



Wednesday 31st January 2018

2018 SOUTHERN 80 SKI RACE – UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE TEAMS

The 2018 Southern 80 will be staged from the 9th to 11th February 2018 and is proudly presented by the Moama Water Sports Club and supported by Destination New South Wales.

The first event for the competitors in the jam-packed weekend is the Breakfast of the Stars on Friday 9th February – 7.00 am to 9.00 am, in the Kirrabee Sound Shell in Moama with some 50 of the boats competing in the weekend's racing on display. This is a perfect opportunity to be up close and personal with the boats, checking out the magnificent paint work, shiny metal and the range of different engines and engine configurations that exist.

At 7.30am there will be a number of the ski racing stars available to sign posters and stickers for the children, as they drop in, on their way to school. These stars include:

- Current World Women's champion and Southern 80 ambassador Chelsea Blight,
- Current World Men's F2 champion, Cameron Osborne
- Chloe Muus from Tongala who is skiing behind local boat Doingdough in the Unlimited Inboard and Presidents Dash classes
- Kris Knight, skier behind Merc Force, winner of the 2017 Southern 80
- Multiple Southern 80 winner and former local skier – Jamie Oliver who is skiing behind 1350
- Local motocross rider, Nathan Whitten, who is trying his hand at ski racing, skiing behind Mygrain

As an added attraction this year, we also have the Heroes Breakfast, where we have arranged some of our under 10 skiers, to have breakfast and chat with our Super Class skiers. The breakfast provided by Beechworth Bakery, provides a discussion point for these competitors to foster a mentoring role between these competitors encouraging them to strive for their best whilst enjoying the sport of water ski racing.

On Saturday 10th February in the main shopping district of Echuca, Hare Street, will host the Total Tools Static Display. Boats, tow vehicles and teams will be on display, allowing the general public to get up close with the boats and the teams who are competing in the 2018 Southern 80. The boats will be in Hare St Echuca from 9.00 am to 12 noon on the Saturday morning, with many displays and interviews of the ski racing stars taking place. Motocross superstar – Cam Sinclair will be available for signings and photo opportunities between 10.00 am and 12 noon. There will also be a live broadcast by the crew from The Edge FM, with a display of the new Kia Stinger, official Southern 80 merchandise and many of the local shops offering food, drinks and a range of bargains.

The focus from there, then shifts to the water and the finish line at Victoria Park. Entry to the Victoria Park area is \$35 for a weekend pass or \$25 per day. Children under 15 are free. Plenty of food and drinks are available at the finish line. A Giant screen will be showing all the action of the event at the Finish Line with live crosses to the Start Lines on both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets can be pre-purchased online at www.southern80.com.au or buying at the gate.

“IT’S ALL HAPPENING AT THE FINISH LINE”

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