



TRANS TASMAN GUBBI GUBBI CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

**VENUE: LAKE KAWANA,
SUNSHINE COAST,
QUEENSLAND**

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

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MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER



MAYORAL WELCOME MESSAGE

2019 TRANS TASMAN GUBBI GUBBI CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of Sunshine Coast Council, I would like to extend a warm welcome to paddlers, coaches, officials and spectators from across Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands to our beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast embraces its sport and this is reflected in our goal to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, creative.

Events such as the Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama Championships are an integral part of what we have to offer on the Sunshine Coast and have helped Lake Kawana become one of the premier venues for outrigger racing in Australia.

This Trans-Tasman showdown attracts hundreds of competitors with teams, doubles and individuals aged from 8 to 19 years.

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 junior paddlers, I wish you the very best of luck during this year's Championships and I look forward to seeing you return to see us again in the future.

Best regards

MAYOR MARK JAMIESON

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME MESSAGE

2019 TRANS TASMAN GUBBI GUBBI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Welcome to competitors, parents and supporters to Lake Kawana on the Sunshine Coast for the 2019 Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Championships.

This year has been a busy year for AOCRA hosting our annual National events as well as the IVF World Distance Championships. The Trans Tasman event is a great opportunity for our sport to focus on our Juniors and their development once again.

It is a delight to see young paddlers from Australia and our neighbouring countries come together and share in competition, friendship and culture. This year we would like to see the return of our youth performing, whether it is a cultural display or a dance to bring us altogether.

Paddlers, remember to thank those who have worked hard and believed in you to support your journey as an outrigger paddler, the mums, dads and supporters. Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

Finally, whether your focus at this event is on competition or participation remember that part of being the age that you are is that sport should be about having fun as well. Paddle hard when the time comes but laugh and smile when the job is done.

We look forward to seeing you all at Lake Kawana for another fantastic Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Championships.

Kind Regards

President, AOCRA Grant Withrington

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2019 EVENT PROGRAM

Minnows: no gender requirements

All other divisions: V6 mixed minimum 3 girls, v12 minimum 6 girls

ALL paddlers must produce ID at registration or a coach/parent

Friday 27th September

9am Site Set up begins

1-4pm Registration opens for Individual Paddler

Rigging of V12's

Saturday 28th September

6.30am Registration opens for Individual Paddler

7.30am Welcome/Blessing Ceremony

8.00am V12 Racing Starts - All 250 mtrs -

All Mixed (min of 6 girls)

Heats - Minnows, U12, U14, U16, U19

Finals

V12 de rigging and V6 rigging

Medal Presentations.

V6 Turns

Heats - Minnows 250 mtrs (straight Race 1)

U19 (1000mtrs), U16 (1000mtrs), U14 (500mtrs), U12 (500mtrs) Mixed

Minnows 250 mtrs (straight Race 2)

U16 Girls/Boys, U19 Girls/Boys (1000trs)

Finals

Medal Presentations

A more detailed program will be available once all nomination spreadsheets have been returned

Sunday 29th September

7am Registration opens

7.30am V1 Racing starts

Heats - U12, U14 (250 mtrs)

U16, U19 (500 mtrs)

Finals

V1 de rigging and loading onto trailers

Medal Presentations.

V6 Straights

Heats - U16, U19 (500mtrs) Mixed

Minnows (250 mtrs) Mixed

U12, U14 (250 mtrs) Mixed

U16 Girls/Boys, U19 Girls/Boys (500 mtrs)

Finals

V6 De rigging and loading onto trailers

Medal Presentations.

Friendship-Food- Fun (see the next page)

Monday 30th September

7am Registration Opens

7.30am OC1 Racing Starts

U12, U14 (250 mtrs)

U16, U19 (500 mtrs)

Finals

OC1 De rigging and loading onto trailers

Medal Presentations



FRIENDSHIP-FUN-FOOD

This is an event for Junior Paddlers where they can mix, make new friendships across Australia and internationally. A relaxing non-competitive environment away from the lake for sharing stories, culture and contacts so to expand their paddling families and networks.

VENUE: Mooloolaba Outrigger Canoe Club , Parkyn Parade Mooloolaba

FOOD: Pizza has been Sponsored

PROGRAM: (Proposed)

5.00p.m. – Arrival and Welcome

6.00p.m. – Food and Drink

6.30pm. – Performances for those wishing to share. Followed by music and dancing.

8.30p.m – End of evening maybe a special farewell.

WHAT TO BRING: Chairs

If your club would like to take part in this great fun event please complete the form on the following page and return to the email on it, so that our event coordinators can ensure they have organised enough food.

FRIENDSHIP-FUN-FOOD EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Club Name:	
Do you have a skit or performance to share?	
Approximate number of attendee's:	
Where are you from?	

Please return by the 9th September to help Mel and her team make an awesome evening for you.

Please complete this and return by email to Mel: Kawerau.gal@gmail.com

If you have any questions also please contact Mel.

RACE RULES

All AOCRA Sprint Rules will be applied as per AOCRA Regatta Rules. www.aocra.com.au

AGE GROUPS

- »» Minnows must turn 8 or 9 on or before 31st December 2019
- »» U12 must turn 10, 11, 12 on or before 31st December 2019
- »» U14 must turn 13, 14 on or before 31st December 2019
- »» U16 must turn 15, 16 on or before 31st December 2019
- »» U19 must turn 17, 18, 19 on or before 31st December 2019

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

Mixed Crews:

Must have a minimum of 3 girls (maximum 3 boys).

OC1/V1 Paddlers may choose to nominate in both OC1 and V1 events.

Competitors may only race in one division each event.

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.





How to Register

Fees \$80 per U12- U19 paddler, \$40 per Minnow

This covers all racing fee's and includes a gift pack.

Nominations close 9th September 2019. Clubs will receive a spread sheet to fill out to nominate all crews and individual paddlers as soon as you register through the AOCRA website and have paid.

- 15th September spreadsheets must be returned
- 22nd September draft race program release
- 25th September final program release

Australian AOCRA Members must register through your CLUB ONLY not as an individual.

Overseas clubs 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 - I am not a member but want to nominate for an event
- »» Select - Event Trans Tasman 2019
- »» Fill out club details, contact, address, phone number and email address
- Select - Submit »» Put the number of juniors in each age division.
- »» A charge of \$80 per paddler 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 support@aocra.com.au



Do you require a crew to race with? Please contact Adam Joyce ... nqbladam@gmail.com if you require paddlers to fill your crews or need a seat in a crew.

GUBBI GUBBI HISTORY

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.





A big sunny welcome

[Visit Sunshine Coast](#) is the proud official destination partner of Trans Tasman Gubbi Gubbi Waka Ama. The Sunshine Coast is the ultimate holiday destination and offers a unique blend of relaxed beach lifestyle and hinterland charm.

The Sunshine Coast is rich in diversity, and that is what makes it so special. Enviably positioned, the region is tucked between Brisbane and Fraser Island – a stunning haven abounding in wonders of nature, beachside culture, fresh local food, bucket list experiences and world-class events just waiting to be explored.

While here on the Sunshine Coast choose from a vast array of activities, or simply put your feet up and relax. Experience our world-class attractions during your stay. Marvel at amazing animals at Australia Zoo or become your own race driver at Big Kart Track. There is so much to see and do on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Learn more about our many [attractions](#).

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Flights

The [Sunshine Coast](#) is a safe and popular destination, thanks to its easy access, local airport and proximity to Brisbane, Australia's third largest city.

Conveniently located the [Sunshine Coast Airport](#) is just 15 minutes drive from Mooloolaba. Sunshine Coast Airport is serviced by Jetstar, Virgin Australia and Qantas domestically as well Air New Zealand who provide seasonal flight services from Auckland.

Centrally located, the Sunshine Coast Airport offers a range of transport options including shuttle buses, hire cars, taxis, and public bus services.

Airport Transfers

[Con-x-ion bus service](#) provides the most swift and efficient airport transfer service between the Sunshine Coast Airport and your Sunshine Coast accommodation.

Visa

For our international guest travelling to Australia, make sure you check out the Australian Government website first to check if you require a visa to visit:

border.gov.au/Trav/Visi/Visi





Accommodation

Stay with us on the Sunshine Coast

Accommodation on the beautiful Sunshine Coast is renowned around the world for its superb quality, winning locations and incredible variety. Stay close to the main event hubs on the beautiful Mooloolaba or Maroochydore beachfronts. For more travel information and Mooloolaba and Maroochydore accommodation deals visit

LINK: [Find out where you can stay](#)

Coastal Fun

With over 100 kilometres of coastline, the Sunshine Coast has many patrolled beaches, calm bays and crowd-free strips of sand where you can simply relax...or find water activities galore. Adventure and sports are synonymous with the Sunshine Coast, where the fantastic weather lends itself to fun-filled and exhilarating outdoor pursuits. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Food Trail

From producers and waterfront restaurants to food festivals and cooking schools, the Sunshine Coast will tempt your tastebuds with gourmet delights.

The Sunshine Coast is a foodie's haven with over 400 food and beverage experiences. During your stay create your own food trail based on the region you'd like to explore and your food interests - dining, cafe, coffee spots, local breweries, farmer's markets and more! Use our [Food Trail interactive tool](#)



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