



SOUTHERN 80 IS ON FOR 2023

Media Release

25th January 2023

The official media launch of the 2023 Southern 80 was held on Wednesday, 25th January, in front of the Shire of Campaspe offices in Heygarth st Echuca. Here Moama Water Sports Club President Steve Shipp outlined the plan for the 2023 event.

The traditional February date was delayed due to the recent flood situation on the Murray River. This has now eased and the Murray river is running inside its banks, and the towns of Echuca/Moama and surrounding areas are ready to welcome people back to the area. The forest around the river is drying out, and the teams from Parks Victoria and NSW Forests are now assessing the river with the view to opening up the river bank to allow us access to emergency services and some spectator areas on the weekend of racing. Camping areas are still being assessed and as they become available, they will be indicated on the relevant websites.

The Moama Water Sports Club have been working with Destination NSW to ensure that the race brings the best of the water ski racing community together to race on the Murray River in the biggest ski race in the world. The Murray is open and we welcome all to make the most of the opportunities that our area provides.

This year the Hall of Fame nominees were announced at the media launch. The Hall of Fame recognises people who have helped to make the Southern 80 what it is today. Donna Wilson, David Edwards and Lisa Clancy will join the other 28 nominees on the list. The inductees will be announced at the Hall of Fame night at Victoria Park on Friday 24th March.

On the race weekend, there will be plenty of action on the water, with the expert classes competing in a shoot-out on Saturday morning to determine their starting time for Sunday's racing. This year we will also see the Top 40 boats, launch their boats at the finish line – Victoria Park and then travel along the river in a parade to the Five Mile Reserve in Moama for the Start of the Presidents Dash and the Bakers Blitz.

The finish line is the place to be, under the shade of the Dungala Bridge, it is a perfect opportunity to catch up with friends in the American Hotel Beer Garden, watch your teams on the big screen and take in the atmosphere watching the teams as they compete in the biggest ski race in the world. Tickets are now available online at www.southern80.com.au for \$35 for the weekend or \$25 per day. There is a range of food and drinks available and activities for the whole family.

The date to put in your calendars is the 24th to the 26th March in Echuca/Moama for the 2023 Southern 80. Further information www.southern80.com.au or follow us on Facebook @southern80 or Instagram @southern80skirace.

Southern 80 is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

For Further information regarding this event please contact Moama Water Sports Club Office on 03 54806754 or for further communications Julie Gollidge – webmaster@southern80.com.au 0418147227

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List of the Nominees for the Southern 80 Hall of Fame.

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