

MEDIA ALERT



**2023 Head of The Yarra - Saturday November 25th
Webcast 10.00am - 3.00pm headoftheyarra.com/webcast**

62nd ANNUAL HEAD OF THE YARRA

On Saturday 25th November 2,500 rowers in over 270 rowing eights will complete over 8kms, on the Yarra River, for title of fastest crew in the 2023 Head of the Yarra.

The race is a Yarra River spectacle running the entire length of the river from the City to Hawthorn. Racing starts at 9.00 a.m. and finishes around 2.15 p.m. when the fastest category of elite crews will cross the finish line at Hawthorn.

The race finish carnival in the Yarra Bank Reserve Creswick St Hawthorn is a rowing calendar favourite. It is held amidst 10,000 spectators, rowers, supporters and the entire fleet of 270 boats which are racked in the parklands around the Hawthorn Rowing Club. The river is closed for the entire race, so after rocking in a boat for 8 km, the crews rack their boats and rock in the parklands for the race finish carnival and to watch all the action on the Big Screen live-site in the park.

This year 31 classes of club crews from all over Australia and New Zealand will make up the race field.

In the Men's Open category the club to watch will be Sydney, the current Head of the Yarra Champions who took the silverware north beating long-term local rivals Melbourne University and Mercantile in the last encounter. With a field of 15 elite men's club crews, from across Australia and New Zealand, the Head of The Yarra record time is well and truly on the line.

The race includes categories for school, club, elite, para and masters' eights with the oldest category of Masters K (average age 83 yrs. plus) including a Sydney & Melbourne crew rivalry, - the Melbourne crew containing the oldest competitor- the 95 years young Don Christie who rowed in the first Head of the Yarra way back in 1957.

Join in the activity from your favourite spot along the Yarra Banks from the City to Hawthorn and livestream the race broadcast anchored by Peter Landy available on our website from 10.00am onwards at headoftheyarra.com.

Further Enquiries:

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Comprehensive race details available at headoftheyarra.com

[<Event Promo Youtube video>](#)

Newsroom Chiefs of Staff Note:

Race results will be posted on website along with packaged broadcast race highlights for media use by 3.30pm Saturday November 25th at <https://headoftheyarra.com/media>

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