



## PIER TO PERIGNON 2023

Starts after departure of the 1.00 p.m. ferry

Registrations open at 10.00 a.m. at Sorrento Pier

### IMPORTANT RACE INFORMATION



Dear Pier to Perignon Swimmer,

We trust you are fit and well and ready to tackle the 35th Pier to Perignon on Sunday, 19th February 2023. Please make sure you read this document carefully so that you understand all the requirements for a successful race day.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pier to Perignon is to be conducted in a safe, friendly and sporting manner. Unsporting conduct or actions that compromise the health or safety of volunteers or competitors will be grounds for disqualification. Decisions of the event officials are final and are not subject to appeal.

Updates to race information will be available under the “Updates and Information” tab on the Portsea Surf Lifesaving website: [P2P Swimmer Information](#)



Please ensure that you keep a close eye on this site as race conditions and other event information will be conveyed through this page.

## PARKING & SHUTTLE BUS (SORRENTO TO PORTSEA - RETURN)

Parking around the start and finish areas is extremely limited, and with the traffic for the ferry, the start area in particular can quickly become congested. Sorrento Police and Mornington Peninsula Shire will have parking officers in the area and will be targeting cars in violation of posted parking signs, including those double-parking or blocking traffic flow.

To avoid a costly fine, we would urge all competitors and spectators to park at the **Portsea Back Beach** car park, at the top of the ramp leading down to the Portsea SLSC club house. A complementary bus shuttle service will transfer competitors and spectators from the Portsea Back Beach car park to the Sorrento Pier start area prior to the race. Spectators may take the shuttle to the finish area at the Portsea Camp Oval. After the event, buses will transport swimmers and spectators back to the Portsea Back Beach car park and the Sorrento start area.

To minimize wait time, 4 shuttle buses will be operating this year, departing the Portsea Back Beach car park every 15 minutes, commencing at 9.30 a.m.

## REGISTRATION

Race entries are not transferable. If you intend to participate under a different competitor's entry, please identify yourself at the registration tent prior to registering.

All entrants will be supplied with registration information by email prior to the event, including the following important information:

- **QR code:**
  - Please ensure you either print your QR code or have it available on your phone when registering on the day of the race.
  - Your QR code will be required for you to register and collect your race kit.
- **Collection row:**
  - Your email will include your collection row number (between 1 and 8). Please line up at your designated collection row to collect your Race Kit.

Race registration will be open from 10:00 a.m. on the western side of Sorrento Pier. Please ensure you are at the registration tent with plenty of time to spare.

Masks must be worn during the registration process and whilst in the start area until 5 minutes prior to the race start.

Upon registering, you will be provided with a Race Kit including:

- A disposable transponder with your race number.
  - Please double check your name and transponder number when registering.
  - Your transponder will not only deliver your race time but is also your ticket to collect merchandise at the finish and will enable you to collect your bag if you have had it sent from Sorrento to Portsea.
  - Please ensure your timing transponder is securely strapped to your ankle (on the outside of your wetsuit) – no transponder, no time.



- Official Pier to Perignon silicone swimming cap. All competitors must wear the official race swimming cap at all times during the event.
- A bag tag that has the same number as your transponder:
  - If you wish your bag to be transported from the start area to the finish area, please attach this tag to your bag and deliver your bag to the transfer area in the car park behind the registration tent.
  - You will show your disposable transponder to collect your bag at the finish area (see map for collection area).
  - Please note that whilst we will take care, we can take no responsibility for loss or damage to any bags or personal items.

## COURSE

As in previous years, the Pier to Perignon race schedule has been chosen in consultation with marine authorities and is based on tidal currents along the course to ensure competitors are swimming with an outgoing tidal current at Sorrento. Competitors may note that tidal current times are different to tide times and differ between Sorrento and Port Philip Heads.

Competitors must swim the course as marked and as directed by race officials.

Any variation to the course will be announced at the start of the event.

## START

The Pier to Perignon will start on the beach on the Western side of the Sorrento Pier as soon as the 1:00 p.m. Sorrento – Queenscliff ferry has departed and is safely clear of the course.

Entertainment at the start will be provided by the Rosebud RSL Drums and Pipe Band.

The Pier to Perignon is famous for its one-wave start. Please ensure that you are mindful of other competitors and consider other people's safety, as well as your own.

Competitors are required to wear the designated swimming cap and disposable transponder on an ankle, outside the wetsuit. Your result will not be recorded unless you cross the finish line wearing the official swimming cap and transponder.

Goggles are allowed and are recommended.

Wet suits are allowed and are recommended for safety reasons.

Race officials shall have the authority to remove a competitor from the race if:

- The competitor is judged to be physically incapable of continuing the race without the risk of injury to themselves or others (this can include swimmers who are deemed unable or unlikely to complete the course in 90 minutes).
- The competitor does not comply with:
  - Stated race rules;
  - The nominated race course;
  - Specific directions of a race official, or;
  - COVID-19 health and safety directives.



## SAFETY DURING THE RACE – CRITICAL INFORMATION

If you need assistance during the Swim, simply raise your arm to alert the water safety team, who will attend to you as quickly as possible.

All directions given by race officials and water safety officials during the race are to be followed. Failure to follow directions may result in you being removed from the race.

All IRBs (Inflatable Rescue Boats) will be equipped with hooters, which will sound in the event of an emergency. If you hear a hooter whilst swimming, please follow these instructions:

- Stop swimming, carefully, being aware that there are other swimmers around you.
- Look for where the emergency is located and listen for directions.
- If required, allow rescue craft to enter your area.
- If directed to exit the water, please do so in a calm manner, as quickly as possible.
- If the incident does not require you to exit the water, is not near you and you can continue swimming without causing interference, please do so but maintain vigilance.

## FINISH

After clearing the finish area, head up to the grassed area at the Portsea Camp to collect your merchandise bag and your well- earned refreshments. Steps from the beach to the Portsea Camp are adjacent to the finish and will be sign-posted. Please be careful on the stairs leading from the finish line to the presentation area as there can be unseen hazards.

Dr. Tony Dicker has kindly donated his time and will be on site to provide free skin checks for those wishing for guidance in relation to any of those questionable skin spots.

There will be three collection rows at the merchandise tent. On approaching the merchandise tent, you will be required to walk over a mat that will read your transponder number and print a card that will allow us to supply you with:

- A Pier to Perignon participant T-Shirt in your nominated size. We do our best to have the correct sizes available, but due to requested quantities this may not always be possible.
- A Pier to Perignon cap.
- A card with your swim time printed on it.

Refreshments will be provided in the finish area, courtesy of the event sponsors and the Portsea Surf Life Saving Club, including fresh fruit, bottled water and BBQ sausages prepared by the volunteers from Portsea SLSC.

Other refreshments and hot drinks will be available for purchase on the day:

## PRESENTATIONS

Presentations will commence at 2.30 p.m. once everyone has had a chance to complete the race, enjoy refreshments and relax. Please refer to the picture below showing the layout of the finish area and the Portsea Camp.

Awards will be made for the first three male and female placegetters in both the With Wetsuit and Without Wetsuit categories.



Winners of each category will receive a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne.

To be considered for a place, no aids are allowed. This includes, but is not limited to, fins, boards, snorkels, floatation gear and personal support teams.

Swimmers who cross the start line before the starting siren or leave the water prior to the designated exit point at the finish can be deemed not eligible for a place.

Where there is a close decision for places, the placegetter will be determined by the line officials and is based on the competitor whose torso crosses the finish line first. Places will not be reliant only on the time recorded.

Protests must be made in writing and given to the Race Director within fifteen minutes of the announcement of the provisional results. All decisions of the Race Director are final.

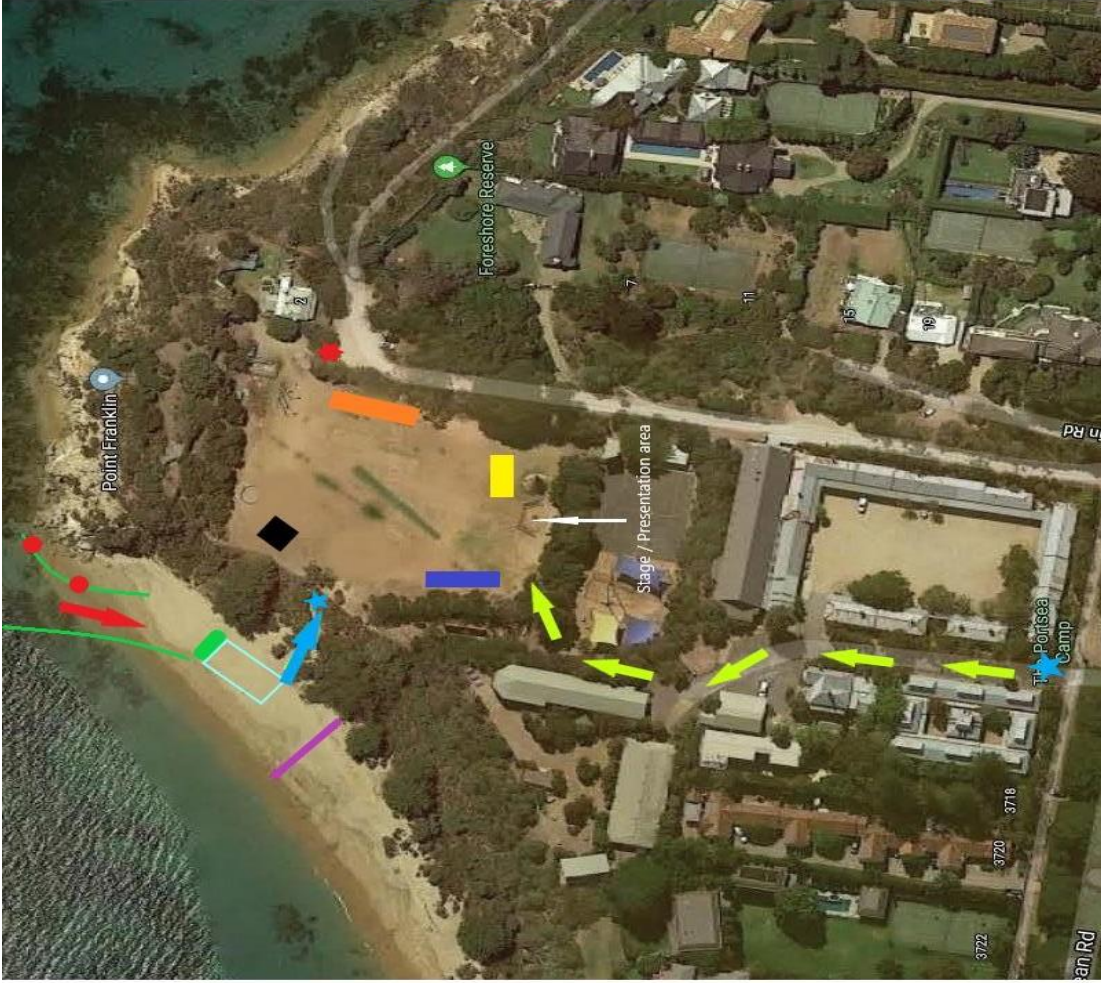
During the presentation ceremony, we will be resuming the presentation of commemorative plaques for those competitors who have completed multiple previous Pier to Perignon events as follows:

- 10 events;
- 20 events;
- 30 events.

We will be endeavouring to catch up on participants who are eligible for milestone awards and have not received their plaques previously.



- ★ Entry / Exit - Swimmers
- Merchandise collection Tent
- Food Area
- Personal Bag Collection
- Finish Area
- Finish Timing Mat
- Swimming Access
- ➔ Entry to Portsea Camp
- ➔ Swim Entry Direction
- Limit of Access Border - Markers
- ★ Event Staff Access
- Toilets
- Beach Control Fencing
- ➔ Entry to Oval from Beach





## PIER TO PERIGNON 2023 – TRAVEL PRIZE

The Pier to Perignon organisers are extremely excited to announce the following prize, which has been graciously donated Gina Harris of Cousins Tours and Travel:

<http://www.cousinstt.com/> and be drawn during post-race presentations on the Portsea Camp Oval.

Please note that the winner must have completed the Pier to Perignon 2023 and be present in person at the drawing of the prize to be eligible for the prize.

### **6 Nights Return Travel Package to Swim the Dardenelles - Hellespont Swim**

The prize is a six-night return package to Turkey for one person, valued at more than \$5000, taking in the cultural and historic highlights of Istanbul and the Gallipoli Peninsula, before competing in the annual Dardanelles Straight swim event from Europe to Asia.

The significance of the prize is that this iconic event was first held just six months before Ted Baillieu and Rob Robertson completed the first Pier to Perignon swim in 1989. Both events take place over a similar distance, they attract a similar number of entrants each year and, quite unusually, are both swum in one wave.

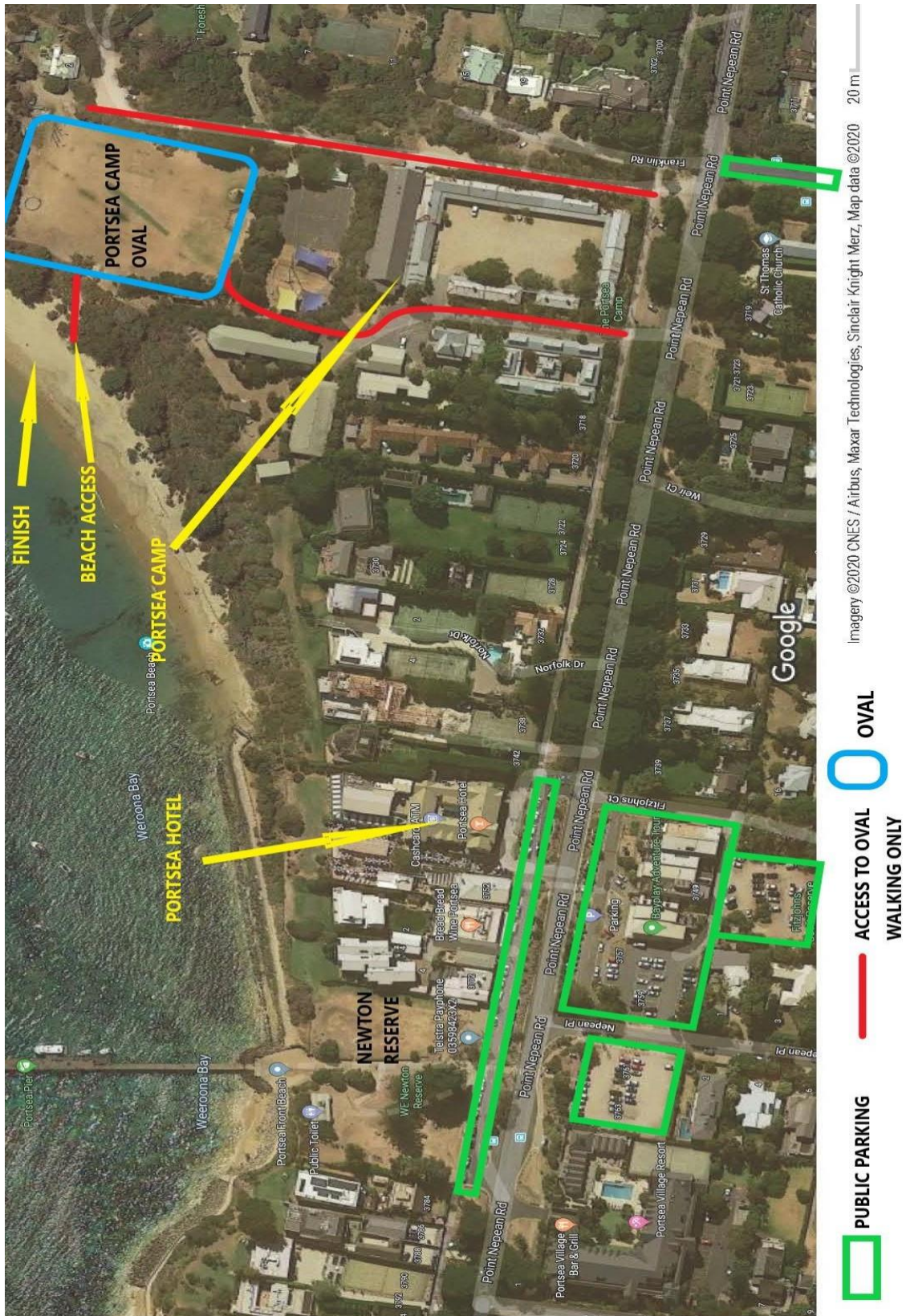
As a reminder: you must be present at the presentation stage ceremony post-swim to be eligible to win this prize.





Directions to Portsea Camp Oval and possible areas to park.

Drivers Park at their own risk







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We would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful sponsors, who enable us to deliver this amazing event each year, and we encourage all competitors to support the following businesses.

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