



Intercollegiate Rowing Regatta 2025

Saturday
10 May 2025



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE



THE PRESIDENT’S WELCOME

The Melbourne University Boat Club is once again proud to be associated with the University of Melbourne College Rowing Regatta.

Over many years we have seen quite high standards of rowing from the Colleges of the University, particularly given the short season and diversity of experience within the crews. Indeed, some of the finest oarspersons in Victorian rowing have competed in this event, along with those who are experiencing the sport for the first time. Needless to say we also see some of our more social rowers competing and enjoying themselves. The event is one of participation, given the crew based format. I urge all Colleges to continue to promote the sport of rowing to their students.

MUBC continues to look at ways of further involving the members of residential colleges in structured rowing activities and we encourage College residents to participate in our programs. Further details will become available on the Club website: www.mubc.asn.au and all participants should receive contact from the club post-regatta. It is the hope of MUBC that we can continue to provide further opportunities for College rowers outside of this event.

Finally, I extend a vote of thanks to Melbourne University Sport, MUBC coaches and club members, and to Regatta Manager Greg Longden, and MUBC General Manager Operations Alacoque Tunny for their assistance in ensuring the successful staging of this event. Thanks also to our Race Officials from Rowing Victoria and MUBC. Further thanks are extended to the City of Melbourne and Parks Victoria, Rowing Victoria and Transport Safety Victoria for their consideration and assistance in the staging of the event.

Good rowing to all crews.

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 2025 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 Greg Longden, 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.

Tim Lee
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.

The winning first VIII Colleges will be invited to race against a University of Sydney College at the 2025 Australian Boat Race later in the year.

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 Magdhaba on 23rd December, 1916. The fund comes from Captain Higgins' arrears of pay. The trophy which is to be called the Mervyn Bournes 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
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
2004	Queen's College	Ormond College	Queen's College	Result Unavailable

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		Harrison Cameron	James Forsyth	Elijah Freddie
2		George Wakeem	Charlie McClure	Harry Glass
3		George Wicks	Alex Tippet	Will Swan
4		Harry Dudley	Lachlan Perrett	James Hoke
5		Lachlan Mitchell	Flynn Hanrahan	Luke Easdown
6		Alex Coleman	Angus Schumacher	Sam O'Brien
7		Seb Strang	Jack Connah	Joe Conway
STR		Will Merrin	Alex Moffat	Charlie Marshall
COX		Leah Quay	Emma Ferguson	Yuexi Ren
RES 1			Zach Lang	Adam Farquhar
RES 2				Chris Bowker
RES 3				Marcello Vescio

FIRST VIII - WOMEN'S

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	NEWMAN
BOW	Ella Hamilton	Elise Angus	Halle Noyes	Elise Melotte
2	Natarsha Madden	Lucy Cooper	Saskia Billson	Chloe Webster
3	Mietta Passen Walker	Olivia Schubert	Cassie Silberberg	Isobel Higgins
4	Jazz Wylie	Sadie Preston	Charlotte Rodgers	Liv Hope
5	Annabelle Moloney	Alexandra Fairchild	Maiya Salmi	Niamh Thomas Leech
6	Charlotte Newman	Georgia Petersen	Honey Anderson	Jane McKinnis
7	Ellie Campbell	Claudia Mcnee	Sarah Gubbins	Courtney Shelby
STR	Lily Wallace	Sophie Jonhson	Felicity Batten	Bella Wolf
COX	Isabella Boffa	Zoe Small	Maddie Barclay-Smith	Jess Lim
RES 1				Siobhan Peterson
RES 2				Clare Tuckwell
RES 3				Ellie Rickard

SECOND VIII - MEN'S

	IH	ST MARY'S	UC	ST HILDA'S
BOW	Isaac Morris	Blake Lee	Ewan MacLeod	Tom Pickles
2	Tom Perrett	Sam Bell	Oli Harris	Jesse McDougall
3	Luey Raouf	Noah Cooper	Hugo Hirst	Zach Ranson
4	Cody Dent	James Smyth	Johnny Pring	Jono Hie
5	Jeen Riemer De Vries	Dom McInnes	Sam Quinn	Curtis McCoughtry
6	Stanley Whineray	Nathaniel Shelton	Mason Pierce	James Smythe
7	Owen Sanigorski	Sam Rossato	Hugo Hecht	Jonah White
STR	Oliver Finch	Ben Black	Max Boykett	Oscar Preuss
COX	Jasmine Byrne	Maddison Lane	Lola Eastaugh	Maddie Robins
RES 1	Enzo Nelo			Lucien Savage

CREW LISTS

SECOND VIII - MEN'S CONT.

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	JANET CLARKE HALL
BOW	Oliver Hamilton	Jeremy Gray	Will Thomas	Angus Taylor
2	Harry Clarke	Jack Lowman	Jock Reid	Lucas Dell
3	Henri Lempriere	Fred Sarson	Rob Thomas	Dante Duell
4	Harry Budd	Lawson Ward	Alec Iser	Dominic Tornquist
5	Rupert Grant	Mathew Ackland	Andrew Lennon	Will Vavallo
6	Ciaran McCormack	Jono Alcock	Ed Boyd	Declan Baker
7	Will Brew Ferrer	Edi Wang	Otto Smyth	Hal Porter
STR	Henry Pitt	Josh Hunter	Ben Meakin	Shalin Bigwood
COX	Sam Leviny		Georgia Faulk	Samuel Sosa
Res 1				

SECOND VIII - WOMEN'S

	TRINITY	ORMOND	QUEEN'S	JANET CLARKE HALL
BOW	Portia Koczkar	Izzy Lawrie	Sarah Andersen	Eliza Wallace
2	Sophie Courtney	Georgia Szer	Milla Hearnden	Anna Ryley
3	Emma Gregory	Isobel Nanayakkara	Ava Farrah	Myra Doval
4	Caroline Reid	Claire Hamilton	Sienna Hooke	Wanwue Tarpeh
5	Gabriella Manifold	Trieste Doumani	Milly Brain	Isobel Whitehead
6	Chloe Ting	Milla Naylor	Annie Hutchings	Shanti Leimanis Budden
7	Phoebe a'Beckett	Bianca Court	Paige Evans	Stella Byrne
STR	Lulu Detmold Cox	Sophie Dole	Sarah Cole	Emily Walters
COX	Jack De Fraga	Bridget Davies	Clara Blerch	Jiealla Guttie-Galpin
RES 1	Nadia Walland			
RES 2	Helena Sofia Brew Ferrer			
RES 3	Issy Hunt			

SECOND VIII - WOMEN'S CONT.

	IH	ST MARY'S	UC	ST HILDA'S
BOW	Issie Urquhart	Hannah McCrum	Maddy Wilson	Rhiannon Ferdinando
2	Grace Tynan	Molly O'Farrell	Sophie Lacey	Mahlia Tarrant
3	Ekaterina Balycheva	Jessica Freeman	Poppy Flanagan	Saskia Van Beek
4	Annabel Mullett	Lily Davis	Jemima Dryden	Eva Raco
5	Kiera Graham	Ruby Reynolds	Holly Cornwall	Rohini Currie
6	Jeylan Johnson	Isobel Nagle	Lucy Doonan	Issy Basra
7	Maisie Sullivan Kent	Ella Gleeson	Eloise Thompson	Hannah Piper
STR	Vivian Robinson	Lily Bryant	Ella Henty	Lucy Dunning
COX	Jasmine Byrne	Gigi Bonet	Lulu White	Julia Huang
RES 1	Daniela Rodriguez			Liv Jones

SCHEDULE

Time	Race	Distance	Event	South	Centre	North	Progression
7:00-7:30AM			Cox Weigh-in @ MUBC Min. weight for all cox-swains – 55kg				
8:00 AM	R1 A	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII - H1	IH	St Hilda's	Trinity	1st R11, 2nd R13, 3rd R12
8:06 AM	R2 B	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – H2		UC	St Mary's	1st R12, 2nd R11, 3rd R13
8:12 AM	R3 C	1200	Men's 2 nd VIII – H3	Ormond	Queen's	JCH	1st R13, 2nd R12
8:32 AM	R4 D	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H1	IH	St Hilda's	Trinity	1st R16, 2nd R15, 3rd R14
8:38 AM	R5 E	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H2		UC	St Mary's	1st R15, 2nd R14
8:44 AM	R6 F*	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – H3	Ormond	Queen's	JCH	1st R14, 2nd R16, 3rd R15
8:55 AM	R7 G	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – H1		Trinity	Newman	1st R22, 2nd R21
9:00 AM	R8 H	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – H2		Ormond	Queen's	1st R22, 2nd R21
9:05 AM	R9 I	2000	Men's 1 st VIII - H1		Trinity	Newman	1st R24, 2nd R23
9:10 AM	R10 J	2000	Men's 1 st VIII – H2		Ormond	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	Women's 2 nd VIII – B Final	2 nd R14	2 nd R15	2 nd R16	
10:20 AM	R20 T	1200	Women's 2 nd VIII – A Final	1 st R14	1 st R15	1 st R16	
10:30 AM	R21 U	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – B Final		2 nd R7	2 nd R8	
10:35 AM	R22 V	2000	Women's 1 st VIII – A Final		1 st R7	1 st 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	Men's 1 st VIII – A Final		1 st R9	1 st R10	
11:00 AM			Presentation to winning crews *Order swapped due to boat being shared between men's and women's crew				



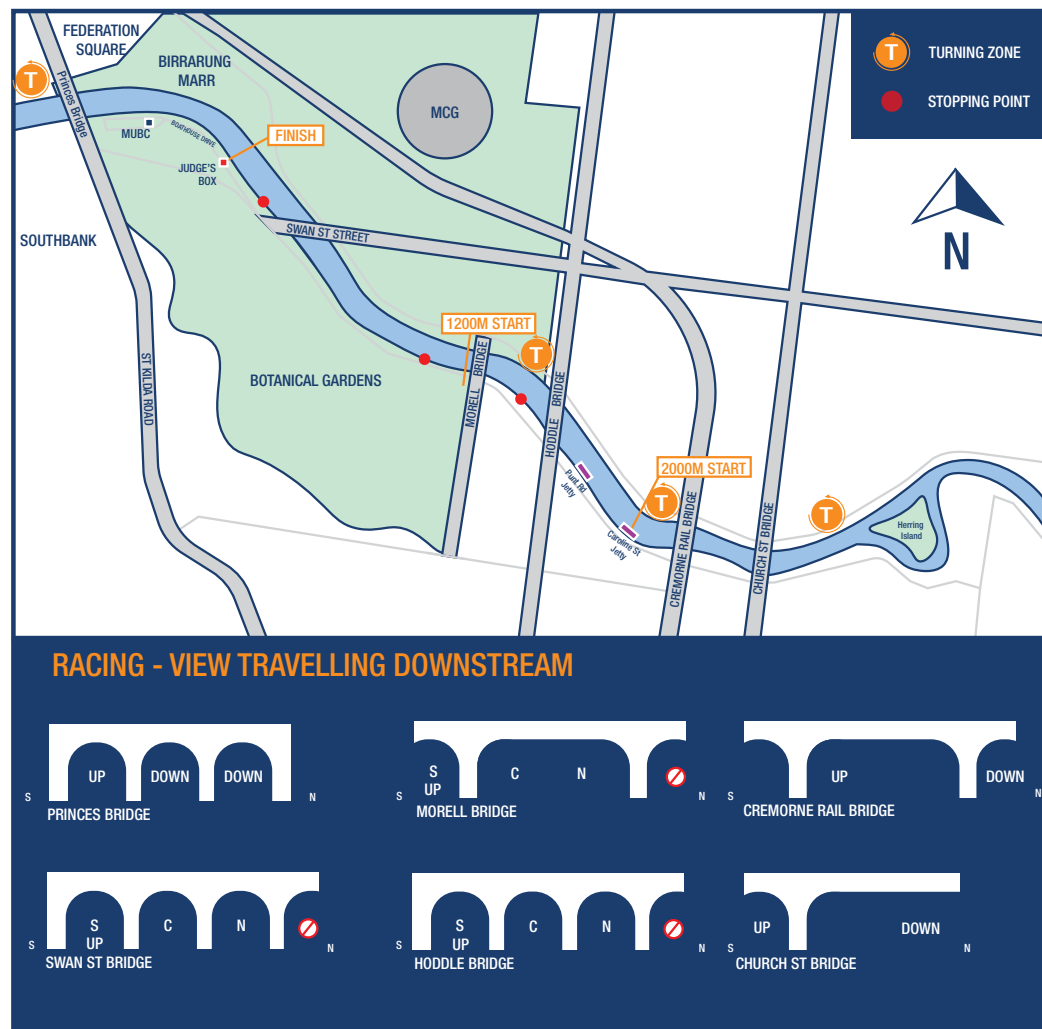
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Two Great Universities
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DIAGRAM BELOW SHOWS THE REGATTA COURSE AS SET FOR RACING



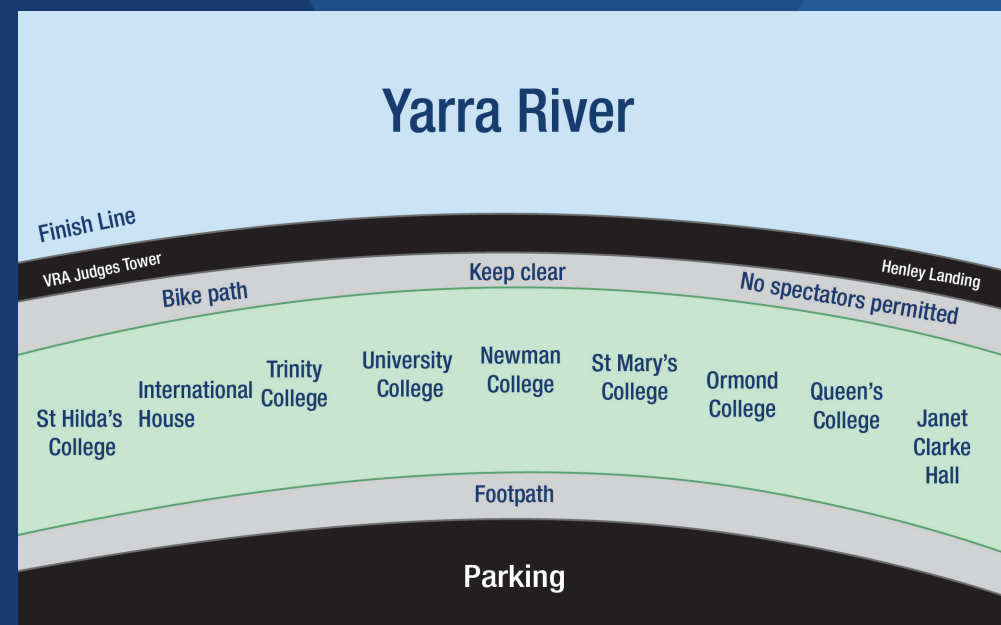
Regatta Officials

Regatta Secretary
Referee (Finish)

Erin Riley
Greg Longden

0400 219 935
0420 398 285

SPECTATORS



1. College spectator viewing areas have been determined according to the 2025 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 Magdhaba 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:

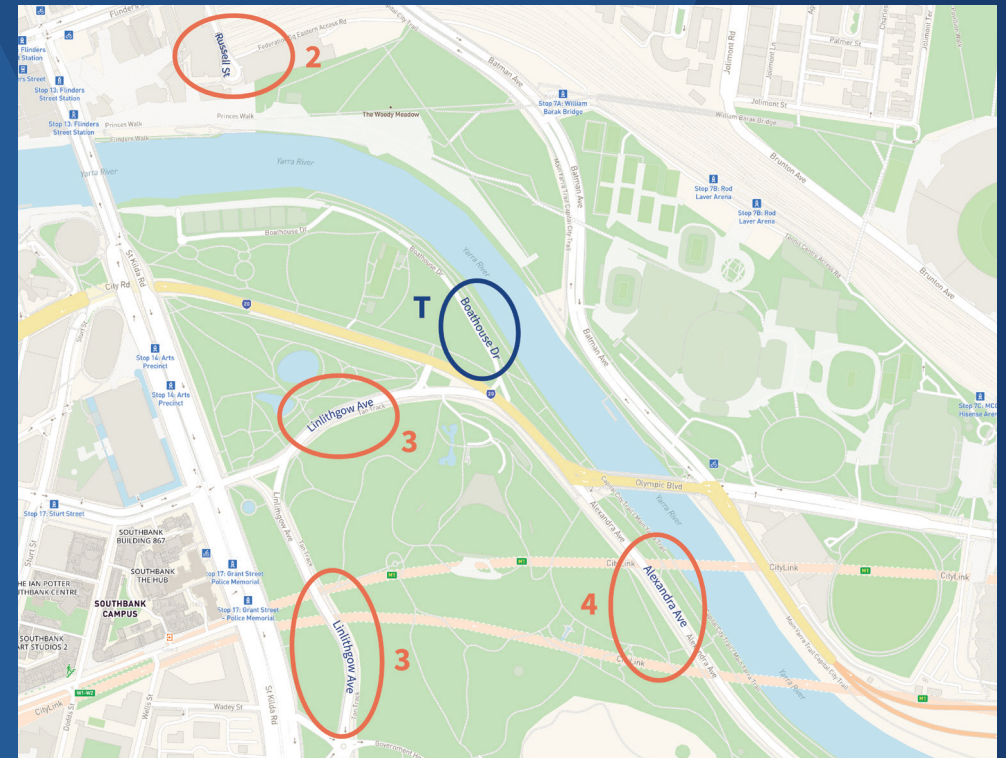
This exceedingly generous gift from His Honour is greatly valued not only because of the sentiment and prestige added to the race but because there is perpetually also associated with it the name of a fine stalwart oarsman and gallant Australian soldier.

In 1919... Plans got underway to revive the intervarsity 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 spectator 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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