

# Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi 2022



**Junior Sprints: V1, V6, V12**

**Lake Kawana at Sunshine Coast, QLD**

**Dates: 30 September – 2 October 2022**



# 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 2022 Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi event, hosted by AO National Events and the 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 two 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, team work, camaraderie and leadership with all our talented outriggers in the pacific region. Comprising a full competition schedule, the regatta welcomes all Juniors. Seniors will have the opportunity to participate in V6 straights racing in an Opens category to be part of the event and support Juniors transitioning to Opens.



*Michael Seay*  
President AOCRA Ltd

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 is a veritable goldmine of activities. There are endless accommodation options available for all budgets. Go to [visitsunshinecoast.com](http://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 the 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 with each other, 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



# 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 McNeich 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.



This traditional Trans Tasman event offers all our Juniors the opportunity to experience quality sprinting in a positive race environment that fosters healthy competition to become the very best version of you when paddling and representing your club, whanau and country.

This is a three day event which will include on land and on water competition to have fun together, support each other to participate in all activities and races. Allow us 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, outriggering, the traditional rudderless outrigger known as: waka, vaka, outrigger canoe, va'a, wa'a.

## **EVENTS:**

- V12 - Fastest times to final
- V6 - Fastest times to final (Turns 4 – Straights 8)
- V1 - Fastest times to final (8 lanes)
- Seniors invited to compete in Opens demonstration racing with Juniors
- Saturday night Cultural Evening
- HUB: Workshops and indigenous activity running
- HUB: On land activities such as : tug of war, basketball hoops, rowing or cycling



# Schedule of Events: Thursday 29 September 2022



Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
9am	Bump in & Setup Begins	
1-4pm	Registration Open	Club Liaison to collect arm bands etc to distribute to club.
1-4pm	Rigging of V12 & V1 and Boat Handling Setup	All volunteer assistance will be appreciated



# Schedule of Events: Friday 30 September 2022

Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
6.30 AM	Registration Open	Club Liaison to collect arm bands etc to distribute to club.
7.30 AM	Welcome/Blessing Ceremony	
8.00 AM	V1 racing	U12, U14 (250m) U16, U19 (500m)
Program will flow on as each event finishes (will depend on entries)	V1 Finals	Fastest times 8 Lanes
	Derig and Pack away V1	All volunteer assistance appreciated
	V1 Medal Presentations	Once Canoe are Packed
	V12 racing	Mixed Minnows, U12, U14 Same Gender U16, U19, Opens
	Finals	Fastest times 4 Lanes
	De-Rig V12's & convert to V6	All volunteer assistance appreciated
	V12 Medal Presentations	Once V6's Rugged



# Schedule of Events: Saturday 1 October 2022

Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
7:00 AM	Registration Open	Club Liaison to collect arm bands etc to distribute to club.
7.30 AM	V6 Turns	Minnows Mixed (250 metres x 2 races) Mixed U12, U14 (500mtrs), Same Gender U16, U19 (1000m)
Program will flow on as each event finishes (will depend on entries)	V6 Turns Finals	Fastest Times 4 Lanes
	V6 Turns Medal Presentations	
	V6 Straights Heats	Mixed Minnows, U12, U14 (250 mtrs) Same Gender U16, U19 (500 mtrs) Same Gender Opens (500 metres)
	V6 Straight's Finals	Fastest Times 8 Lanes
	V6 Straights Medal Presentations	Pack down V6's that wont be needed
5.30 PM	Cultural Evening	Mooloolaba Club Compound



## Schedule of Events: Sunday 2 October 2022

Approx. Time	Event / Divisions	Notes
8:00 AM	Semi Finals – On Land Activities	
	V6 racing/Relays – water & land)	Fun races ie 50% Minnow 50% Opens/50% U12 50% U16s etc Paddler from each division Minnow/U12/U14/U16/U19 Best fancy Dress
	Pack up V6s	All volunteers assistance appreciated
	Finals - On Land Activities	
	Finals – Activities	
1:30 PM	Presentations and farewell	Presentations for all fun events





## Saturday Night Cultural Social: Everyone is Invited

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.

**WHEN:** 5:30 – 8:30 PM Saturday 1 October 2022

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

This is a fun and Alcohol-Free event.



# Divisions and Number of Races



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 2022
- U12 must turn 10, 11, 12 on or before 31st December 2022
- U14 must turn 13, 14 on or before 31st December 2022
- U16 must turn 15, 16 on or before 31st December 2022
- U19 must turn 17, 18, 19 on or before 31st December 2022
- Opens must turn 20 – 39 on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## 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

## Seniors:

- All Seniors can race in opens

## Mixed Crews:

- Must have a minimum of 3 girls (maximum 3 boys)
- Minnows do not have a minimum requirement

## Number of Races per competitor

Competitors may only race in one division each event unless an exemption is applied for by email [aocra.events@aocra.com.au](mailto:aocra.events@aocra.com.au), please include reason for application.

Competitors racing in V6/V12 events can only compete in a maximum of 5 events. A maximum of two competitors from a lower age division will be allowed to paddle up to complete a crew in the next highest age division (provided individual paddlers do not exceed the 5-event limit).

PLEASE NOTE: Races will not be held up for competitors who are racing back-to-back events or who miss the call to marshalling. Coaches and Team Managers are responsible for ensuring their paddlers are not racing back-to-back and are at marshalling on time.

## FIRST AID WILL BE ON SITE

**There will be a designated First Aid area on site and first aid on water.**



# Nomination Information – Juniors In Australia



**Local Nominations must be done by the club and** will be on-line via the [www.aocra.com.au](http://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](mailto: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
- Senior: \$65 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 9 September 2022 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 through out 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](http://www.aocra.com.au)
- On left hand side of page click on "Race Registration"
- Select Event Trans Tasman 2022
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# 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 let email: [aocra.events@aocra.com.au](mailto:aocra.events@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**



# Refund Policy

Nomination fee split for the Event is as follows



Gubbi Gubbi Fees	Minnows	Juniors	Adults	Supporter	Family 5 Juniors
Total AOCRA	\$65	\$95	\$65	\$4	\$600

## 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](mailto: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.

## Host 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.



# Refund Policy



## 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:

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>

We are pleased to share that for group bookings of 10 or more you are welcome to contact our very own volunteer co-ordinator: **Samantha Renvoye**

Samantha worked with teams when we hosted IVF Worlds Long Distance 2019 event to get suitable group accommodation and looks forward to assisting for this event.

Samantha is contactable after 18 July 2022 on:

Mobile: +61 451 511615 and

Email: [aretahitiaustralia@gmail.com](mailto:aretahitiaustralia@gmail.com)





# Thanks to our sponsor Sunshine Coast Council

We are thrilled to have Sunshine Coast Council sponsorship for our event this year and welcome you all to stay and 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>

