

Media Release

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North and South go head-to-head on Tamar

Hot on the heels of the Olympics comes another great sporting event: the annual Vice-Chancellor's North vs South rowing race in Launceston **tomorrow, Saturday, 3 September**.

Men's and women's eights will go head-to-head over five gruelling kilometres, vying for the Vice-Chancellor's Cup and the Vice-Chancellor's Plate respectively.

The race is hosted by the University, Rowing Tasmania and the Tasmania University Union, and will be held at 9am on the Tamar River.

The starting line is next to the Australian Maritime College, at Newnham 6/8 Pile, and the finishing line is next to the blue floating pontoon west of the St Patrick's College rowing sheds at Seaport.

Each region is looking to atone for a loss last year – the North in the men's race after finishing a minute behind the South, and the South in the women's race after being narrowly pipped to the post by the Northern team.

The race was held last year for the first time in more than a decade to mark the University's 125th anniversary and was attended by more than 300 people.

The event is now firmly back on the University's social calendar, Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Sadler said.

"The race is an opportunity for University students, staff, alumni and supporters from both ends of the state to get together socially, with regional pride on the line too," he said.

“It’s wonderful to see an event like this reclaim its place in the University’s modern traditions, in the vein of famous races such as the Oxford vs Cambridge annual boat race on the Thames in London.

“We’re hoping for fine weather and the local community to turn out in force to support the event.”

University students, staff, alumni and supporters are invited to attend a casual function at The Boathouse, Northbank, to celebrate the event between 8.30am and 11am. Light food and refreshments will be available.

RSVPs can be made online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vice-chancellors-challenge-2016-tickets-27084900667>

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor David Sadler and the rowing teams will be available for interview at the conclusion of the trophy presentation at The Boathouse, Northbank, on Saturday, 3 September, after 10.45am.

Please note the Southern crews are wearing black suits, with red and orange stripes down each side, and the Northern crews are wearing red, grey, white and black suits.

The crew listings are as follows:

Southern Men

1. Sam Volker (Captain)
2. Sam Casey
3. Afiq Rosland
4. Jock Mure
5. Harrison Paine
6. Jacob Crow
7. Lachlan McCarron
8. Ollie Cook
9. Xanthea McCarthy (cox)
10. Tim Morris (Coach)

Southern Women

1. Abbie Crow (Vice-Captain)
2. Romy Keppel
3. Ellie Cash
4. Fiona Anderson
5. Isobel Robertson
6. Georgia Mohler
7. Catlin Ketley
8. Laura Morris
9. Grace Williams (cox)
10. Neil Stump (Coach)

Northern Men

1. James Cocker (Captain)
2. Mitch Digney
3. Alex Hutchinson
4. Ali Foot
5. Lachie Prior
6. Tom Avery
7. Louis Reed
8. Dylan Rowbottom
9. Charis Hennessey (cox)
10. Reuben Inglis (Coach)

Northern Women

1. Christie Crow (Vice-Captain)
2. Meg Streeter
3. Georgia Galea
4. Anne Guest
5. Allie Gruber
6. Jemma Preece
7. Amelia Scott
8. Meg Messer
9. Hannah Kilpatrick (Cox)
10. Reuben Inglis (Coach)

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