

Victorian Marathon Team selection for 2021

To: PV Marathon clubs and members
 From: PV Marathon Committee
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Key points:

- ❖ The 2021 Paddle Victoria Canoe Marathon Championships are scheduled to be held at the Geelong Rowing Mile on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th February 2021.
- ❖ This will be the selection event for the Victorian Marathon Team to participate in the Paddle Australia Canoe Marathon Championships (“Nationals”) in Geelong from 25th - 28th March 2021.
- ❖ You do not have to be selected to the Victorian team to participate at the Australian Championships. Selection is a point of recognition only; it is not required for entry to Nationals.
- ❖ We encourage all Victorian paddlers to participate in the Australian Championships: this is the easiest opportunity for you to compete: it will be approximately five years before the event returns to Victoria.
- ❖ Eligibility criteria for selection to the Victorian team are listed in the selection policy, available on the Marathon page of the Paddle Victoria website.
- ❖ We have expanded the list of qualifying races for the 2021 Victorian Marathon Team selection given the disruption to the racing in 2020. Paddlers will still need to have participated in at least five qualifying races over the past 12 months of racing, one of which is more than 100 km from the paddler’s home club. The list of qualifying races is shown below.

Qualifying races¹:

2019 WS1 Tay Creggan	2020 Murray River Classic	2021 Murray River Classic
2019 WS2 Barwon Heads	2020 Saltwater Classic	2021 Victorian Short Course
2019 WS3 Fairfield Park	2020 Frank Harrison singles	2021 Saltwater Classic
2019 WS4 Patterson Lakes	2020 Frank Harrison doubles	2021 Frank Harrison singles
2019 WS5 Nagambie	2020 Vic Champs singles	2021 Frank Harrison doubles
2019 WS6 Gateway Lakes	2020 Vic Champs doubles	
2019 Bendigo Cup	2020 Bendigo Short Course	
2019 Echuca Mini	2020 Geelong Short Course	
2019 Peaches and Cream		
2019 Ben Ward Day 1		
2019 Ben Ward Day 2		

Registration for the Victorian Marathon Championships is open and available at the following link:
<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=230878>

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On behalf of the PV Marathon Committee

¹ Schools Championships do not count towards the total, because they are not open to all paddlers. Likewise, the junior-only Victorian Paddle Sports events for Term 1 2021 do not count.