



AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Welcome

Welcome to Bulletin 1 ahead of the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships!

Rowing WA is delighted to welcome Masters rowers from across Australia to Western Australia for the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships (AMRC), taking place at Champion Lakes, Perth, from **27–30 May 2026**.

We are proud to partner with Rowing Australia and Tourism WA to deliver this prestigious event. The 2026 AMRC marks the first of **four national rowing events** scheduled in WA over the next five years—a milestone we are excited to share with the Masters community.

Champion Lakes is a purpose-built, international-standard rowing venue, ideal for national-level competition. Since last hosting the AMRC, the venue and surrounding facilities have continued to evolve, ensuring a safe, well-equipped, and enjoyable environment for all competitors and visitors.

Our team is working hard to create a seamless experience for everyone attending. Across four days of racing, you can expect **live-streamed coverage**, a vibrant **marketplace featuring rowing and local suppliers**, and **dedicated lounges for athletes and spectators**. Further details about on-site facilities and activities will be provided in upcoming bulletins.

After racing concludes on Saturday, 30 May, we invite rowers to extend their stay and compete in the **Perth to Fremantle Head of the River** on the morning of Sunday 31 May—a 16 km event from the Perth CBD to Fremantle Rowing Club.

Rowing WA looks forward to welcoming the Masters rowing community to Western Australia for an unforgettable week of racing and camaraderie. In the meantime, we look forward to sharing more about the event with you in this series of bulletins leading up to the 2026 AMRC.

Regards,



Daniel Tackenberg | CEO

Rowing WA



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Important dates

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| Entries Opened | Monday 27 November 2025 |
| Bulletin 2 | April 2026 |
| Entries Close | 11:59pm AWST Monday 18 May 2026 |
| Withdrawal without penalty ends | 11:59pm AWST Thursday 21 May 2026 |
| Entry Fees Due | Monday 25 May 2026 |
| Australian Masters Rowing Championships | 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.



Traveling to the venue

FLIGHTS

The Perth International Airport is located 10km (approx. 20-minute drive) due east of the Perth CBD and 18km (22-minute drive) due north of the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre.

For domestic travellers, depending on which airline you fly you may arrive in different terminals at Perth Airport (on opposite sides of the runway). Just pay attention when booking hire vehicles or connecting transport upon arrival and departure.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The closest train station to Champion Lakes Regatta Centre is Kelmscott Train Station, which is located 3km from the regatta course.

There is no bus that connects Kelmscott train station directly to the regatta course. The closest bus route would require you to walk the last 1km.



VEHICLE HIRE

With limited public transport options, it is recommended that participants hire vehicles upon arrival at Perth airport for ease of transport to and from the course.

Accommodation

There are various Airbnb's located in the Armadale area as well as plenty of accommodation located in and around the CBD and South Perth.

Events offered

The events to be offered are already live on the website and can be found [here](#).

Entries

Entries will be taken via [Rowing Manager](#) and can be completed by a club administrator.

For international entries, please contact:

Alice Evans, Rowing Australia Competitions and Events Manager
aevans@rowingaustralia.com.au

No late entries will be accepted.

All athletes should **check their entries are lodged** prior to entries closing on Monday 18 May 2026.

Entry fee

The cost to enter the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships is **\$53.00** (incl. GST) per seat (per rower).

Coxswains do not pay a seat fee.

Entry fees are due by Monday 25th May, following the Withdrawal Without Penalty Period.

Details for payment and club invoices can be found on [Rowing Manager](#).

Entry fee payments can be paid via Rowing Manager or direct deposit to Rowing WA.

Entry fees for composite crews must be paid by the club that entered the crew.

Entry fees are payable for all crews entered at the close of the withdrawal without penalty period. This is regardless of whether the crew is subsequently excluded from the draw due to non-payment of fees.



Rules

The 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships will be conducted according to the Rowing Australia Rules and By-Laws of Racing. A copy of these rules can be found at www.rowingaustralia.com.au.



Schedule

An indicative race schedule is available on [Rowing Manager](#).

Please note that a preliminary schedule will be released following the close of entries. The final race schedule will be released following the close of the withdrawal without penalty period.

As always, please ensure you check online during the regatta for any changes in scheduling.

Eligibility to compete.

A rower may compete in Masters rowing events from the beginning of the year during which they attain the age of 27. The age of a Masters rower shall be that which they attain during the current calendar year.

Masters' events shall be held in the following crew age categories:

- A Minimum age: 27 years
- B Average age: 36 years or more
- C Average age: 43 years or more
- D Average age: 50 years or more
- E Average age: 55 years or more
- F Average age: 60 years or more
- G Average age: 65 years or more
- H Average age: 70 years or more
- I Average age: 75 years or more
- J Average age: 80 years or more
- K Average age: 83 years or more.
- L Average age: 86 years or more
- M Average age: 89 years or more
- N Average age: 92 years or more

The average age of a crew (excluding the coxswain) will be calculated by dividing the total number of years of age of the crew by the number of members of the crew, rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Lightweight events

Rowers entered in Lightweight 1x events will be required to provide a medical certificate from their regular doctor or a sports physician (if not previously provided). The certificate must confirm they are naturally and healthily at or below the required weight, and that they will not need to take any measures on a normal day to weigh in at the appropriate weight.

This should be sent to Alice Evans at: aevans@rowingaustralia.com.au, who will provide confirmation of receipt of the certificate.

Lightweight rowers will be required to weigh in under the conditions and at the weight as per the [RA Rules of Racing \(Rule 31, p 22\)](#). This should take place **no less than one hour and no more than two hours prior to their first lightweight race on each day** in their racing uniform. The Technical Delegate, on advice of the regatta medical team may reject an entry in the lightweight event if, in their sole opinion, an athlete will be unable to make the maximum weight requirements without measures that may put their health at risk.

Rowers are advised that they will not be able to compete in both lightweight and standard single scull events as they will be conducted consecutively. Notwithstanding, lightweight scullers who will be close to the weight limit are encouraged to enter both the standard and the lightweight single scull in the same age category (you will only be charged for one*).

Where an entry in both the lightweight and the standard single scull (in the same age category) is made one entry will be removed, without penalty, upon confirmation of weight on the day prior** to the scheduled race.

If an athlete is unable to present for the preliminary weigh-in on the day before their scheduled race they should contact:

Alice Evans, Rowing Australia Competitions and Events Manager
aevans@rowingaustralia.com.au.

They will be provided specific instructions depending on the circumstances.

Please note that some heats for the standard single are before the lightweight weigh-in time. There will not be an opportunity to transfer to a standard single if lightweights do not make weight and heats have already been conducted.

**Where clubs have entries for a rower in both the lightweight and standard single scull, please pay for only one entry when your entry fees are paid.*

***Only rowers who are close to the weight limit and may not make the required weight need to weigh in the day before and enter into both events.*

Para events

Rowers may compete in para events with a "provisional classification".

The formal provisional classification must be attributed to the rower prior to the entry being made.

For more information on this please contact:

James Loveday, Rowing Australia Para Head Coach
jloveday@rowingaustralia.com.au



Health

It is recommended that rowers participating in the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships undergo a health screening at least annually and prior to the commencement of this event.

All rowers and coxswains must be able to swim 50m and tread water for three minutes as a minimum.

Athlete induction

All athletes and coaches must complete the online induction which will be available via an emailed link (to each individual) after the withdrawal without penalty period.

Emergency contact details

Please ensure your club has a registered emergency contact in Rowing Manager. This person will be added to an SMS broadcast list in case of issues or emergencies during the regattas.

Orphan rowers

We are hoping to use “Row on the Go” to facilitate this. More information on this will come out in the next Bulletin or will be available on our website [here](#).

Boat hire

Boat hire will be available via individual agreements with clubs.

For the most up to date list please visit the website [here](#) or contact the Rowing WA office directly.

Team tents, trailers and boat storage

A dedicated team tent area will be made available for all participating clubs on the grassy banks of the competition lake. Tents will also be available for hire for those that do not have the capacity to bring their own.

Both 3x3m and 6x3m tent sites will be available and marquees of this size will also be available to hire. Please reserve your tent sites [here](#).

Trailer storage will be available on site and more information will be available in bulletin #2.

A brief Nullarbor trailer guide will also be available soon to help first time visitors that are towing trailers across.



Training times

The course open to train on Tuesday 26 May. The exact training time for the course will be confirmed in the next Bulletin.

Event merchandise

A range of official merchandise will be available from The Regatta Shop who will be located onsite during the event.

Merchandisers/exhibitors

Vendors will have an opportunity to be part of the Marketplace atmosphere being developed by Rowing WA. This area will include indoor and outdoor stallholder opportunities located directly underneath the Athlete Lounge. This off-water social area will be a hub for all athletes and spectators.

Sites available and the cost for the four days of the regatta include:

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| ❖ 3m x 3m internal site | \$400 |
| ❖ 3m x 3m external site | \$400 |
| ❖ 3m x 6m internal site | \$600 |
| ❖ 3m x 6m external site | \$600 |
| ❖ 3m x 9m internal site | \$750 |
| ❖ 3m x 9m external site | \$750 |
| ❖ Other options available upon request | TBD |

Each vendor will receive:

- 1 x announcement per day by course announcers over the PA system
- 1x ½ page colour advert in the souvenir program (artwork supplied by vendor)
- Their logo listed in the souvenir program and on event website sponsor section (supplied by vendor)
- 1x 6ft trestle table
- 2x plastic chairs

To register your interest please fill out the Stallholder EOI that can be found [here](#) and on the event website. For further enquiries please contact

Conall Hansford, Rowing WA Events Manager Events@rowingwa.asn.au



Sponsorship Opportunities

We are pleased to announce that this event will be supported by the Western Australian Government, through Tourism WA. We have more Partnerships to announce soon but if you or your company would like to partner with this event, there are still fantastic sponsorship opportunities available to promote your products and services to a significant market linked to the 2026 Australian Masters Rowing Championships.

With exposure to over 45,000 masters' rowers across Australia, as well as an estimated 20,000 livestream views over 4 days from Australia and beyond, Rowing WA is keen to speak with anyone interested in promoting their business through this major event.

For further enquiries please contact:

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Volunteers



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.

Aspects of the regatta that we require volunteer assistance with include:

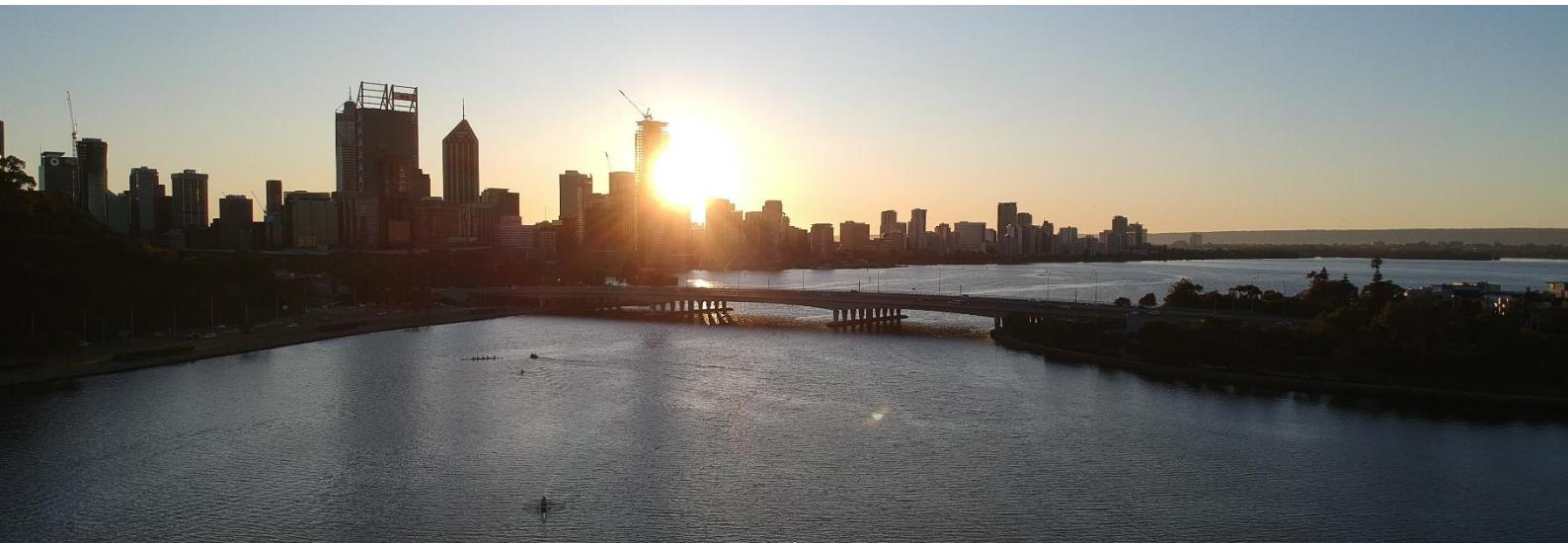
- Umpire, marshal and rescue boat drivers
- Marshals
- Boat park coordinator
- Start area coordinator
- Boat holders and boat holder coordinator
- Event medical coordinator
- Event doctor
- Timekeepers
- Regatta administration assistants
- Technical assistants.
- Bow number coordinators
- Commentators
- Medal presentation coordinator and assistants
- Operations assistants/ all rounders
- Volunteer coordinators
- Courtesy bus drivers

Within the next few weeks, detailed position descriptions of each role will be available [here](#).

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

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events@rowingwa.asn.au

Perth to Freo



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. This event is contested in singles and eights only and 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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All other queries please contact:

Conall Hansford, Rowing WA Events Manager
events@rowingwa.asn.au

Future bulletins

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| Bulletin #2 | February/March 2026 |
| Bulletin #3 | Early May 2026 |

