
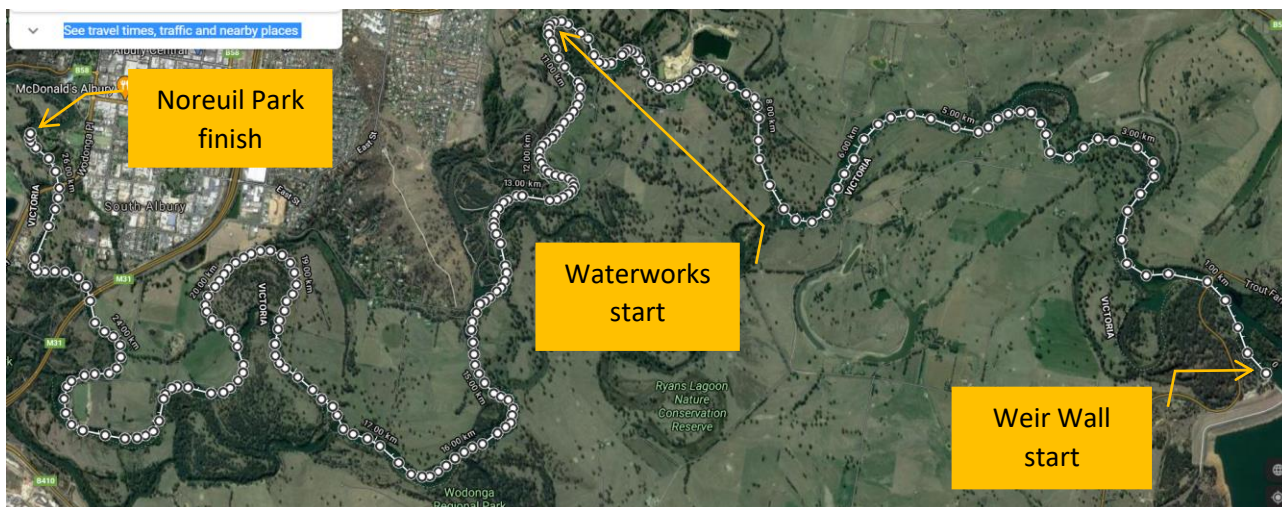


## 2021 Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup – State of Origin event

<b>Date</b>	Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
	
<b>Location</b>	Murray River, Albury, NSW
<b>Host club</b>	Mitta Mitta Canoe Club in conjunction with Paddle Victoria Marathon
<b>Race format</b>	Point-to-Point river race from the Weir Wall (26 km) or Waterworks (16 km) to Noreuil Park, Albury, plus 6 km lap-based option at Noreuil Park. Singles on Saturday, doubles on Sunday. Good, fast flowing water, some snags and gravel banks. Suitable for understern K1 and K2 craft and skis (with low profile rather than surf rudders). No portage. All races finish at Noreuil Park.
<b>Race categories</b>	11 categories: Divisions 1-7 plus canoes (TC, UC, etc)
<b>Entry fee</b>	PA adult members: \$30/1 day, \$55/2 days; juniors \$20/1 day, \$35/2 days Entries close 8 pm, Thu, 25 <sup>th</sup> March. <b>No entries on the day.</b>
<b>Check-in time</b>	Saturday: Weir Wall and Noreuil lap 1:00-2:00 pm, Waterworks 2:00-3:00 pm Sunday: Weir Wall and Noreuil 8:00-9:00 am, Waterworks 9:00-10:00 am.
<b>Race start time</b>	Saturday: Weir Wall 3:00 pm, Noreuil lap 3:30 pm, Waterworks 4:00 pm Sunday: Weir Wall 10:00 am, Noreuil lap 10:30 am, Waterworks 11:00 am
<b>Presentations</b>	Saturday evening and Sunday lunchtime. Interstate Marathon Cup awarded on Sunday based on state team results over the two days.
<b>Compulsory safety equipment</b>	Wearing of an approved PFD is mandatory for this event. All boats must have fixed positive buoyancy and float in a level orientation when full of water. Three safety boats will be in operation (2 from VRA, 1 from NSW RMS). You must provide assistance to any paddler in distress.
<b>COVIDsafe plan</b>	The event will operate under PV Marathon's Safety Risk Management Plan and COVIDsafe plan, and will comply with NSW and Victorian requirements. The race starts in Victoria and ends in NSW; hence you may require one or more permits depending upon government restrictions at the time. <b>Check prior to travel.</b>
<b>Other river users</b>	Little other river traffic for most of the course, other than occasional fishing tinnies or recreational canoes/kayaks. <b>Beware of swimmers near the finish line.</b>
<b>Food</b>	Food, drinks and coffee available after the conclusion of each day's racing
<b>Facilities</b>	Parking and toilets at all three locations. First Aid provided.
<b>State of Origin trophy</b>	Frank Harrison Interstate Marathon Cup for the winning state. 12 divisions/day; 100 points for each division (1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> : 50/30/20 points) + 1 pt for every paddler. Frank Harrison Trophy for the winning TC2. Womens and mens K1 and C1 trophies
<b>Saturday night function</b>	Dinner at 6:30 pm, Saturday. Venue to be advised (awaiting confirmation).
<b>Registration link</b>	<a href="https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=235252">https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=235252</a>
<b>Contact</b>	Russell Wood, MMCC, 0401 901 456, mittamittacanoecub@gmail.com John Young, PV Marathon, 0417 444 350, marathon@paddlevic.org.au

### Course map: Weir Wall to Waterworks to Noreuil Park

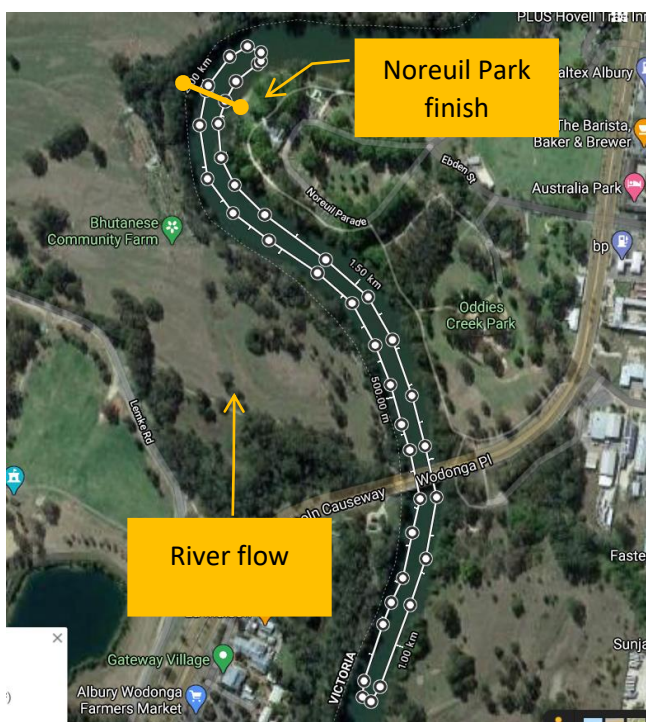


Source: Google Maps, accessed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2021

### Position coordinates:

Location	Latitude		Longitude	
<b>Weir Wall start</b> (Bonegilla boat ramp, Bonegilla Rd, Victoria)	36°06'26.0"S	-36.107231	147°01'42.6"E	147.028498
<b>Waterworks start</b> Boundary Rd / Island Rd, Waterworks, near Albury airport	36°04'41.9"S	-36.078318	146°57'22.7"E	146.956314
<b>Noreuil Park finish</b> Noreuil Parade, South Albury	36°05'13.5"S	-36.087075	146°54'13.6"E	146.903786

### Course map: Noreuil Park lap circuit



This event is for juniors or adult paddlers who wish to paddle in a more closely supervised location close to the event finish. It consists of three 2 km laps, starting upstream at the finish line and finishing downstream at the finish line.

The river flows from south to north in this location.

## Race categories

Location	Saturday (singles)	Sunday (doubles)	Nominal speed* (km/hr)	Comment
<b>Weir Wall (26 km)</b>				Point-to-point
	Division 1	Division 1	>12.5	
	Division 2	Division 2	12.0-12.5	
	Division 3	Division 3	11.5-12.0	
	Division 4	Division 4	11.0-11.5	
	TC1 Women's	TC2 Women's/Mix	-	
	TC1 Mens	TC2 Mens	-	
	UC1 Open	UC2 Open	-	
<b>Waterworks (16 km)</b>				Point-to-point
	Division 5	Division 5	10.5-11.0	
	Division 6	Division 6	10.0-10.5	
	Division 7	Division 7	-	
	Single blade Open	Single blade Open	-	
<b>Noreuil Park (6 km)</b>				3 * 2 km laps
	Division 7+	Division 7+	-	

\* refers to the nominal flatwater (zero current paddling speed) for singles paddlers for the division.

The river flows at ~3 km/hr. Based on the past four years the fastest singles paddlers will complete the 26 km in ~1:37-1:41 (~15.5-16.0 km/hr average speed).

## Race points

- This is a “state of origin” event. Paddlers will earn race points for their state. Each race category each day will provide 100 points, with 50 points for first place, 30 points for second place, 20 points for third place and one point for every paddler, regardless of finishing position. The winning state will be the state with the most points over the two days.
- Paddlers will also earn points for their normal state marathon events as per current arrangements. This event is a bonus round for PNSW Marathon and is part of the 2021 PV Marathon race series.

## State of origin rules

Paddlers need to have a connection to the state for which they paddle: e.g. were born there, lived there, currently live there, partner is from there, etc.

## Race video

See the 2018 video for an overview of the course <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SuDkXLLndgQ>

## History of the Frank Harrison race

The original Albury race began in 1979 and was run from the Weir Wall to Albury in winter. These races were cancelled soon after because there is usually little water in the Murray during winter. The second version of the race was staged in 1985. It ran in summer and was a two day event, upstream and back from Noreuil Park, harder and longer than it is today. The format of the race was later changed to downstream from the Weir Wall to Noreuil to accommodate a wider range of paddlers and paddle craft.

After Frank's death in 1990 the race was named the Frank Harrison memorial Race to honour the long association and contribution Frank and his wife Fran had with the Mitta Mitta Canoe Club.

For more information see the MMCC website: <https://www.mittacanoe.com.au/frank-harrison/>