



PADDLER UPDATE

September 2023

**Paddle
VIC**
Marathon

World Championships

28 August - 3 September 2023, Vejle, Denmark

The world's pinnacle Marathon paddling event, the 2023 ICF Canoe Marathon World Championships and Masters World Championships, was held on Lake Jels in Vejle, Denmark from 28 August to 3 September. A total of 34 Australians participated with athletes from over 40 countries in canoe, kayak and para classes in singles, doubles, mixed doubles and short course events.



Lake Jels provided an excellent venue, with a deep (8 m) lake contributing to good speeds, with a pontoon get-out, short run and beach get-in portage in front of the finish line and grandstand. The course layout, combined with live streaming of the Masters events (for the first time) and U18/U23/Open and Para events, provided great spectator viewing, with race highlights available on YouTube for those who missed the action.

As always, the competition was tough, with the world's best demonstrating what needs to be done to be at the pointy end at the finish. Notable results from Australia included 7 podium places for Masters classes and 5th place from Bec Mann and Hannah Scott in the K2 W Open, only 8 seconds behind the winning crew of Vanda Kiszli and Emese Kohalmi from Hungary.

Results: <https://memosoft.spotfokus.com/en/events>

Plant Canoe YouTube highlights: <https://www.youtube.com/@PlanetCanoe>

Photos by Carolyn J Cooper: <https://www.facebook.com/photosbycarolynjcooper>

Paddle VIC Marathon Awards Night

Saturday, 9 December 2023, Koonoomoo Recreation Reserve

Paddle Victoria Marathon invites you to join the 2023 Awards Night on Saturday 9 December which is being held on the same weekend at the Ben Ward 40 Miler Canoe Race. The dinner will be held at the Koonoomoo Recreation Reserve - just 10min from Cobram. Richard Barnes will be our guest speaker for the evening. On 18 February 2023, Richard successfully completed a 67-day non-stop solo trip across the Tasman Sea in his custom-built kayak "Blue Moon" between Hobart, Australia to Riverton, New Zealand. More information on how to book will be coming soon.



Race fees for non-PA members

Please note that, as of 1 July 2023, the additional event/race fee for insurance for paddlers that are NOT Paddle Australia members has increased to \$22 for adults and \$11 for juniors.

Ready-to-Race Paddling Clinics & Bendigo Cup

Saturday-Sunday, 23-24 September 2023, Bendigo Canoe Club, Lake Weeroona

The Clinics (on the Saturday) are open to all ages. Singles or doubles. There is a limit of 50 paddlers, so register early (and before Friday 15 September). These clinics will cover wash-riding and portage and be a combination of theory plus on-water practice. Fees are \$20 for PV members.

The Bendigo Cup (on the Sunday) is open to all ages & abilities.

Kayaks, canoes, outriggers, sups, skis, sea kayaks, whitewater, touring & racing boats are most welcome. Singles or doubles.

Fees: Junior/U23 \$25; Adult (24-64yo) \$35; Adult (65+) \$30. Early bird entries by 8pm on 15 September (-\$5). Standard entries by 8pm on 22 September. Late entries (+\$20) until 12noon on 23 September. NO entries on the day.

Non-PV members +\$11 for juniors & +\$22 for adults.

Registration: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=317406>

Information flyer: https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM_2023_Race_Flyer_Bendigo_Cup.pdf

Race	Division	Distance	Laps
Bendigo Cup	Div 1-4	11.0 km	10 laps
Half Distance	Div 5-8	5.5 km	5 laps
Community FUN Paddle	Div 7b, 9-10	3.3 km	3 laps



Echuca Mini

Saturday, 14 October 2023, Barmah to Moama

The Echuca Mini is a point-to-point race along the mighty Murray River from Barmah to Moama. There are 3 options available for paddlers: the 48km Barmah to Moama; or this same course but as a relay team; or a shorter 18km distance from Checkpoint C to Moama.

Registration: <https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=321958>

Information flyer: https://vic.paddle.org.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2023/07/PVM_2023_Race_Flyer_Echuca_Mini.pdf

Race	Distance	Laps
Long Course	48 km	Barmah to Moama
Relay	48 km	Barmah to Checkpoint B (12km) Checkpoint B to Checkpoint C (18km) Checkpoint C to Moama (18km)
Short Course	18 km	Checkpoint C to Moama

Upcoming Races

Race Calendars, information flyers and registration links, are available on the PV Marathon website:

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/sample-page/competition/marathon/> then go to "Calendar & Race Registrations"

Race Results

On the Paddle VIC Marathon website at:

<https://vic.paddle.org.au/sample-page/competition/marathon/> then the "Results" tab; or on Webscorer at: <https://www.webscorer.com/CVMarathon>

DATE/S	EVENT / RACE
23 Sep	Ready-to-Race Paddling Clinics, Bendigo
24 Sep	Bendigo Cup, Bendigo
14 Oct	Echuca Mini, Barmah to Moama
12 Nov	Salty TK and Rec Challenge, Footscray
9-10 Dec	Murray Triple Crown, Murray River <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ben Ward Memorial, Yarrawonga to Cobram Thompsons Beach Circuit, Cobram Peaches & Cream, Cobram to Tocumwal
9 Dec	Paddle VIC Marathon Awards Night, Cobram



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