www.newportmooloolaba.com.au/mooloolaba-hot-deals.html>

Event Travel have some packages available – checkout their website.

<https://eventtravel.com.au/events/aocra-aussie-aito/>

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