



SOUTHERN 80 - LET'S GO RACING

Media Release

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Water ski racers and fans are planning their weekend or week of travelling to Echuca/Moama for the 2022 Southern 80 from May 13th to 15th, and the towns of Echuca/Moama are ready for them.

The event starts with the launch night at the American Hotel on Thursday, May 12th. Here local dignitaries, sponsors and ski racers will mingle in preparation for the weekend of racing on the Murray River.

Friday morning, the Breakfast with the Stars will be from 7 am to 9 am. Here is an opportunity for the children to get posters signed by their favourite ski racers on the way to school. Teams will have their boats on display at the Kerrabee Sound Shell in Moama (just over the old bridge). Some of our youngest competitors will also be having breakfast with their ski racing idols, whilst there will be interviews with competitors

Saturday and the racing starts. The gates at Victoria Park boat ramp open at 7.30 am each day. You can bring your chair or picnic rug to sit under the new Dhungala Bridge and watch the teams come home via the live-action on the water or the big screen. There are activities for the kids, trade sites with merchandise, ski equipment and safety equipment available. There is plenty of food and drink available. Entry to this area is \$35 for the weekend or \$25 per day. During the breaks in the racing, there will be an aerobatic display from local Adrian Van der Sluys in the skies above the finish line area. The atmosphere and action can be found at the finish line at the Victoria Park boat ramp under the Dhungala bridge, and we look forward to welcoming you.

If you are unable to make it to Echuca/Moama, you can watch all the racing action via our live stream. Download the MVSN app from the Apple or Google store. It is free to download. You can purchase each day's racing for a cost of \$19.99 per day. If you want your fix before the weekend, some highlights are available now from previous years. Download the app and get your Southern 80 fix.

Racing over the weekend will occur during the following times:

Saturday Racing

- First session 8 am Under 10s, 8.30 am to 10.30 am Social classes from Unlimited to 60mph, Veterans, Disabled, finish time approx 11 am
- Second session 11.30 am to 1 pm. Expert classes shootout for pole positions for Sunday afternoon event. Boats 41 to 100.
- Third session 2 pm to 3.30 pm. Top 40 boats in President's dash and Bakers blitz racing slowest to fastest to see who will have pole 1 for Sunday's main race. This is the fastest racing of the day.

Sunday Racing

- First session 9 am to 11.15 am Super social, junior age divisions, 60,70,80mph classes.

- Second session 12.30 pm to 3 pm Main event. Superclass and expert classes,

The NSW Government is proud to support the Southern 80, via its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

We welcome you to Echuca/Moama from May 13th to 15th. Further information www.southern80.com.au or follow us on Facebook @southern80 or Instagram @southern80skirace

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