



AUSTRALIAN  
**MASTERS  
ROWING**  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

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**27-30 MAY 2026**

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**BULLETIN 2 – APRIL 2026**



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## Important dates

<b>Entries Opened</b>	<b>Monday 27 November 2025</b>
<b>Bulletin 3</b>	May 2026
<b>Entries Close</b>	11:59pm AWST Monday 18 May 2026
<b>Withdrawal Without Penalty Closes</b>	11:59pm AWST Thursday 21 May 2026
<b>Entry Fees Due</b>	Monday 25 May 2026
<b>Volunteer Registration Close</b>	Monday 4 May 2026
<b>Site Hire Closes</b>	Tuesday 28 April 2026
<b>Volunteer Roster Released</b>	Friday 21 April 2026
<b>Australian Masters Rowing Championships</b>	27–30 May 2026

## Venue

Champion Lakes Regatta Centre is located at the foot of the picturesque Perth Hills, an easy 35-minute drive south-east from the Perth CBD. The regatta course is an international standard, fully buoyed eight-lane course, featuring a separate off-course channel to the start line.



## Sport Integrity Australia

Athletes and Coaches are advised that SIA has recently released the 2026 Prohibited List, which came into effect on 1 January 2020. The new list [can be viewed here](#).

Finally, SIA have updated their online education platform for anti-doping. Coaches, athletes, and support staff are strongly encouraged to undertake the online courses available. They can be found here – <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/what-we-do/education>



## Progression system

### Men's and Women's Events

<b>Australian Masters Rowing Championships Progression system to determine Finalists - Men's and Women's Events</b>			
<b>Number of Crews</b>	<b>Race Type</b>	<b>Crews per Race</b>	<b>Progression for All Events</b>
1 – 7	1 Final	Up to 7	
8 – 14	2 Heats 1 Final	Up to 7 6 Crews	1 – 3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
15 – 18	3 Heats 1 Final	Up to 6 6 Crews	1 – 2 -> Final A plus the fastest 3rd place getter, Rest Eliminated
19 – 28	4 Heats 2 Semis 1 Final	Up to 7 6 Crews 6 Crews	1 – 3 -> Semi Final A/B, Rest Eliminated 1 – 3 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated
29 - 42	6 Heats 3 Semis 1 Final	Up to 7 6 Crews 6 Crews	1 – 3 -> Semi Final A/B/C, Rest Eliminated 1 – 2 -> Final A, Rest Eliminated

### Mixed Events

<b>Australian Masters Rowing Championships Progression system to determine Finalists - Mixed Events</b>	
<b>Number of Crews</b>	<b>Race Type</b>
1 – 7	1 Final
8 – 14	2 Divisions
15 – 21	3 Divisions
22 – 28	4 Divisions
29 - 35	5 Divisions
36 – 42	6 Divisions
43 - 49	7 Divisions

### Notes

- The Fairness Commission may alter The Progression at any time. In such cases ample notice will be given to competitors
- The Technical Delegate(s) in consultation with the Organising Committee & President of the Jury, will determine the Progression system to apply to each event/category



## Athletes Briefing

Compulsory athlete briefing will take place at 4:30pm at the conclusion of training. This will be upstairs in the RWA building.

## Training times

The venue will be officially open to training from 9.00am to 3.00pm on Tuesday 26 May 2026.

Training at other times is at the discretion of the Field of Play Manager and the RA Technical Delegate and will depend on the availability of daylight. There will be no access to the lake outside of these official training times.

If training times can be extended prior to the commencement of the regatta these will be communicated through future Event Bulletins. On-water rescue and First Aid will be operational during all training times.

## Medals

Where there are 1 or 2 entries, Gold Medals only will be awarded.

Where there are 3 entries, Gold & Silver Medals will be awarded.

Where there are 4 or more entries, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded.

Fastest Club Medals will be awarded to 2x, 2-, 4x, 4+/-, 8+, where a composite crew wins an event.

The Fastest Club Medal will be awarded only to crews where all crew members, including the coxswain are members and are racing for the same club.

Fastest Club Medals are not awarded to mixed events.

Fastest Club Medal is not awarded to a winner of an event if the winner is a single club crew.

## Champion Club Eight Details – John Whiting Trophy

The Club Eights are non-composite events which are open to all age categories. Coxswains must also be a member of the same club as the remainder of the crew.

Crews will be handicapped according to the [Rowing Australia Handicaps \(Appendix 10\)](#).

## Champion Club Point Score Details

With the objective of increasing Club participation in the event, all boats in championship finals be awarded points, and the contribution of mixed races and small boats be allocated as follows:

EVENT	BOAT	PLACING							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Championship Events	8+	64	56	48	40	32	24	16	8
	4+ / 4- / 4x	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
	2-, 2x	24	21	18	15	12	9	6	3
	1x	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2
Mixed Events	8+	64	56	48					
	4+ / 4x	40	35	30					
	2x	24	21	18					



- In all men's and women's championship events points are awarded to all boats in each final, to a maximum of 7 crews.
- In Mixed Events points are awarded to only the first three boats in each division (race).
- Points awarded to boats to be apportioned equally to the clubs of crew members (excluding coxswains).

Two champion club points' tables will be published ranked by:

1. Total Points (as at present) – to determine the club earning the most points, and
2. Point per Athlete – to determine the club, large or small, whose team members perform best on average.

The medal tally will still be published as per current practice.

## Interstate Races

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Each State is given an opportunity to enter a crew in each of the following events:

- Women's Masters PR3 Single Scull
- Men's Masters PR3 Single Scull
- Men's Masters Quad Scull for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy
- Women's Masters Quad Scull for the Veteran's Cup
- Men's Masters Eight for the Brian Vear Memorial Trophy
- Women's Masters Eight for the Interstate Masters Championship Trophy

The interstate races will be held on Saturday afternoon as the last events of the day.

## Entertainment / Functions

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### Rowers' union Bar

Every day from 12:30-6:30pm the rowers union bar will be open upstairs in the Rowing WA building. This will be a great place to catch up with fellow competitors and friends while enjoying a refreshment and watching the races from one of the best seats in the house.

### Social function

On the evening of Friday 29 May, post racing, you are invited to stay for our social event, held in the RWA building. Whilst the dinner will be a ticketed event, the cash bar will remain open for anyone and everyone who would like to enjoy the venue and mingle with athletes. More information will soon be available on our website [here](#).

## Maps

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The 2026 AMRC will be hosted at champion lakes regatta centre, a full venue map can be found below.





# CHAMPION LAKES - VENUE

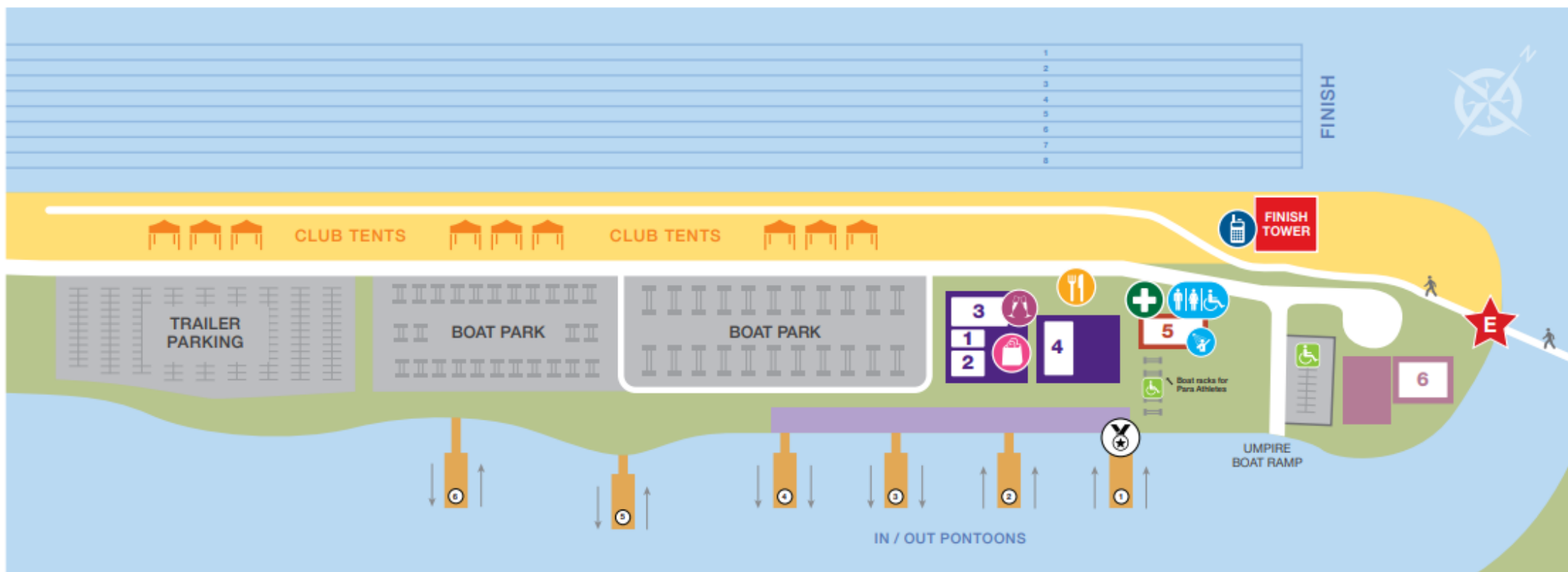


## KEY

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|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Athletes Zone | Spectator Zone                  | Entrance/Exit | Accessible parking / Event Vehicles | Spectator Parking | Volunteer & Event Officials Parking |
| Toilets       | Doctor, Paramedics, & Ambulance | Food Vendors  | Merchandisers                       | Bar               | Shuttle Bus                         |
|               |                                 |               |                                     |                   | Shuttle Bus Stop                    |



# THE ISLAND - OVERVIEW



## KEY

Athletes Zone    Spectator Zone

### SHED 1

1. Bag Storage
2. Bow Numbers  
Regatta Office  
Coxswain Weigh-In
3. Athlete Lounge 1  
and Bar (upstairs)

### SHED 2

4. Athlete Warm-up area

### VW BUILDING

5. Athlete Lounge 2 (upstairs)

### SHED 3

6. BRO & Volunteer Area



Entrance /  
Exit via pedestrian bridge



Event Site Office/  
Event Operations



Medal Ceremonies



Doctor, Paramedics  
& Ambulance



Food Vendors



Marketplace / Merchandisers



Bar (upstairs)



Accessible Facilities



Toilets & Showers

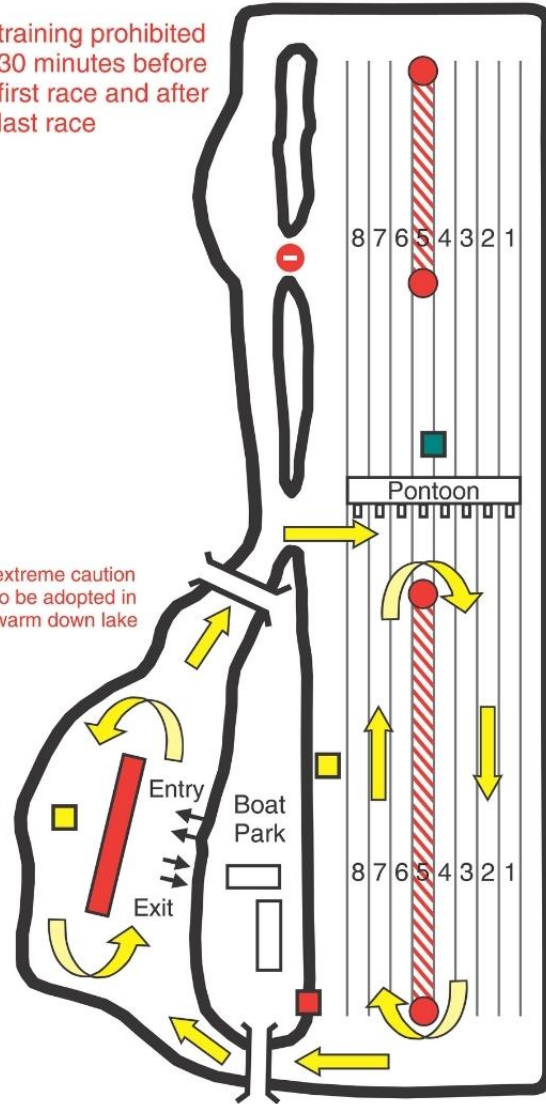
# Training Hours

# Traffic Rules

# During Regatta

training prohibited 30 minutes before first race and after last race

extreme caution to be adopted in warm down lake



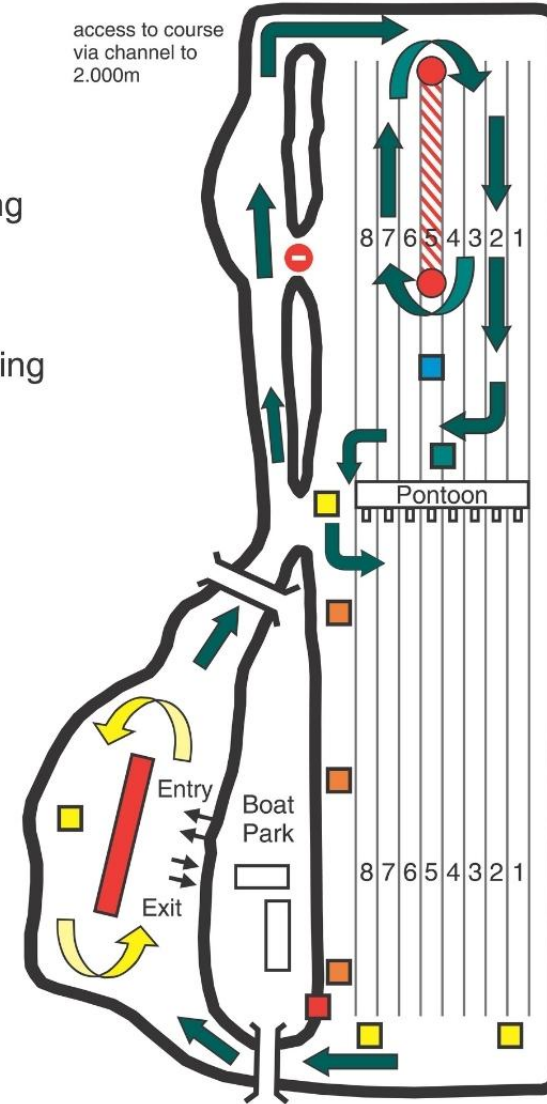
exit from course under pedestrian access bridge

0m  
500m  
1,000m  
1,500m  
2,000m

Training Entry

- umpire boats
- marker buoy
- ➔ course during racing
- ↻ warm up circuit
- ➔ course during training
- ↻ warm down circuit
- boat marshal
- lane 5 closed
- starters tower
- finishing tower
- no entry
- || lanes
- == bridges
- safety boats

access to course via channel to 2.000m



exit from course under pedestrian access bridge

0m  
500m  
1,000m  
1,500m  
2,000m

Warm Up Area  
Marshalling Area

## Trailers and Sites

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Due to the increased cost of fuel Rowing WA has established a Trailer subsidy scheme to help alleviate some costs, more information about this can be found at the website below:

<https://www.rowingwa.asn.au/2026-amrc/2026-amrc-trailer-subsidy>

Trailers can be stored at the venue from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of May and registrations can be found online.

<https://www.rowingwa.asn.au/2026-amrc/trailer-registrations>

Site hire can be found here.

<https://www.rowingwa.asn.au/2026-amrc/club-tent-sites-marquee-hire>

If you wish to also hire a tent to go with your site, you must do so before the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Boat hire

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RWA understand with the current fuel crisis going on that trailering boats from the eastern states might be harder than previously planned for. To help with this RWA has set up an online boat hire portal that can be found at the link below.

<https://amrc26boats.rowingwa.asn.au/>

If you have any queries or need help finding a boat, please don't hesitate to contact Conall Hansford at [events@rowingwa.asn.au](mailto:events@rowingwa.asn.au)

## Event Partners

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This regatta would not be possible without the support of several event partners.

### Tourism Western Australia

Rowing Western Australia is proud to partner with the Western Australian Government, through Tourism WA to deliver the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships at Champion Lakes Regatta Centre. To find out more information on what to do in WA please visit their website [here](#).

### Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS)

The 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships would not be possible without support from the WA government through the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (CITS) Grant. The WA Government has committed to support this event through the Sport and Recreation Events Funding Grants Program, reinforcing its support for major sporting events that drive participation, tourism and economic benefits across the state.

### City of Armadale

Rowing WA is pleased to continue its major partnership with the City of Armadale in 2026, marking an exciting step forward with the inclusion of the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships (AMRC). Hosting the AMRC elevates the partnership beyond a state-focused program, bringing national and international exposure, increased visitation, and broader economic benefits to Armadale and the Perth Hills region, while further strengthening Champion Lakes' reputation as a premier rowing venue.



## Gage Roads Brewing Co.

Rowing WA is delighted to welcome Gage Roads as the Après Row Partner for the 2026 Championships. This partnership brings together two organisations connected by water, community and shared experiences, extending the regatta atmosphere beyond racing into relaxed, social moments that celebrate the sport and its people.

## VenuesWest

VenuesWest joins as Venue Partner for the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships. Their support is integral to delivering a high-quality event experience for athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators from across Australia.

## Kennards Hire

Rowing WA is pleased to partner with Kennards Hire as an Equipment Partner for the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships. Kennards will provide essential infrastructure and equipment, supporting event delivery from bump-in through to pack down and helping ensure a safe, efficient and professionally delivered regatta.

## Perth Care Partners

Rowing WA welcomes Perth Care Partners as a Silver Partner of the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships. Their support will contribute to delivering a high-quality experience for athletes, officials, volunteers and spectators attending from across Australia and overseas.



## Volunteers

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A team of dedicated volunteers will be required to ensure a successful event. Rowing WA would love to offer the opportunity to be part of this event to the wider rowing community.

Although a number of Volunteers have already signed up, we are looking for a few more especially in the roles listed below:

- Umpire, marshal and rescue boat drivers
- Marshals
- Boat holders
- Event medical coordinator
- Technical assistants
- Commentators
- Medal presentation coordinator and assistants
- Courtesy bus drivers

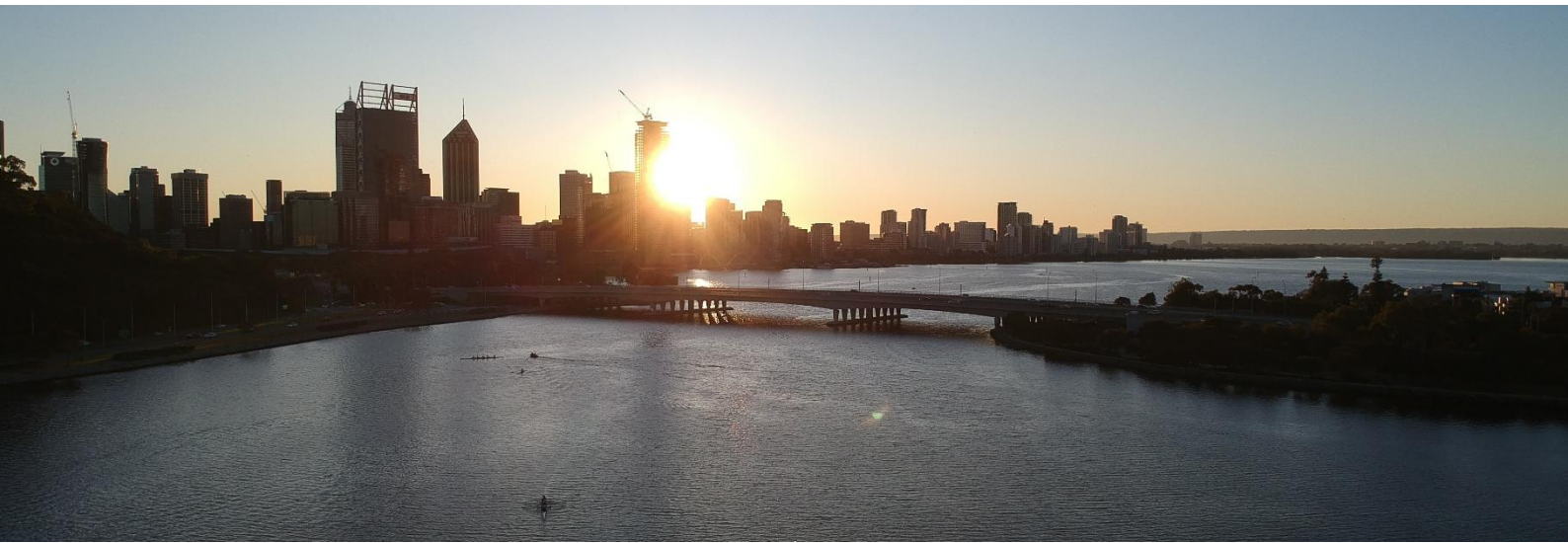
If you are interested in helping to deliver an amazing event experience, even for one shift, please fill out [this form](#) or contact:

Conall Hansford, Rowing WA Event Manager  
[events@rowingwa.asn.au](mailto:events@rowingwa.asn.au)



## Perth to Freo

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The iconic Perth to Fremantle Head Race will be held on the morning of Sunday 31 May 2026, the day after the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships concludes.

These regattas have been aligned to provide visiting crews an opportunity to row in WA's most prestigious head race. This 16km event will start under the backdrop of the Perth City skyline and finish at Fremantle Rowing Club. Contested in Singles, Coxed Quads and Eights, this race winds through the picturesque Swan River.

When making your travel bookings, transport arrangements or speaking with local clubs and schools about boat hire, do not forget to take this opportunity into consideration!!

Registrations will be via [Rowing Manager](#) and updates will be made on the [event page](#).



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## Enquiries

For any further queries about any aspect of the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championship.

Specific to racing, please contact:

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## Future bulletins

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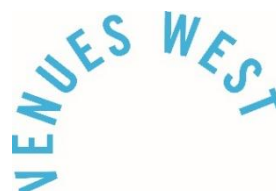
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Bulletin #3	Mid-May 2026

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