



Intercollegiate Rowing Regatta 2026

Saturday
9 May 2026



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

BOAT CLUB



THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

There is a strong and historic connection between the Colleges and Melbourne University Boat Club (MUBC), and we are proud to host The University of Melbourne Intercollegiate Regatta and welcome you all to the banks of the Yarra River.

This regatta is one of the few still held on the Yarra River, and with the energy and support of College crews and spectators on the bank, it has a truly unique atmosphere.

College rowers are warmly welcomed to stay involved with MUBC beyond this regatta. MUBC offers numerous ways for you to participate, from coach-led indoor rowing sessions, club rowing over the summer season, and representing the University at UniSport Nationals.

Opportunities for selection in men's, women's, and mixed crews competing at UniSport Nationals will be held in early Semester 2, followed by a training block of approximately 6 weeks ahead of the regatta in Perth in late September. Please get in touch if you are keen to pursue this exciting opportunity.

Thanks to the generosity of MUBC members and alumni, MUBC student rowers have access to two scholarships, The Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship and the John Hall Rowing Scholarship. These provide valuable support to high performing student athletes striving to balance a competitive rowing pathway with their studies. Information is available via the University of Melbourne website.

For more information about rowing opportunities, upcoming events, and how to get involved, please follow us on Instagram: @mubc1859 or contact the club via operations@mubc.asn.au or secretary@mubc.asn.au.

I wish all crews and spectators a fantastic and memorable Intercollegiate Regatta and thank all volunteers for their efforts.



Minnie Cade
President
MUBC





THE DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Melbourne University Sport is proud to collaborate with the Intercollegiate Sports Council, the University's Residential Colleges and Melbourne University Boat Club to present the 2026 College Rowing Regatta.

With a history dating back to 1881, the Intercollegiate Sports Program has developed into one of the University's most recognised sporting programs. Intercollegiate Sport has fostered a tradition of sporting excellence but also stands as an example of sport's power to bring students together in pursuit of common goals.

Student-athletes train with their Collegiate teams during the semester, a significant commitment on top of their academic endeavours, in pursuit of the Tickner Cup.

Considerable thanks to those who have made this event possible: Melbourne University Boat Club, especially President Minnie Cade and Regatta Manager Damien Schroder, the Residential Colleges including Heads of College, the City of Melbourne, Parks Victoria and Rowing Victoria.

On behalf of the University, I wish all crews good luck in the Regatta, and hope today is a memorable and unique moment in your time at the University.

Jo Massoud
Acting Director of Sport
Melbourne University Sport

Regatta Presentations

A presentation of medals to Men's and Women's First VIII and Second VIII Champion crews will take place at the Melbourne University Boat Club immediately after the regatta (10.45am – 11.00am). Winning crews, including their coach, are asked to meet on the first floor of the Boat-house at 10.45am. Each winning crew will be presented to spectators on the MUBC balcony.

All College rowers, spectators, family and friends are invited to attend.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ROWING

Intercollegiate rowing at the University of Melbourne began in 1881 with a four oared race between Trinity and Ormond. After four years, with Trinity winning on each occasion, the race became an annual contest for eight oared crews. Queen's College entered the fray in 1891, and Newman competed for the first time in 1918.

Originally the length of the race was two miles, on the Lower Yarra Course, but in 1909 the Upper Yarra Course of one and one-quarter miles was adopted. In 1918 Mr. Justice HB Higgins of the High Court of Australia presented the magnificent trophy, which has come to be identified with Intercollegiate rowing. The circumstances are explained in the following extract from a letter from the then Master of Ormond, DK Picken.

...Mr. Justice Higgins has vested a fund of 500 pounds in the Heads of the Colleges (as Trustees) for the encouragement of rowing, by means of a permanent trophy and memorial to be associated with the name of his son, the late Captain MB Higgins (Captain and Adjutant) of the 8th Light Horse Regiment AIF, formerly a member of Ormond College, Melbourne and later of Balliol College, Oxford, who was killed in action at El Maghaba on 23rd December, 1916. The fund comes from Captain Higgins' arrears of pay. The trophy which is to be called the Mervyn Bourmes Higgins Memorial Trophy, is to be held by the winning College...

In addition, the bequest also made provision for a small individual trophy for each oarsman; originally a two handled pewter mug, but since the last war an inscribed medallion. Apart from the war years, the Intercollegiate contest has been held every year, and was expanded to include a race for Second Eights for the Malcolm Russell Norton Trophy. Since 1923, the winning College Eight has raced against the Extra Collegiate crew for the John Laing Cup.

Women's Intercollegiate rowing commenced in 1959 when members of Janet Clarke Hall decided that it was about time that women had a race of their own. Originally the women were few in number as they had not an opportunity to row at school. Thus, rowing was a new experience for most that entered the races. Races were held over 800 metres for the First's crews and 500 metres for the Seconds. The number of women who row has increased greatly in the years since women's Intercollegiate rowing was established due to the popularity of schoolgirl rowing.

Unlike the men, the women had originally not been able to compete for a trophy or medallion, but competed for honour and glory alone. In 1992 this changed with the presentation of inscribed glasses to the winning crew at a celebratory dinner, and in 1993 for the first time the winning women's crew competed for the Margot Foster & Richardson Shield, similar in size to the Higgins Trophy, but reflecting the modern rowing woman of the 1990's. In 1999 the Susan Oddie Sypkens Shield for the winners of the women's Second Eights was presented for the first time.

Intercollegiate rowing was further enhanced in 1995 with the combining of the men's and women's regattas. It is appropriate that the men and women of the colleges who share so much should be able to share also the excitement and glory of one Intercollegiate Regatta.

Trivia:

The first intercollegiate boat race was held in 1881 between Trinity and Ormond men's VIII. Trinity won this race and the following five races.

Three dead-heats have occurred between Ormond and Trinity (1897); Ormond and Queen's (1921); and Trinity and Ormond (1946) – all men's VIII races.

Ormond leads the men's First VIII total races won with 57; and Ormond also leads the women's First VIII races with 21.

RECENT REGATTA CHAMIPONS

	Men's First VIII	Women's First VIII	Men's Second VIII	Women's Second VIII
2025	Trinity College	Trinity College	Trinity College	Trinity College
2024	Trinity College	Ormond College	Trinity College	Trinity College
2023	Trinity College	Ormond College	Ormond College	Trinity College
2022	Trinity College	Ormond College	Trinity College	Ormond College
2021	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	Trinity College
2020	Event Cancelled			
2019	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	Trinity College
2018	Trinity College	Ormond College	Ormond College	St. Mary's College
2017	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	St. Mary's College
2016	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	St. Mary's College
2015	Trinity College	Ormond College	Ormond College	St. Hilda's College
2014	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College
2013	Ormond College	Trinity College	Ormond College	Ormond College
2012	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College	Ormond College
2011	Ormond College	Queen's College	Trinity College	Queen's College
2010	Trinity College	Queen's College	Queen's College	Trinity College
2009	Queen's College	Queen's College	Queen's College	Queen's College
2008	Queen's College	Queen's College	University College	University College
2007	Trinity College	Ormond College	St. Hilda's College	St. Hilda's College
2006	Queen's College	Ormond College	Queen's College	St. Hilda's College
2005	Queen's College	Ormond College	Queen's College	University College

PAST RESULTS

Our records begin at the first race in 1881, with many results missing or unrecorded across regatta history. It is our goal to fill these results to create a complete historical database of the College Rowing regatta results.

Should you have any old records, results or photos from previous regattas, please contact the Sport Competitions Coordinator at Melbourne University Sport, Erin Riley at erin.riley@unimelb.edu.au.

CREW LISTS

FIRST VIII - MEN'S

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	NEWMAN
BOW	Will Brew	Sebastian Strang	Charlie McClure	Paddy van der Geest-Hester
2	Oliver Hamilton	Ned Laylock	James Forsyth	Max Magee
3	Ted Coakley	Lachlan Mitchell	Flynn Hanrahan	John-Hanita Pakoti
4	Harry Budd	George Wakem	Jack Connah	Ben Gasparrini
5	Ryan Fowler	Henry Willee	Tom Batton	Luke Easdown
6	John Maguire	Angus Glassenbury	Zach Lang	Kade Ferguson
7	Spencer Siebel	George Wicks	Ned Walsh	Will Swan
STR	Henry Pitt	Hugo Wilkins	Max Jane	Alex Stone
COX	Sam Leviny	Harriet Woolf	Maddie Barclay-Smith	Lachie Ray
RES 1		Jack Lowman	Ben Meakin	Ajax Calliguri
RES 2			Harper Walsh	Zac Wan
RES 3				Harry Glass

FIRST VIII - WOMEN'S

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	NEWMAN
BOW	Zahra Hoban	Eva Chalmers	Bridgette Wise	Isobel Higgins
2	Adelaide Bankes	Phoebe Sheehan	Milla Hearnden	Chloe Webster
3	Charlotte Newman	Bianca Court	Georgia Walsh	Elise Melotte
4	Annabelle Moloney	Zoe Ryan	Honey Anderson	Annie Cook
5	Sabrina Koczkar	Claire Hamilton	Hervée Sullivan Arkless	Elizabeth Brehaut
6	Sienna Baillieu	Arabella Pitt	Ella Treffry	Sarah Higgins
7	Lily Wallace	Daisy Hinckfuss	Elle Sankey	Courtney Shelby
STR	Lizzie Robson	Sophie Johnson	Daisy Walsh	Molly Larsen
COX	Molly Moore	Zoe Small	Annie Hutchings	Clare Tuckwell
RES 1		Alexandra Fairchild		Niamh Thomas-Leech
RES 2		Olivia Schubert		Mia Wheaton
RES 3				Brooke Ellis

SECOND VIII - MEN'S

	IH	ST MARY'S	UC	ST HILDA'S
BOW	Tom Perrett	Jack Cowan	Hugo Coombe-Tennant	James Huner
2	Naman Kachhwaha	Karim Wood-Amin	Albert Mantello	Charlie Grivelli
3	Austin Yam	Marty Cook	Nicholas Howarth	Daniel Steer
4	Frederick Finch	Nick Matesic	Jake Turnbull	Fletcher Good
5	Harviraaj Grewal	Finn Houlihan	Bob Ritchie	Seb Hayworth
6	Isaac Morris	Lachlan Hodge	Jack Wolfgram	Finley Grey
7	Charlie Baulch	Callum Noble	Pandin-Ek Boonpiti	Curtis Mccoughtry
STR	Oliver Finch	Noah Quick	Stuart Hall	Oscar Preuss
COX	Bimaya Raddalgoda	Luca Cirillo	Lulu White	Jeffery Wang
RES 1	Swayam Nagar		Hamish Crawford	Jonah White
			Renwei Xing	

CREW LISTS

SECOND VIII - MEN'S CONT.

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	JANET CLARKE HALL
BOW	Peter Morgan	Paul Grosshammer	Josh Ferguson	George Parker
2	Tom Perry	William Merrin	Roland Cameron	Kushagra Sharma
3	Harry Bryant	James Derrick	Pedro Murray	Jordan Kipping
4	Harry Underhill	Charlie MacPherson Smith	Dylan Clarke	Arjun Ladha
5	Henri Lempriere	Patrick Healy	Daniel York	Aidan Ford
6	James Lao	Nick Sharr	Angus Popplestone	Scott Moore
7	Jono Leake	Ben Snellbliss	Nick Jasper	Dominic Tornquist
STR	Baran Karakas	Harry Naphtalie	Jackson Dancey	Camilo Gonzalez Monardes
COX	Jack De Fraga	Luca Hooke	Caerwyn James	Angus MacGillivray
Res 1			Barney Cox	Ty Whitford

SECOND VIII - WOMEN'S

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	JANET CLARKE HALL
BOW	Rose Jones	Sophie Elstoft	Ava Farah	Khadija Klein
2	Jess Sibly	Beatrix Bradley	Eliza Mulligan	Noa Ellis
3	Matilda Unsworth	Lucy Ashton	Clara Blersch	Katherine Wang
4	Charlotte Swarbrick	Harriet Douglas	Remy Tanner	Charlie Tzavaras
5	Gaby Manifold	Molly Boyle	Mara Cui	Evie Kirchner
6	Milly Tulloch	Grace Thomas	Harriet Meakin	Priya Lintern
7	Lola Gorton	Eleanor Ryan	Sienna Hooke	Diana Lawrence
STR	Lulu Detmold-Cox	Sophie Farrer	Mieke Clark	Anna Ryley
COX	Phoebe Paul	Eliza Davidson	Jessamy Bennett	Iliia Lapinski-Cox
RES 1			Noushi Byrne	Maya Stanley

SECOND VIII - WOMEN'S CONT.

	IH	ST MARY'S	UC	ST HILDA'S
BOW	Grace Tynan	Hannah McCrum	Sommers Hogan	Liv Jones
2	Alessia Bonifacio	Phoebe Houlihan	Lottie Hughes	Audrey Potter
3	Amelia Lau	Molly O'Farrell	Sabrina Stepa	Georgie Morrison
4	Paiva Pradhan	Jess Freeman	Sophie Lacey	Sarah Ames
5	Ekaterina Balycheva	Eve Cassidy	Gemma Lourey	Zoe Wright
6	Julie De Clercq	Maggie Taylor	Lucinda Dowing	Eva Raco
7	Anna Kim	Isobel Nagle	Eloise Thompson	Hannah Piper
STR	Emma Loh An Min	Ruby Byrne	Amy Barrow	Issy Basra
COX	Bimaya Raddalgotda	Madison Lane	Olivia Man	Mia Lu
RES 1			Mica Thurbron	Zoe Dudley

SCHEDULE

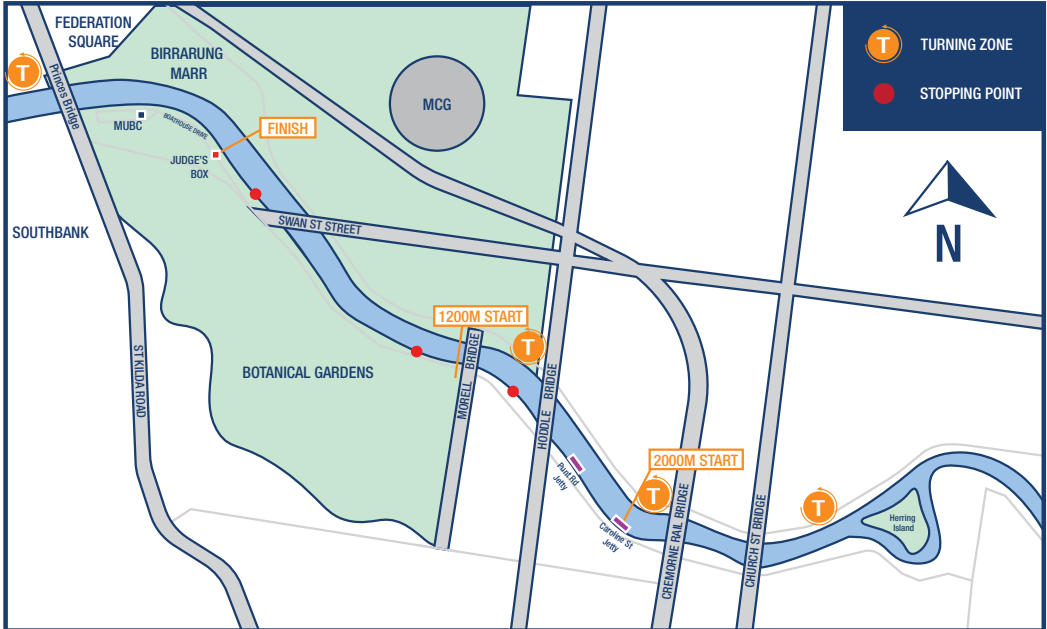
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7:00-7:30AM			Cox Weigh-in @ MUBC Min. weight for all coxswains – 55kg				
8:00 AM	R1 A	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – H1	IH	Queen's	UC	1st R11, 2nd R13, 3rd R12
8:06 AM	R2 B	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – H2	Ormond		JCH	1st R12, 2nd R11
8:12 AM	R3 C	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – H3	Trinity	St Hilda's	St Mary's	1st R13, 2nd R12, 3rd R11
8:32 AM	R4 D	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H1	IH	Queen's	UC	1st R16, 2nd R15, 3rd R14
8:38 AM	R5 E	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H2	Ormond		JCH	1st R15, 2nd R14
8:44 AM	R6 F*	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H3	Trinity	St Hilda's	St Mary's	1st R14, 2nd R16, 3rd R15
8:55 AM	R7 G	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – H1		Ormond	Newman	1st R22, 2nd R21
9:00 AM	R8 H	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – H2		Trinity	Queen's	1st R22, 2nd R21
9:05 AM	R9 I	2000	Men's 1 st VIII – H1		Ormond	Newman	1st R24, 2nd R23
9:10 AM	R10 J	2000	Men's 1 st VIII – H2		Trinity	Queen's	1st R24, 2nd R23
9:20 AM	R11 K	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – SF1	2 nd R2	1 st R1	3 rd R3	1 st R18, 2 nd R17
9:26 AM	R12 L	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – SF2	2 nd R3	1 st R2	3 rd R1	1 st R18, 2 nd R17
9:32 AM	R13 M	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – SF3	2 nd R1	1 st R3		1 st R18, 2 nd R17
9:40 AM	R14 N	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – SF1	2 nd R5	1 st R6	3 rd R4	1 st R20, 2 nd R19
9:46 AM	R15 O	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – SF2	2 nd R4	1 st R5	3 rd R6	1 st R20, 2 nd R19
9:52 AM	R16 P	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – SF3	2 nd R6	1 st R4		1 st R20, 2 nd R19
10:05 AM	R17 Q	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – B Final	2 nd R11	2 nd R12	2 nd R13	
10:10 AM	R18 R	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – A Final	1 st R11	1 st R12	1 st R13	
10:15 AM	R19 S	1200	Henley Exhibition				
10:20 AM	R20 T	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – B Final	2 nd R14	2 nd R15	2 nd R16	
10:25 AM	R21 U	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – A Final	1 st R14	1 st R15	1 st R16	
10:35 AM	R22 V	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – B Final		2 nd R7	2 nd R8	
10:40 AM	R23 W	2000	Men's 1 st VIII – B Final		2 nd R9	2 nd R10	
10:45 AM	R24 X	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – A Final		1 st R7	1 st R8	
10:50 AM	R25 Y	2000	Men's 1 st VIII – A Final		1 st R9	1 st R10	
11:00 AM			Presentation to winning crews				



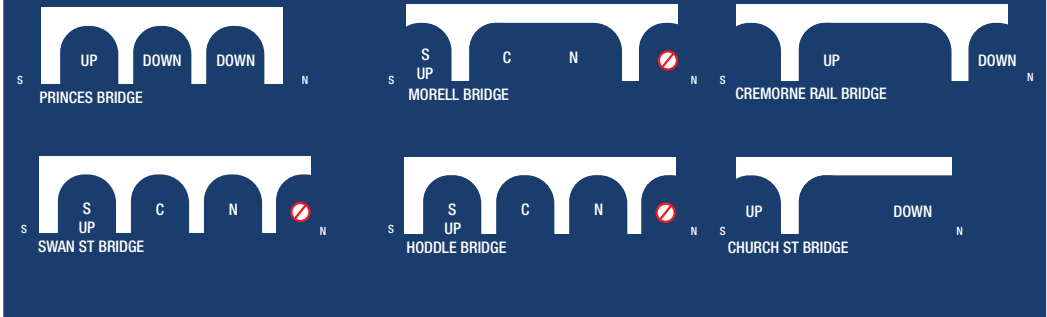
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Elite Athlete Program



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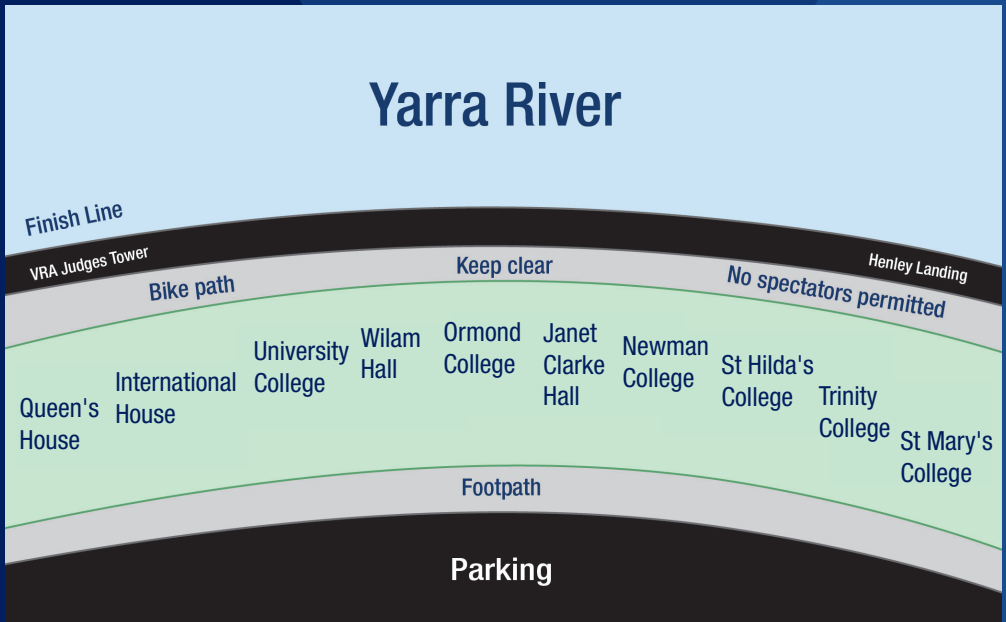
Regatta Officials

Regatta Secretary
Referee (Finish)

Erin Riley
 Damien Schroder

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SPECTATORS



1. College spectator viewing areas have been determined according to the 2026 College Sport Random Draw (Not to scale)
2. Spectator viewing areas will be clearly marked according to the above plan using signs and lines marked on the grass
3. All colleges are requested to ensure their students, staff, family and friends spectate from their designated college's viewing area only
4. Spectator toilets are located at the City of Melbourne Skate Park on the southern side of Boathouse Drive
5. This is not a closed event – please keep clear of the Bike Path for the safety of all spectators and members of the public
6. Colleges should remove any rubbish from their designated spectator area (including any footpath/parking space) immediately after the regatta
7. Medal and trophy presentations will be made shortly after the final race at the Melbourne University Boat House

MERVYN BOURNES HIGGINS TROPHY



The Mervyn Bournes Higgins is perpetually awarded to the winning college 1st VIII Crews of the College Regatta. The trophy is too large to be handed over at presentation, so is passed between to the winning college by the previous holder post-regatta.

The following excerpt from the book *Well Rowed University*, provides insight into the history and significance of the trophy:

At a meeting in March 1917, Mr Crosthwaite reported that Mr Justice Higgins had asked him to approach the MUBC committee in regard to His Honour and Mrs Higgins founding a trophy for the Intercollegiate Boat Race to commemorate the memory of their son, Captain Mervyn Bournes Higgins MC, who had been killed on active duty with the 8th Light Horse in the AIF just before Christmas in the previous year. He had survived Gallipoli, only to be killed at El Maghaba in Egypt. Crosthwaite and delegates from the colleges were to draw up a scheme and submit it to M Justine Higgins. After various drafting sessions and discussions, a Trust Deed was signed on 10 May 1918 pursuant to which Mr Justice Higgins gifted £500. The trustees included the Masters of Ormond and Queen's and the Warden of Trinity. The objects of the trust were the benefitting of the affiliated colleges and the encouragement of intercollegiate rowing and to perpetuate the memory of the late Mervyn Bournes Higgins. There was to be a permanent trophy known as the Mervyn Bournes

Higgins Trophy and a suitable book on parchment to contain a complete record of all intercollegiate boat races. The gift was acknowledged in the Club minutes of 26 March 1919:

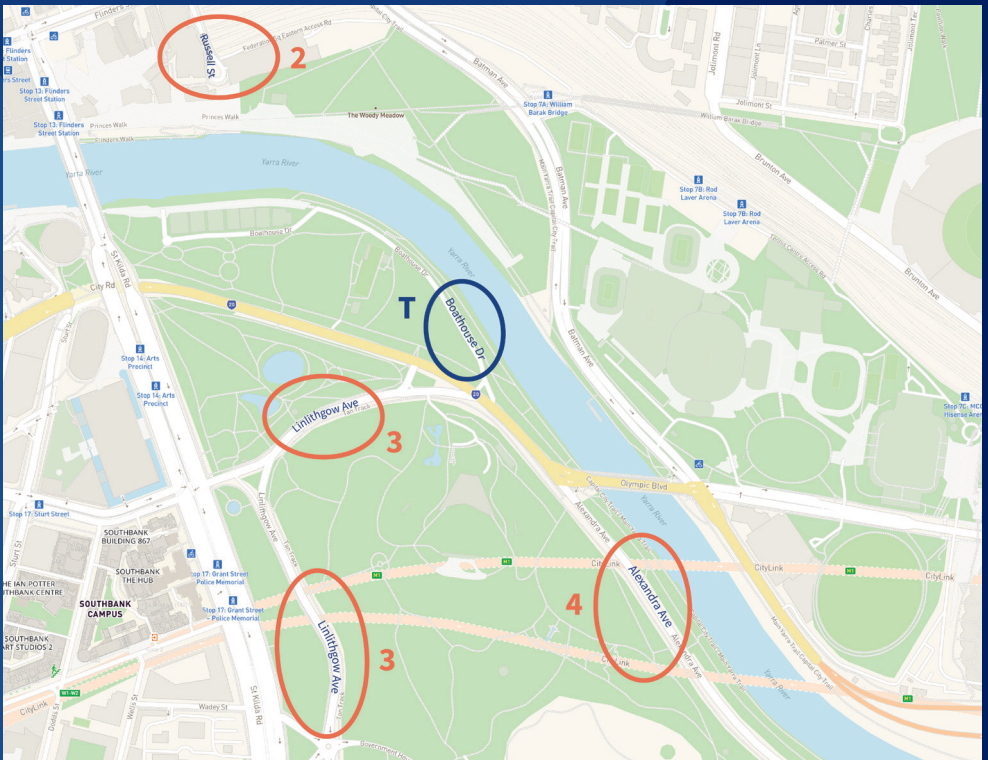
This exceedingly generous gift from His Honour is greatly valued not only because of the sentiment and prestige added to the race but because there is perpetually also associated with it the name of a fine stalwart oarsman and gallant Australian soldier.

In 1919... Plans got underway to revive the intersiversity and intercollegiate races, the latter now including Newman College. To facilitate four crews racing in the intercollegiate race (Trinity, Ormond, Queen's and Newman) it was necessary to have two heats with the winners racing off in a final. For the 1919 College boat race, heats were rowed on 9 May with the final taking place the next day. In addition to being the first intercollegiate race in which Newman would participate, this race would be the first where the newly instated Mervyn Bournes Higgins Trophy was competed for. Ormond College beat Queen's while Newman was too good for Trinity. In the final, Ormond won the Mervyn Bournes Higgins trophy for the first time by defeating Newman by two lengths in a spirited race.

Writing taken from: *Well Rowed University – Melbourne University Boat Club, the first 150 years – Dr. Judith Buckrich, 1950*

The book encapsulates the story of one of Australia's oldest sporting clubs and one of its most successful rowing clubs. It is also a story of Melbourne and its society; of the University of Melbourne; and of the Yarra River, which flows through the centre of Melbourne. Beautifully designed and illustrated in both colour and black and white throughout, 'Well Rowed University' contains over 400 images, including early scenes of Melbourne and the Yarra River rarely seen before.

To order a copy of the book, please visit www.wellrowed.com



Parking in the event area is limited. The above map highlights options within walking distance of the Yarra River and spectatorial viewing area on Henley Landing, Boathouse Drive (blue circle).

Blue Circle: Boathouse Drive will be closed to all traffic and parking for the duration of the event.

2. Federation Square undercover car park (Paid) – situated on the North Side of the river, within a short walking distance across St. Kilda Rd foot bridge to the boathouses and Henley landing. Enter off Flinders and Russel Street.

3. Lithgow/Birdwood Avenues – within walking distance (5-10 mins) south of viewing area – cross at Alexandra Avenue lights.

4. Alexandra Avenue – also within short (5 mins) walking distance along the river trail which runs alongside the course.

Public Toilets are located next to the Skate Park on the south side of Boathouse Drive in between the finishing box and MUBC Shed. This is highlighted on the map by the blue T.





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