

# Sunset Bay

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NQ ZONE GRAND PRIX

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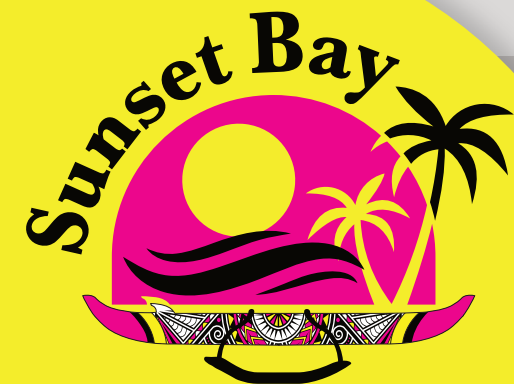
May Day Long Weekend

Saturday & Sunday

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

MARATHON | JUNIORS | SPRINT | SHORT AND LONG COURSES | MEDAL AND MERCH

Represent your club at the largest multi-sport event in Regional Australia



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## Welcome

Sunset Bay Outrigger Canoe Club welcomes all paddling competitors, their coaches, families, friends and other spectators to join us at Eimeo Beach on the May Day long weekend, 2-3 May 2026.

This is the first regatta to be held by Sunset Bay in around 10 years and this year we are blessed to be joining in with the NQ Games event in Mackay - the largest multi-sport event in regional Australia.

Mackay offers some unique paddling conditions on the water with big tidal swings (up to 6m), strong and challenging in-shore currents that flow around the many local reefs and rocky outcrops, and some great little wave runners when the wind behaves - all this against a beautiful coastline of sandy beaches and rocky headlands.

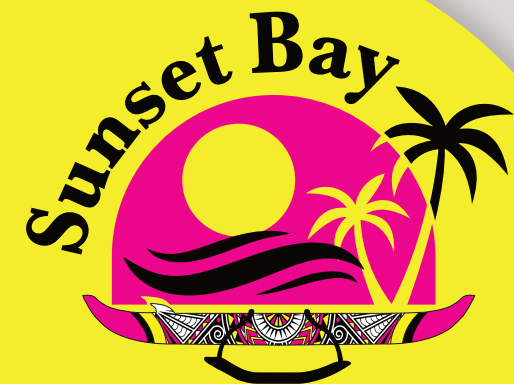
Many of you may not be aware of the story behind Eimeo's humble beginnings that stretch across the Pacific Ocean to the islands of Tahiti. The famous tourist island of Moorea in Tahiti, was previously named and known as the island of Eimeo. Jeremiah Armitage travelled to the Mackay area in the 1870s and established a

boarding house up on the hill overlooking the beautiful Sunset Bay and adjoining beach, which he later named after his birthplace Eimeo, in Tahiti. The famous Eimeo Pub now sits where the boarding house was established and the mango trees planted by Armitage, now line the heritage-listed roadway to the pub, called Mango Avenue.

- The first race of the regatta, the 'Eimeo Beach Challenge' (20 km marathon), is named in honour of this local history and connection to the early beginnings of outrigger canoeing across the Pacific and the islands of Tahiti.

In addition to a great line up of canoe racing, we will be hosting a variety of off-water games and competitions to help keep our paddling families, communities and spectators engaged and participating, over the weekend.

We invite and welcome you all to our Regatta and encourage you to participate, mingle, share stories with old friends and new, and enjoy the weekend with our paddling community, at Sunset Bay.



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## Sunset Bay Regatta in conjunction with NQ Games

(The largest multi-sport competition in Regional Australia)



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## 2026 MACKAY NQ GAMES

MAY 1ST - MAY 4TH 2026

The North Queensland Games celebrates its 42nd year in 2026, hosting 40+ sports in Mackay, The Whitsundays and Isaac regions and welcomes athletes of all ages to attend.

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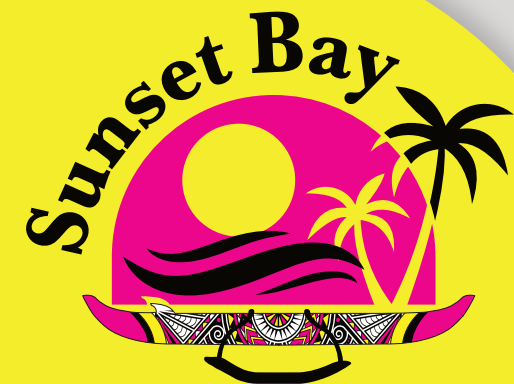
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## Regatta Program

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

- 7.00am OC6 Eimeo Beach Challenge  
20km marathon  
Mackay Harbour - Green Island - Eimeo Beach
- 10.30am OC6 Junior races program
- 11.40am OC1/ OC2 Short Courses 2km & 4km  
Eimeo beach - Bucasia
- 2.00pm OC6 Sprint races - 500m  
Mens/ Womens/ Mixed  
Eimeo beach front
- 4.30pm Presentation
- 5.30pm Dinner at Eimeo beach SLSC Club



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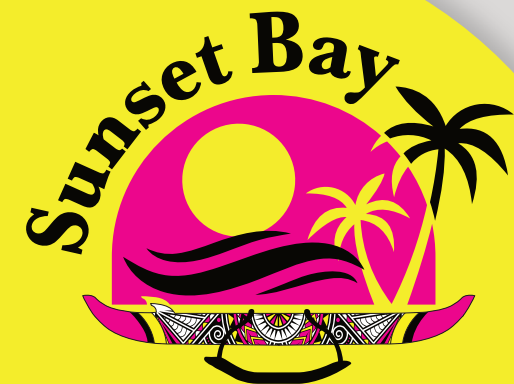
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## Regatta Program

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026

- 7.00am OC6 Long course - 8-10 km  
Eimeo beach - One-Tree island - Eimeo beach  
OC6 canoes are de-rigged and put on trailers
- 10.00am OC1 / 2 / V1 Sprint Races - 500m  
Eimeo beach front
- 1.00pm OC1 & OC 2 Long Course 12-14 km  
Eimeo beach - Lamberts beach-Eimeo beach
- 5:30pm Northern Beaches Bowls Club Presentation Night  
Bare Foot Bowles from 17:30pm followed by  
dinner and presentations



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## Nomination Information

All clubs must lodge a CLUB Nomination with payment online via the [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au) web site. Clubs are to supply their Clubs race nominations, including team name (if any), Steerer name and Canoe numbers.

Individuals wishing to compete in an OC1, OC2 or V1 race can nominate directly online with AOCRA Race Registration, but must advise of their club name, division and Canoe number.

It is not possible to register on the day. If you have trouble with online registration through AOCRA, please email [support@aocra.com.au](mailto:support@aocra.com.au). ALL OUTRIGGER COMPETITORS MUST BE CURRENT AOCRA

MEMBERS. All competitors must also have recently (2025-26) completed the swim and huli test, or otherwise an approved PFD must be worn.

As this regatta will be run as part of the NQ Games event in Mackay, ALL competitors will be required to pay a separate registration fee of \$39. to compete in this Regatta. Competitors will receive backpacks, merchandise and race placed medals unique to this NQ Games event. Individual race fees have been discounted to accommodate the NQ Games registration fee.

**Key Dates Club Nominations** - Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 (11:59pm AEST)

**Team Nominations** - Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 (include Club, Division, Canoe # in notes)

Nomination Fees		Senior Paddlers	Junior Paddlers
<b>NQ Games Participation Fee</b>			
All Competitors	Per Paddler (Single Fee)	\$39.00	\$39/00
<b>Eimeo Beach Classic (Saturday 2 May 2026)</b>			
OC6	Per Crew / Per Division / Per Event	\$150 (\$25 per paddler)	N/A
<b>Round 2 Grand Prix Regatta (Saturday &amp; Sunday 2 &amp; 3 May 2026)</b>			
OC6	Per Crew Per Division Per Event	\$90 (\$15 per paddler)	A single \$10 fee for all junior paddlers participating in Junior Events Only
OC1/2 (short course and sprints)		\$15	
OC1/2 (long course)		\$20	

The RACE DIRECTOR will have the discretion not to allow late registrations if they have concerns regarding the paddler/support boat ratio. V1 competitors will proceed depending on the conditions, suitability and safety of the course. No refunds will be given if a paddler decides to pull out of the race, irrespective of reason.



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### RACE RULES

All AOCRA rules and regulations will be enforced as per the AOCRA Rules available under 'Administration' on the AOCRA website.

Safety and hazard awareness information will be provided at race briefings.

Risk management and emergency response plans approved for the Regatta by Maritime Safety Queensland Aquatic Permit and Mackay Regional Council Event Permit, will be applied.

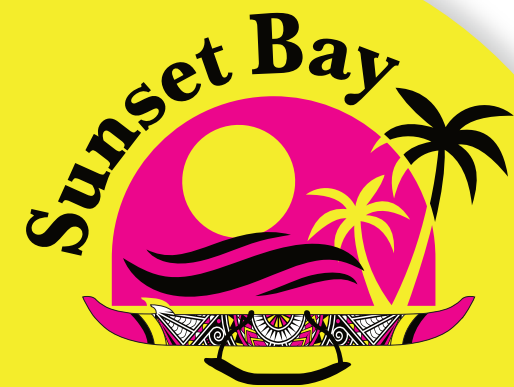
Race	Division
Eimeo Challenge (20km)	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum, Unlimited - Men, Women & Mixed
Junior Races	U19, U16, U14, U12
Sprints (500m)	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum, Novice, Unlimited - Men, Women & Mixed
OC6 Long Course (10 km)	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum, Novice, Unlimited - Men, Women & Mixed
OC1/ OC2/ V1 Sprints (500 m)	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum, Novice - Men, Women & Mixed
OC1/ OC2/ V1 Long Course (12 km)	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, Platinum - Men, Women & Mixed

### Canoe Hire

Coming from out of town?? That's great, let us help get you on the water. Sunset Bay will have limited canoes available for hire over the regatta weekend.

Get in quick, call or text Renee 0412 448805 to book your canoe today.

**RACE Director** Mark Bell (0407 126 168)  
**Assistant RACE Director** Justin Davis (0422 374 207)  
**Race Coordinator** Andrew Batterson (0410 329 939)



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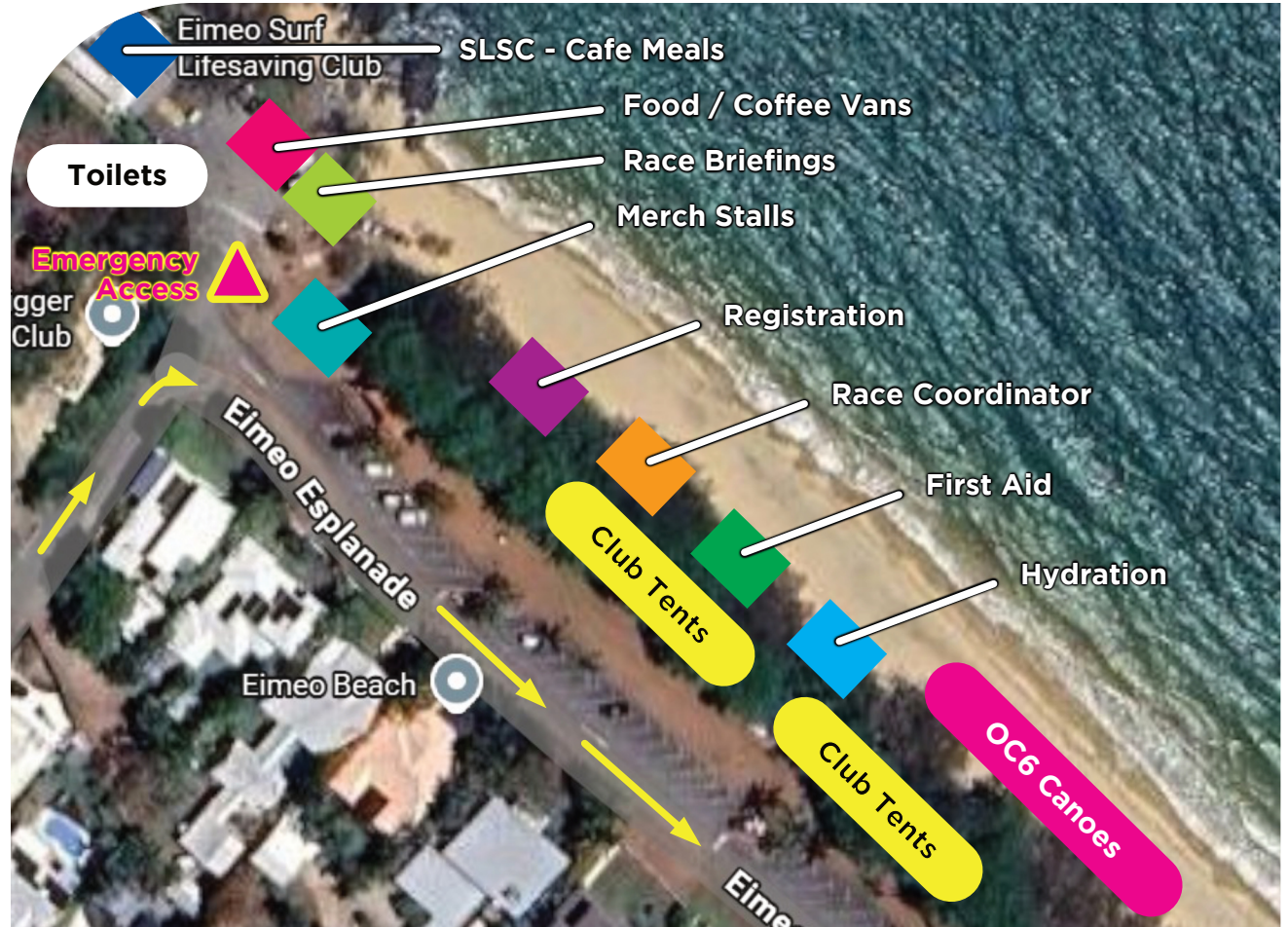


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## Eimeo Beach Layout Plan



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## Program - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### SENIOR PROGRAM

Eimeo Beach Classic, Mackay Harbour to Eimeo Beach

- 7:00am Blessing & Race Briefing (Mackay Harbour @North wall)
- 7:30am Wave 1 - OC 6 - 20 km  
OW, MW, SMW, GMW, PMW & OW Unlimited  
OMX, MMX, SMX, GMX, PMX & OMX Unlimited
- 7:45am Wave 2 - OC 6 - 20 km  
OM, MM, SMM, GMM, PMM & OM Unlimited

### JUNIOR OC6 RACE PROGRAM

Eimeo Beach

- 10:30am Briefing for OC6 Junior race
- 10:40am Race 1 OC6 Juniors U14, U12 - 2 km
- 11:00am Race 2 - OC6 Juniors U19, U16 - 4 km

### OC1, V1 OC2 JUNIOR & SENIOR SHORT COURSE

Eimeo Beach

- 11:40am Briefing for OC1/ V1 OC2 short course races
- 11:50am Race 3 - OC1, V1 Men & OC2 Women - 4 km
- 12:15am Race 4 - OC1 and OC2 Juniors U14, U12 mixed - 2 km
- 12:35am Race 5 - OC1 Juniors U19, U16 Mixed - 4 km
- 1:00pm Race 6 - OC2 Senior Mixed, U19, U16 - 4 km
- 1:30pm Race 7 - OC 1, V1 Women, OC2 Men - 4 km

### ROUND 2 GRAND PRIX (Day 1)

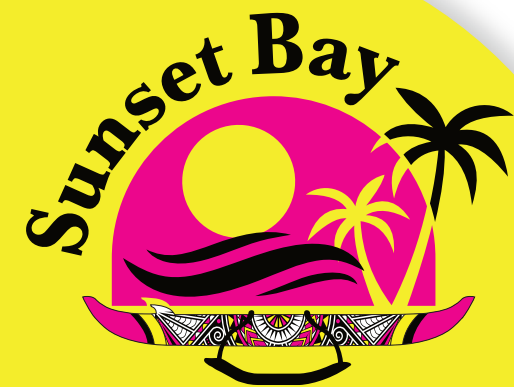
North Queensland Zone - Eimeo Beach

- 2:10pm Briefing OC 6 Senior Sprints
- 2:20pm Race 8 - OC6 GMX, SMX, OX & UOX Mixed - 500m
- 2:30pm Race 9 - OC6 MMX & Novice Mixed - 500m
- 2:40pm Race 10 - OC6 PMW & GMW, SMW - 500m
- 2:50pm Race 11 - OC6 PMM & GMM, SMM - 500m
- 3:00pm Race - 12 - OC6 OW & MW & UOW - 500m
- 3:10pm Race 13 - OC6 OM & MM & UOM - 500m
- 4:30pm Presentation - Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club
- 5:30pm Dinner - Eimeo Surf Life Saving Club

Sunrise - 6:20am | Sunset - 5:39pm

#### TIDE TIMES

Low Tide: 5:16am - 1.35m; 5:02pm - 0.98m  
High Tide: 10:58am - 4.67m; 11:19pm - 5.51m



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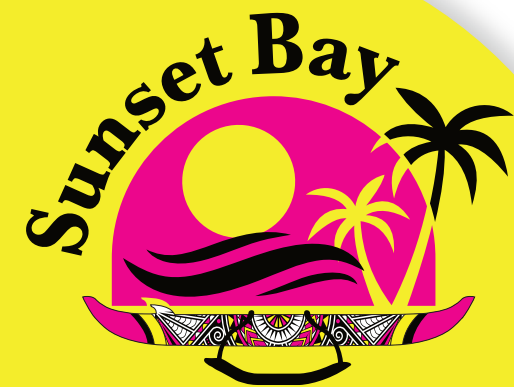
### ROUND 2 GRAND PRIX (Day 1) North Queensland Zone - Eimeo Beach

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|---------|--|---------|--|
| 7:00am  | Blessing & OC6 Long Course Briefing  | 11:00am | Race 5 - OC1, V1 OM & MM   |
| 7:45am  | Race 1 Wave Starts 7:52am - 8:00am<br>OC 6 Long Course - 10 km<br>Novice Women, Novice Mixed, Novice Men<br>OW, MW, SMM, GMM, PMW & OW Unlimited<br>OMX, MMX, SMX, GMX, PMX & OMX<br>Unlimited<br>OM, MM, SMM, GMM, PMM & OM Unlimited | 11:10am | Race 6 - OC1, V1 Men: SMM, GMM,<br>PMM & Novice  |
| 10:00am | OC1/OC2 Senior Sprints - 500m  | 11:20am | Race 7 - OC2 Mixed: OMX, MMX, SMX,<br>GMX, PMX & Novice  |
| 10:30am | Race 2 - OC1, V1 Women: OW, MW, SMW,<br>GMW, PMW & Novice  | 1:00pm  | OC1 & OC2 Long Course - Race Briefing  |
| 10:40am | Race 3 - OC2 Men: OM, MM, SMM, GMM, PMM  | 1:20pm  | Race 8 Wave Starts 1:27pm - 1:35pm<br>OC1 & OC2 Long Course - 14 km<br>OC1 & OC2, V1 Women<br>OC1 & OC2 Mixed<br>OC1 & OC2, V1 Men |
| 10:50am | Race 4 - OC2 Women: OW, MW, SMW,<br>GMW, PMW & Novice  | 5:30pm  | Northern Beaches Bowls Club - Barefoot<br>Bowls from 5:30pm followed by Dinner<br>and Presentations                                |

Sunrise - 6:21am | Sunset - 5:38pm

#### TIDE TIMES

Low Tide: 5:47am - 1.51m; 5:27pm - 1.16m  
High Tide: 11:26am - 4.40m; 11.46pm - 5:36m



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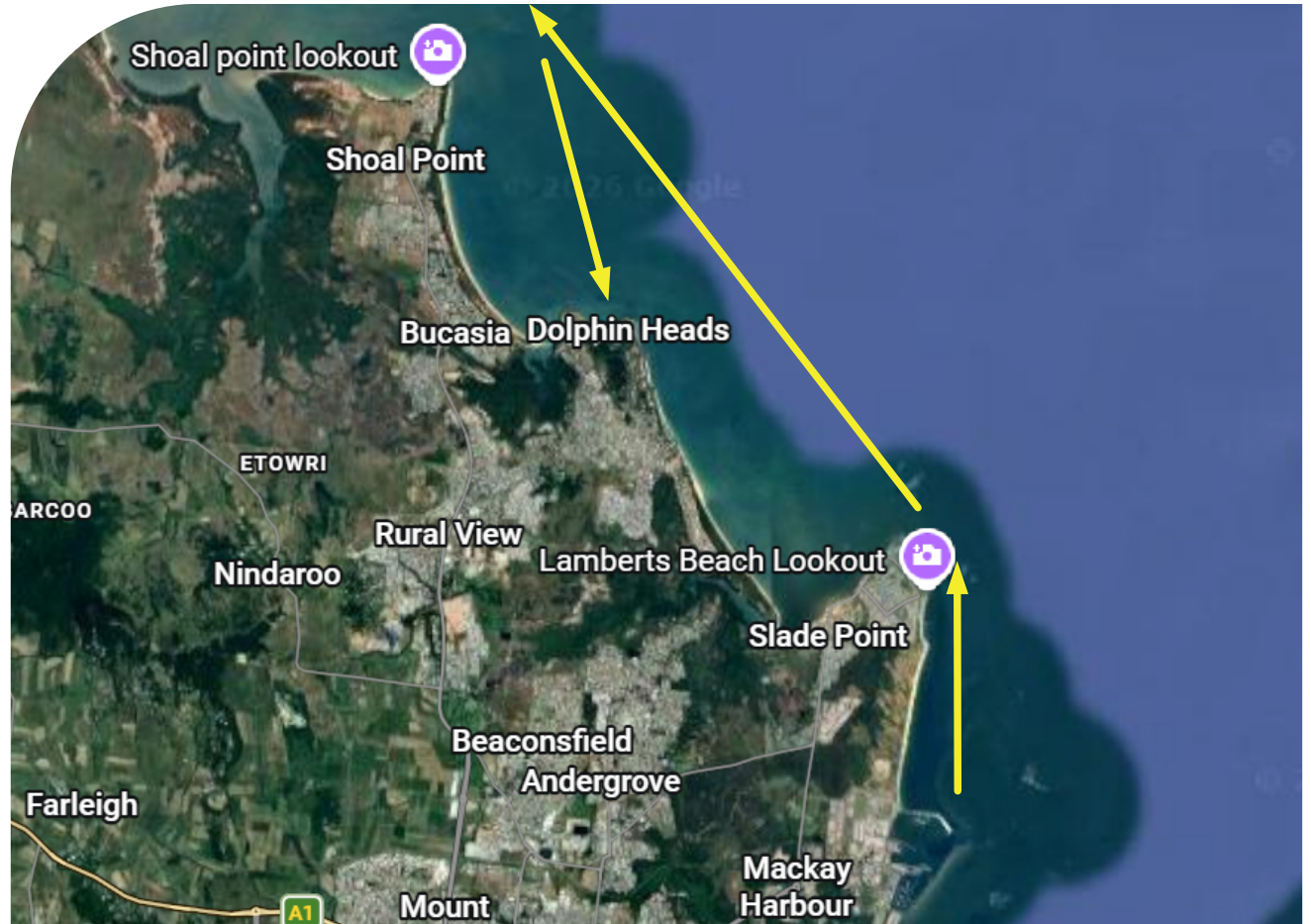
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## OC6 Eimeo Beach Challenge

start at Mackay Harbour (20klm)



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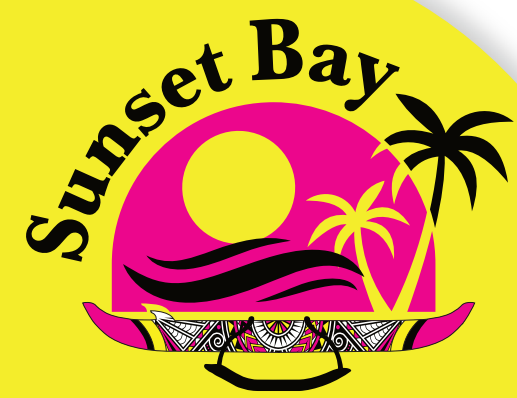
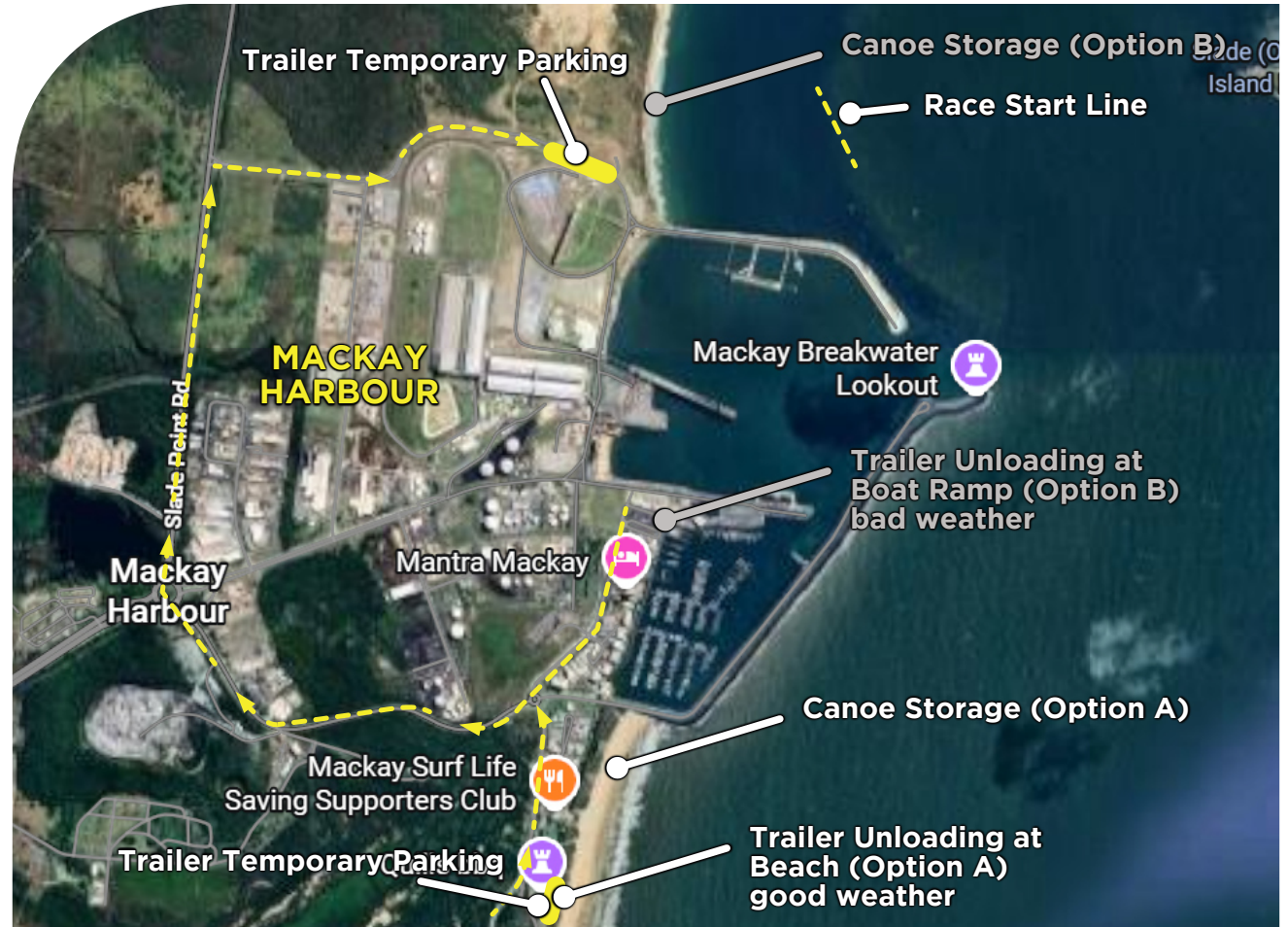
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## Mackay Harbour Traffic Plan

Canoe Unloading - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May



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## Eimeo Beach Layout Plan

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May



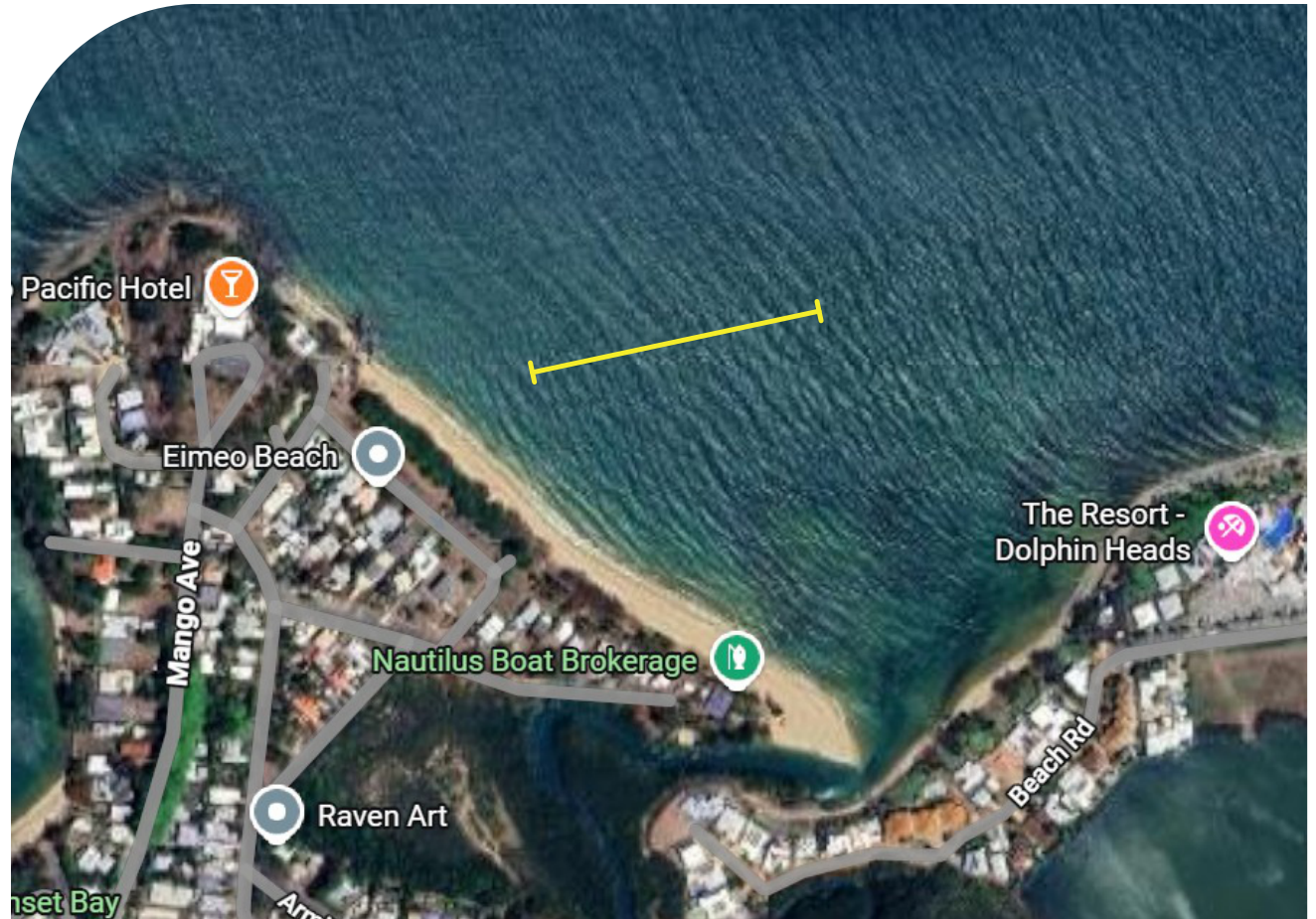
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## OC6, OC1 & OC2 - 500m Sprints

Eimeo Beach Front - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May



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## Saturday Evening Meal & Drinks

Join us at the Eimeo Surf Lifesaving Club - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May from 5.30pm



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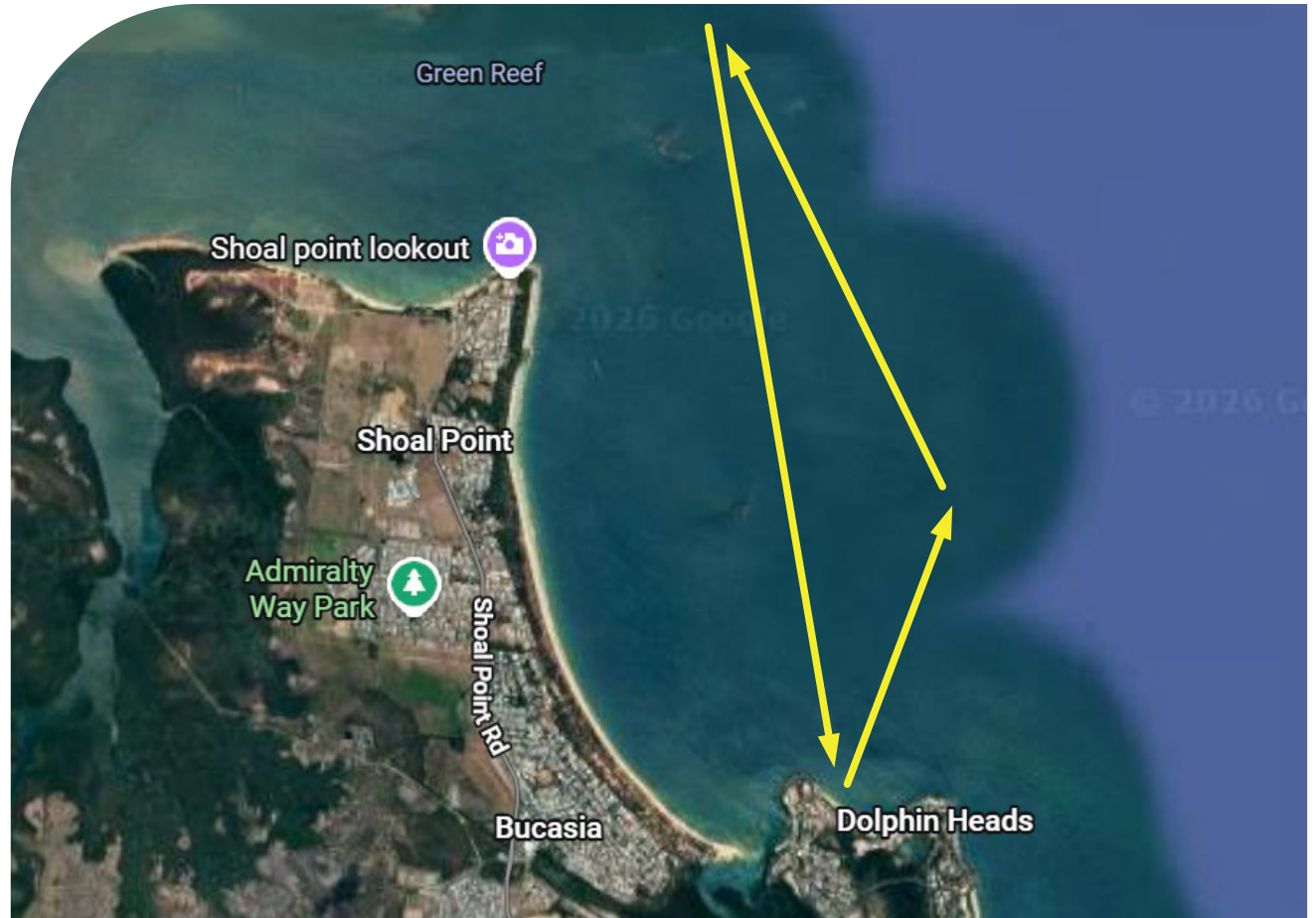
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## OC6 - Short Course 8-10kms

Start from Eimeo Beach - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



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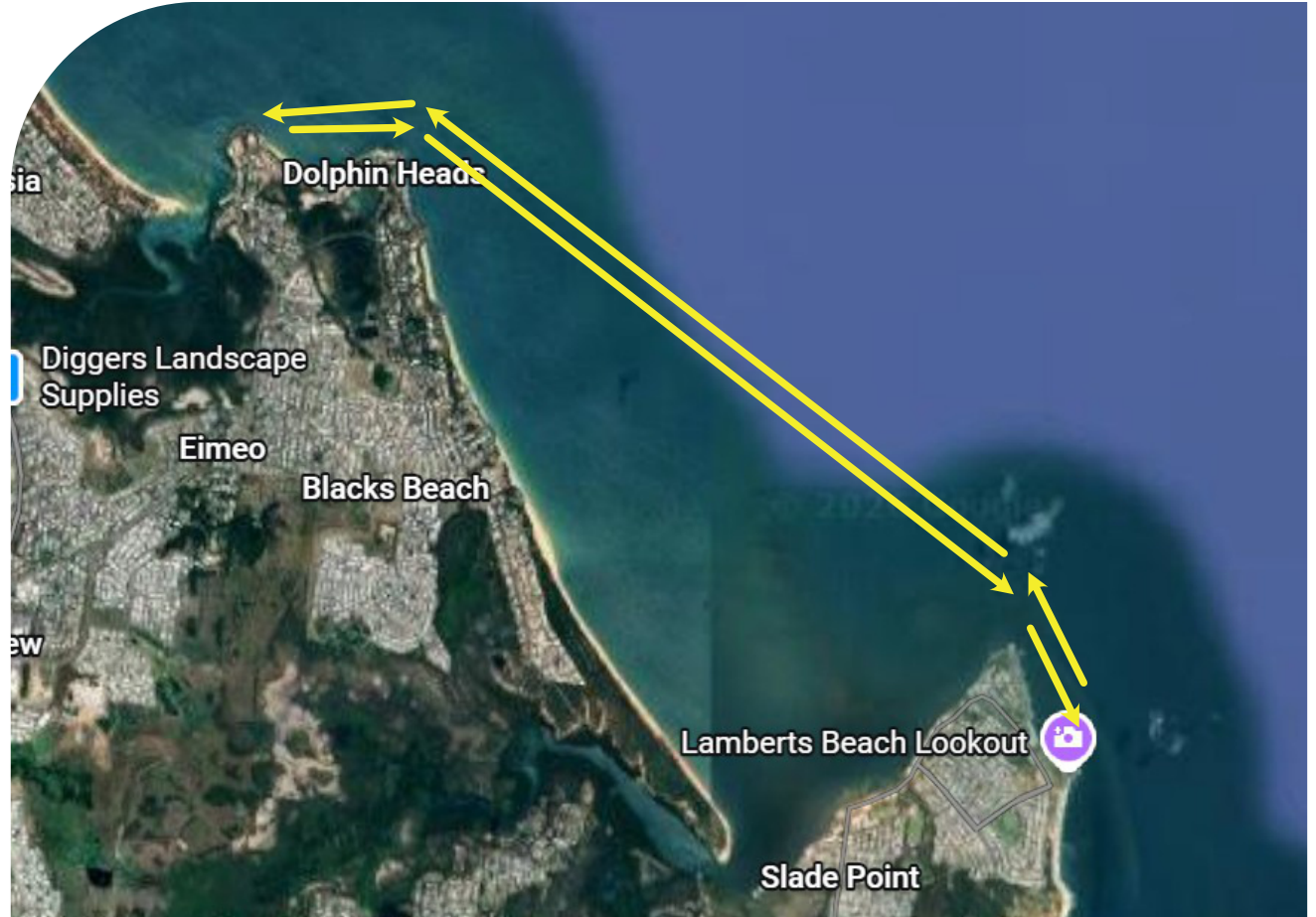
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## OC1 & OC2 - Long Course 12-14klms

Start from Eimeo Beach - Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May



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## OC6 Canoe Loading and Unloading Areas



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## Dinner, Bowling and Presentation

Come and join us for a game of Barefoot Bowles before dinner.

Celebrate a weekend of racing at the Presentation Night.



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