



**2023 IWWF**  
**Open, Junior & Under 23 World**  
**Barefoot Championships**  
**Mulwala, Australia**  
*February 14<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2023*



**Hosted by The Victorian Barefoot Waterski Club**

The Victorian Barefoot Waterski Club is a proud barefoot club who focuses on participation and building relationships in the sport of Barefooting. This club has a long history of IWWF World Championship successes and holds junior participation and development at this high standard of the sport as one of our priorities. Among other significant events, VBWC have hosted the IWWF World Barefoot Championships on many occasions, the most recent in 2014 also in Mulwala. In 2019 VBWC hosted the IWWF Virtual Junior World Tournament for the Federation's participation, which was a World first due to the Covid Pandemic.

The VBWC has had extensive experience in successfully running many regional tournaments and National Championships. In conjunction with the Mulwala Water Ski Club, Victoria have hosted 3 of Australia's last 4 National Championships, at their world class waterski site 'Max Kirwan Waterski Park'.



## About the Mulwala Water-ski Club

The Mulwala Water-ski Club is the largest Water-Ski Club in the world, with over 10,000 members. Complete with two restaurants, gaming rooms, indoor and outdoor bars and an exclusive holiday park, the Mulwala Waterski Club is the place to be in Mulwala!

It will take shape as the home of the 2023 IWWF Worlds with all functions, nightly get-togethers, and a fantastic facility to gather for a drink whilst enjoying the footage of the day.

## About the Mulwala and Yarrawonga Townships

Along the mighty Murray River, north of Melbourne, sit our two border cities, Yarrawonga and Mulwala. Both cities share a rich history of the industry, farming, and boating. Only a bridge separates the two cities, which places them in two different states of Australia. Mulwala is on the New South Wales side of the bridge and Yarrawonga is on the Victorian side.

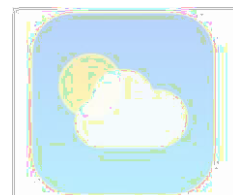
The towns share many great amenities, including two renowned golf clubs made famous by golfing legend Brant Ryan in the 1995 documentary Golf Gloves and Water-Skiing. There is an Olympic swimming pool, great local shopping, bars, clubs and restaurants, and a waterpark. The Murray River, which separates the two towns, was dammed some 80 years ago, providing an extremely popular inland oasis that tourists flock to over the summer for all boating activities.

## The Weather in Mulwala

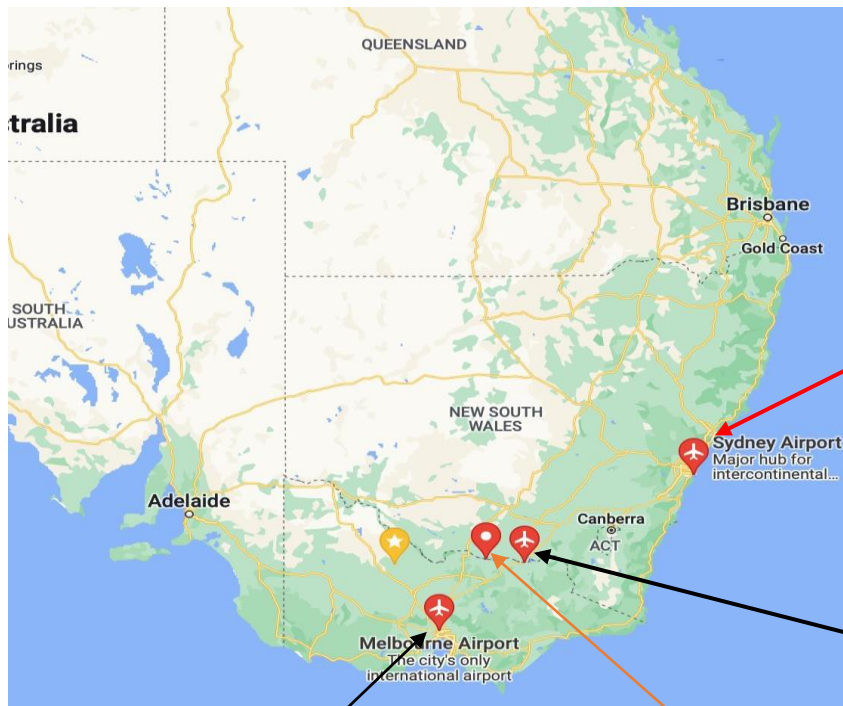
During the month of February, it is generally hot and one of the least windy times of the year. Visitors can expect temperatures to be between 30-40 degrees Celsius during the day or 85-100 degrees Fahrenheit. It's going to be hot, so you will want sunscreen and a good hat. It's perfect Barefoot weather!

Night temperatures can be more comfortable.

Water temperatures will be excellent. Unless you feel the cold, you probably won't need a heater top!



## Maps of Mulwala & Yarrawonga



# Sydney

# Albury

# Melbourne

# Mulwala



## Getting Here

### Flights & Car hire

Travelling to the township is easy as Mulwala and Yarrawonga are located just off the Hume Highway, one of the main driving routes between Sydney and Melbourne.

Flying into **Albury Airport** will get you the closest, but car hire is limited, so we suggest booking in advance. There are no car hire facilities in Yarrawonga or Mulwala. For many travellers flying into Sydney, Albury will be your next leg.

<https://www.goseetravel.com/cars/australia/albury-airport>

**Melbourne International Airport** is approximately a 3-hour drive from Mulwala, and Melbourne is a great place to visit whilst you're here. Melbourne has car hire facilities and good access to trains and buses.

<https://www.melbourneairport.com.au/Passengers/Parking/Ground-transport-options/Car-rental>

**Sydney International Airport** is approximately a 6.5-hour drive.

<https://www.sydneyairport.com.au/info-sheet/rental-car>

To see a map with all the points you need to know, click here

<https://goo.gl/maps/agmjTVZKP4P6aYBf6>.

## Visa Requirements to Travel

Travel around the world has changed, and Australia is no different. There are minimal barriers to getting Down Under. Australia has Visa waiver programs, which differ from country to country. We suggest contacting your government departments to aid with Visas. Information can also be found on the Australian Department of Immigration Website at <http://www.immi.gov.au>.

Also, travel advice getting here is best found at

<https://www.australia.gov.au/travelling-to-australia>.

## Covid Vaccination Requirements

It is helpful to note that international attendees **must provide proof of vaccination**, as explained in the link above.

## Travel Insurance

The IWWF By-Law 16.1 states that it is the responsibility of each Federation when entering competitors for a World Titled Event to ensure that its competitors are adequately insured for personal accident, permanent disabilities, death and medical expenses.

All athletes and officials will be covered by Wakeboard & Waterski Australia's insurance Policy for the duration of the event. For all other travel insurances, the LOC strongly suggest visitors to the country takeout their policy for precautionary purposes.



## About the site...The Max Kirwan Ski Parks

The Max Kirwan Ski Parks consists of two artificial lakes on Mulwala's outskirts. The Parks have hosted many IWWF events, including 2 Barefoot IWWF World Championships, multiple Nationals Titles, and many State Championships across all water-skiing divisions.



In 2019, the Ski Park underwent a significant upgrade, including bitumen access roads and parking, lawn and grounds irrigation improvements and a new centralised judging facility complete with canteen and amenities, now making it one of the best water-skiing venues in the world.

The lakes are 750 metres long and 100 metres wide. There are multiple docks all over the two lakes for starting, and the new Barefoot jump set-up consisting of a specifically built building with permanent camera mounts and computers is the envy of clubs everywhere.

The site is a five-minute drive from town with ample parking.







## Training On the Lakes

The Max Kirwan Ski Parks will be made available for training for up to two weeks before the championships. Training will be about US\$270 per hour. Whilst we would like to lock that in now, we need to consider the world we live in, and hopefully, fuel prices will come down. Currently, fuel in Mulwala is \$2.20 a litre, or \$9 per gallon.

More information will come out closer to the event.

Training will include a boat and a lake. Depending on which lake you book for training, there will also be a Barefoot jump.

Bookings can be made through Pete O'Neill by emailing your favourite joke and time request to: [pete@yarraskinski.com.au](mailto:pete@yarraskinski.com.au).

## Entry fees

Costs for entries are all in **US Dollars**.

Entry forms and payment details will be circulated with Bulletin 2.

**Team Skiers**                      \$300 US

### Independent

One Event	\$200 US
Two Events	\$250 US
Three Events	\$300 US

### Dual Division Entry, for the second division

One Event	\$100 US
Two Events	\$140 US
Three Events	\$170 US

Remitting parties will be responsible for all bank charges on both ends.



## Intention To Ski

The Intent to enter forms are due **BEFORE DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

This form is located at the back of the Bulletin.

## **Athlete Information for Commentators**

We request that all athletes log into their IWWF EMS profile to fill in / update their details (accomplishments, sponsors, social media handles, other interesting information in the “optional fields”, etc.) so the event commentator has information available to communicate to spectators present at the event venue and online via live stream. Athletes should also upload photos for media use. Athletes should contact their respective Federations if they are not active / confirmed EMS users. Please see the website under “register” for a suggested form bio.

## **IWWF Licence**

Following the agreement made by the IWWF World Congress held in 2019, the IWWF Executive Board approved the establishment of an [IWWF Licence Fee](#) for 2022, where competitors in Ranking List and Record Capable competitions in each sport division of the IWWF would be required to hold an IWWF Licence. Based on the above decision, a skier without a valid IWWF Licence will not be permitted to compete in the IWWF Open, U/23 & Junior World Barefoot Championships. It is requested that Federations ensure all their athletes hold a valid IWWF Licence.

## **Doping Control**

In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, Doping controls will be conducted during the competition. By entering this competition, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control. Information about the IWWF Anti- Doping program, the current IWWF AD Rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed on the following link: <https://iwwf.sport/athletes/anti-doping/>

## **Official Tow Boat**

Barefoot Sangars will tow the tournament. DXII's, to be more specific. The Victorian Club boat, which boasts a top speed of 75km, will be there, and a selection of Sangars from the local community will all meet or exceed the standards set out in the 2022 rule book.

## **Ropes and Handles**

This year, ropes & handles for the IWWF World Championships will come from Williams Australia.

## **All major credit cards are accepted in the town.**

Visa and Master Card users will have no problems anywhere in the town; EFTPOS facilities are abundant.

However, American Express and Diners cards will be restricted to larger businesses. It is best to exchange money at international airports as all of the banks are regional and may not have the facilities to accommodate your request.



## Host of the Championships and Major Sponsor

**The Mulwala Waterski Club** has unique accommodation options right on the beautiful Lake Mulwala and is only five minutes from the site. The following message comes from the head of the park, Chris Pern.

"We are situated in the heart of Yarrawonga-Mulwala, right on the water's edge of Lake Mulwala and next door to the Mulwala Water Ski Club. Our holiday park offers accommodation packages to suit everyone: camping and Caravan sites, Apartments, Cabins, and Villas."



### Waterfront Apartments

Spoil yourself and stay in one of our luxury 6-berth apartments with absolute water frontage, bathroom, separate toilet, two flat-screen TVs, Austar, electric blankets (on the main bed), cooking facilities, fridge, microwave, reverse cycle air-conditioning, ceiling fans, washing machine, iron and ironing board, barbecue, and a large veranda.

### Waterfront Villas

Enjoy the superb views from one of our waterfront villas. Eight berths with bathroom, two colour TVs, Austar, electric blankets (on main beds), cooking facilities, oven fridge, microwave, reverse cycle air conditioning, ceiling fans and a barbecue on the veranda.



### Waterfront Cabins

Book your fishing or skiing holiday in one of our waterfront cabins, located close to the marina. Five berths with bathroom, colour TV, Austar, electric blankets (on the main bed), cooking facilities, fridge, microwave, reverse cycle air conditioning, ceiling fans and veranda. Be active or relax and enjoy.

### Budget Cabins

Catering for 5 or 6 berths en-suite, colour TV, electric blankets (on the main bed), cooking facilities, fridge, reverse cycle air conditioning, ceiling fans.

### Powered Sites

Our well-located powered sites have shade and are situated close to amenities which include a camp kitchen, laundry, and barbecues to make your stay a pleasure. Perhaps hiring an RV or Camper might be what you're after; we have the spot to park it.

<http://www.lakemulwala.com.au>





## Our Second Accommodation Provider



Yarrowonga Holiday Park is situated on the beautiful Murray River, just downstream from Yarrowonga Weir - ideally located for your holiday or sporting event!

From our 3 Bedroom Villas, 2 Bedroom Villas (Disabled friendly options), Motel Units, Riverview Cabins, Ensuite Cabins, and Standard Cabins, to our Powered Camping Sites, you will find fantastic accommodation to suit your style and budget.

We are ideally located for all your needs within walking distance to the main street of Yarrowonga and a 5-minute drive or 15-minute walk to the Mulwala Water Ski Club.

In support of the Victorian Barefoot Club, we would like to offer all entrants and their families a 10% discount on their stay. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful park!





[https://www.yarrawongaholidaypark.com.au/book-now#tarifs.](https://www.yarrawongaholidaypark.com.au/book-now#tarifs)

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## Safe Sport

The IWWF takes safeguarding extremely seriously and is committed to ensuring that everyone who attends the championships, whether athletes, officials or volunteers are able to operate in a safe environment, free from abuse and the risk of harm. It is a condition of participation that all attendees familiarise themselves and comply with the IWWF Safeguarding Regulations which are available at <https://iwwf.sport/safe-sport/>

## More Information for next time

The next Bulletin will entail further details regarding:-  
Opening and Closing Ceremonies, location and cost  
Schedule of Events  
Catering on Site during the Event  
Merchandise

## Get in Contact with the LOC

Please reach out! We aim to run a fantastic, fun & social Worlds event on the best site in the world, so we want to ensure everyone is eager to come!

Check our website for more info and discover some of the awesome things you can do in Australia. There you will find information on the IWWF Worlds and our club: [www.VicBarefootclub.com.au](http://www.VicBarefootclub.com.au).

## LOC Contact Information

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## INTENTION TO COMPETE

We intend to enter the following team and/or individual skiers to the above IWWF World Barefoot Championships:

FEDERATION:						
DIVISION	OPEN		JUNIOR		UNER 23	
<b>Team Skiers</b>	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
SLALOM						
TRICKS						
JUMP						
<b>Independent Skiers</b>	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
SLALOM						
TRICKS						
JUMP						

Contact Person:

email:

**Please return this form as soon as possible or prior to the deadline of December 19th, 2022 to the following people:**

Local Organizing Committee

[skiproshop@me.com](mailto:skiproshop@me.com)

[GEOFF BLAAUW](#) – Chairman WBC

[worldbarefoot@gmail.com](mailto:worldbarefoot@gmail.com)

Any Federation not meeting this requirement shall not be allowed to compete until they pay a fine of \$250 (USD) to the IWWF World Barefoot Council.

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