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# 2017 THE GREAT PENINSULA PADDLE

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# SUPPORTING DISADVANTAGED AUSTRALIANS ON THE PENINSULA

## WELCOME TO THE 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL “THE GREAT PENINSULA PADDLE”

Reclink Australia would like to welcome you to **The Great Peninsula Paddle 2017**. We hope to make the paddle an enjoyable and safe day. Many thanks to our sponsors and volunteers for making this event possible and special thanks must go to the Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club. The information below is to assist you in your preparation for this event.

**DATE:** Thursday 26th January, 2017

**LOCATION:** Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club,  
3154 Point Nepean Road, Sorrento, VIC, 3943

**REGISTRATIONS OPEN:** 9:30AM

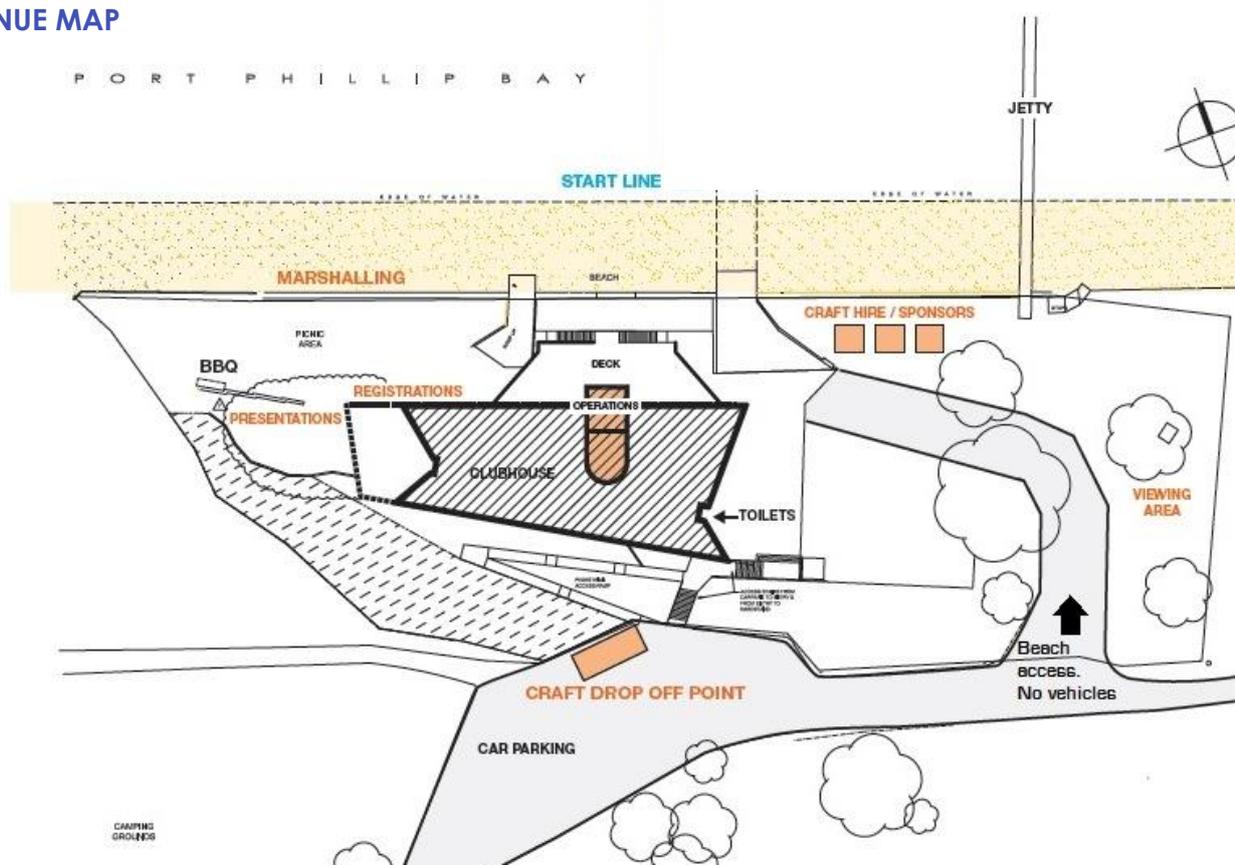
**SAFETY BRIEFING:** 10:45AM

**EVENT START:** 11:00AM

### CHECK IN ON EVENT DAY

All paddlers are requested to check in on the event day. **Please ensure you check in between 9:30am and 10:30am** at the registration desk. Our volunteer team will be there to greet you, check you in, allocate your paddle number and wristband and answer any questions you may have.

### VENUE MAP



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## CAR PARKING

Car Parking is limited so please arrive with enough time to drop off your craft at the allocated 'craft drop off point' (see above map) before finding a place to park your car. Our parking attendants will be on hand to assist you.

## PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICE

Under the Parks Victoria Aquatic License required to hold the event, we wish to advise that **all paddlers must wear a specified Personal Flotation Device (PFD):**

- You may wear a PFD Type 1: It must comply with Australian Standard AS 1512 or 4758.1
- You may wear a PFD Type 2: It must comply with Australian Standard AS 1499 or 4758.1
- You may wear a PFD Type 3: It must comply with Australian Standard AS 2260 or 4758.1

If you do not have a PFD, you will need to organise the hire of one prior to the event. This can be done through Bayplay: [bookings@bayplay.com.au](mailto:bookings@bayplay.com.au) or call on 03 5984 0888.

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING WITH ME?

We are all about being sunsmart! So don't forget to slop on some sunscreen and slap on a hat! Also don't forget your beach gear and a towel. Obviously bring your craft if you have one and those of you who are hiring will need to make arrangements with Bayplay: [bookings@bayplay.com.au](mailto:bookings@bayplay.com.au) or call on 03 5984 0888.

## PRE EVENT BRIEFING

After checking-in please assemble in the grassed area in front of the BBQ at 10:40am ready for the event briefing. Please ensure you are adequately dressed and equipped to participate in this event.

## WATER SAFETY

Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club & Southern Peninsula Rescue Squad will maintain a presence in the water. There will also be first aid professionals based at the Club House to attend to any medical situations that arise.

Should you need any assistance whilst in the water, please wave your hand above your head.

## START TIMES

Paddlers will start in waves according to craft. We ask that all participants be on site for the safety briefing, even if you are not in the first event.

You will be allocated your wave time when you check in--it is important that you start in your allocated wave to ensure your time is correctly recorded.

Start Time	Event
11:00AM	Short and Long Course
11:45AM AM	Kids Paddle

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## THE COURSE

Paddlers are requested to carefully familiarise themselves with the course map. The swim buoys mark the course, please make sure to keep an eye out for direction and if you need assistance, remain calm and wave your arm towards the direction of the lifesavers.

**Short Course:** 1.6km return course starting at the SSCB Pier heading south towards the Sorrento Pier then turning back at the 800m mark finishing back at the SSCB Pier.

**Long Course:** 3.2km course – two laps of the short course.



*\*\*please note map is not to scale so keep a look out for the bright course markers*

**Kids Fun Paddle:** 400m return course starting at the SSCB Pier heading south towards the Sorrento Pier then turning back at the 200m mark finishing back at the SSCB Pier. Not timed, all craft welcome.



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## HANDLING OF CRAFT AFTER THE EVENT

Participants must ensure that they do not leave their craft on the beach at the end of the race. For the safety of other competitors and spectators we will have volunteers to assist with pulling your craft up away from the water's edge but this is ultimately your responsibility.

## TIMING

All participants in the short and long events will be timed, split times will not be available. However please do not feel that racing is mandatory, race or take a leisurely paddle - the choice is yours!

Interim results will be announced on the day and there may be a brief wait for all of the final times to be recorded.

## PRIZES

There will be giveaways and prizes on the day for the two highest fundraisers, fastest participants and best dressed. We ask that you stay around until everyone has finished the course to congratulate our winners.

## BBQ

Reclink Australia will be putting on a fundraising BBQ for you to enjoy on the day. So please bring your friends and family along and enjoy a lovely BBQ by the water.

## FUNDRAISING

Reclink Australia is a charitable organisation whose mission is to provide sporting, social and arts activities to enhance the lives of people experiencing disadvantage.

Raising money for Reclink Australia is a simple process using your online fundraising page which is automatically created when you sign up online for the paddle.

Ask your family and friends to sponsor your paddle! Simply direct them straight to your personal fundraising page which can be found by searching for your name on the "[Sponsor a Friend](#)" page on our website: [www.reclink.org/paddle](http://www.reclink.org/paddle)

## FUNDRAISING INCENTIVE

**We are also very happy to announce that we have two stand up paddle board paddles that we giving to the two fundraisers who raise the most money. The paddles are valued at over \$300 each.**

Fundraising is easy to do so make sure you share your fundraising page to all of your family and friends.

## ABOUT RECLINK AUSTRALIA

Your support and fundraising efforts help Reclink support people from disadvantaged communities all around Australia, from the streets of St Kilda and Kings Cross, to the public housing estates of Adelaide and Canberra and the remote communities of the Northern Territory, Reclink Australia champions' participation in physical and artistic activity for all Australians.

We believe that sport, recreation, music and art are powerful tools to engage and support those most hard to reach within the community.

# SUPPORTING DISADVANTAGED AUSTRALIANS ON THE PENINSULA

Reclink Australia will be raising funds through the 2017 Great Peninsula Paddle to reinstate the Western Port Warriors Football Team located in Hastings.

The Reclink Football program is very effective in helping to gain confidence and motivation to improve their general health and wellbeing while at the same time helping players gain employment and undertake training.

Mr Neale Burgess MP, said the Western Port Warriors Football Team was a real means of change for hundreds of disadvantaged people in the Hastings area.

"The Western Port Warriors Football Team, led by former police officer, Andy Brady was the only means for hundreds of disadvantaged young people and their families living in the Hastings and Somerville areas to connect to the wider community and break the cycle of loss of confidence, low self-esteem, unemployment, isolation and boredom," Mr Burgess said.

Thank you for supporting this event and Reclink Australia's programs.



The banner features the Reclink Australia logo on the left, a central graphic of two crossed orange paddles, and the event title '2017 THE GREAT PENINSULA PADDLE' in large white and orange text. Below the title, it says 'Australia Day 2017' and 'Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club'.

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