

2023 Australian Underwater Hockey Championships BUNBURY, Southwest WA



Welcome

To all athletes, supporters and management.

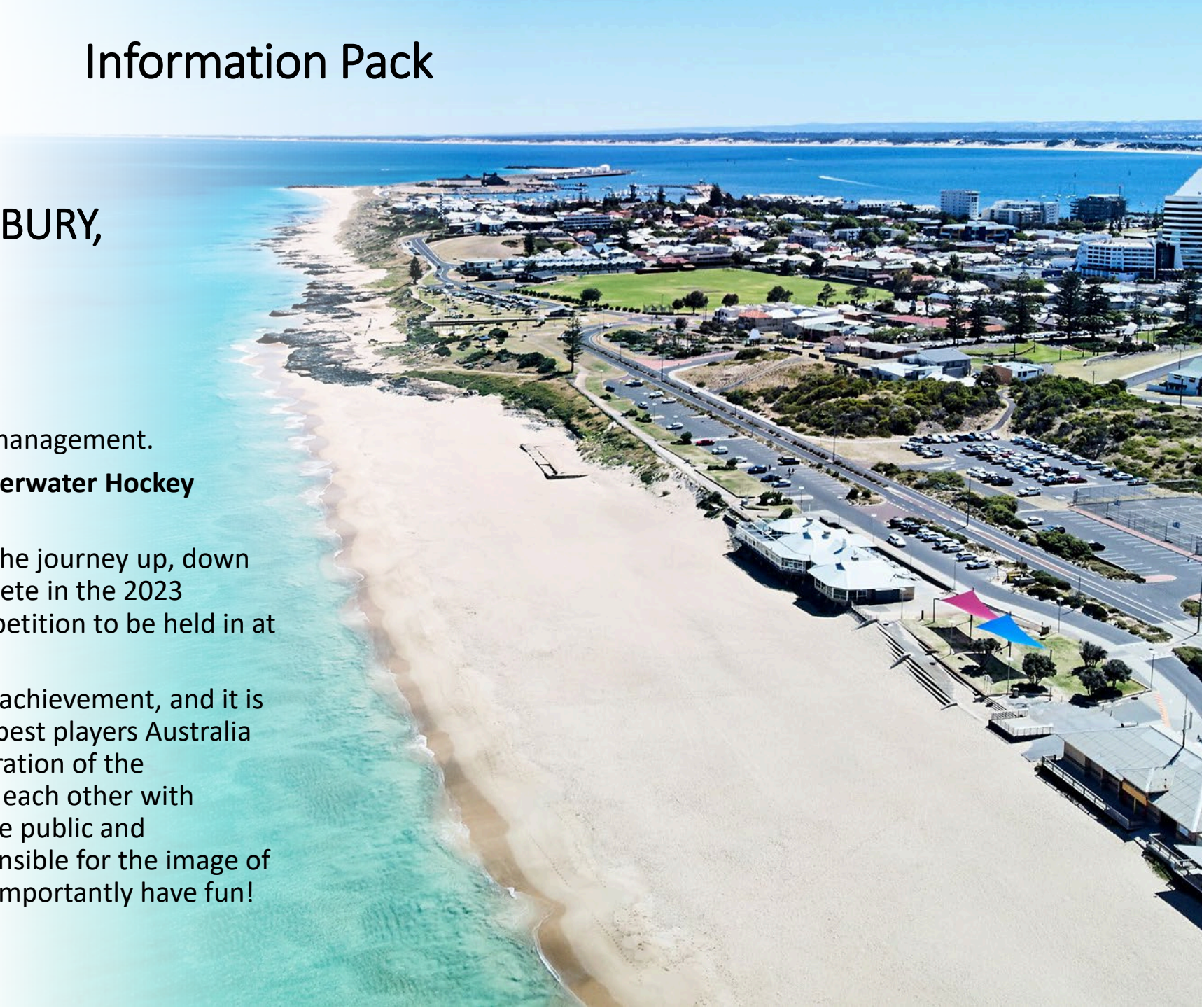
Welcome to the **Australian Underwater Hockey Nationals 2023!**

Thanks for considering making the journey up, down or over to Bunbury WA to compete in the 2023 Australian UWH Nationals Competition to be held in at the Southwest Sports Centre.

Representing your state is a big achievement, and it is a privilege to play amongst the best players Australia has to offer. Throughout the duration of the competition remember to treat each other with respect. Please be mindful of the public and remember that we are all responsible for the image of Underwater Hockey. But most importantly have fun!



Australian Underwater
Federation Inc.
Western Australian Branch



The Venue

[Southwest Sports Centre](#)

Address: 1 Rotary Ave, Withers (Bunbury) WA

(The Wadandi People (Saltwater People) are the traditional owners of this part of the Southwest of Western Australia).

Bunbury was the venue for the very first Australian Underwater Hockey Titles and between it and the neighbouring regional towns of Collie (the first Australian Champions), Busselton and Margaret River, WA has seen an explosion of interest in the Southwest Region.

The Pool was upgraded in 2014 to incorporate World class UWH courts ready for these specific events.

Two full size two meter deep playing courts with fast gloss tiles, hardwall Perspex barriers, in water subbing and four 25m lane warmup enable Bunbury to build on its proud underwater hockey heritage.

Medical Support Lifeguards will be present every day during the competition for minor concerns.

Bunbury Hospital is located 5 minutes from the Pool for any afterhours or immediate attention:

Address: CORNER ROBERTSON DRIVE AND BUSSELL HIGHWAY BUNBURY WA 6230





Tournament Costs

Categories:

The Australian Nationals will include U15 open, U19 open, Elite Women and Elite Open and Masters Open divisions. A U21 Women's division is being considered.

Tournament Costs:

Note:

Team fees to be confirmed in September upon receiving expression of interest from each State

Individual Fees are calculated based on age at 1st of January 2023

Team	Fee per team
Open, Women's and Masters	\$900
U19	\$700
U15	\$500

Player Fees				
Age	Individual Fee	UHA Capitation	Referee Levy	Total
19 and over	\$100	\$35	\$85	\$220
15-18	\$70	\$25	\$65	\$160
14 and under	\$50	\$15	\$50	\$115

Payment Schedule & Schedule of Events

Payment Schedule:

Date	Payment/Action
1st September	Expression of Interest Email uwhnationals2023@gmail.com with # of teams anticipated from your State
1st November	Team Registration and Fees Due (Registration form to be provided to States in due course)
1st December	Player Registration and Fees Due (Registration form to be provided to States in due course)
1st January 2023	UHA Capitation and Referees Levy Due
January (TBC)	Function Ticket Numbers and Payment Due (Exact Function details, costs and due dates TBC)

Schedule of Events:

Monday 16th	Pool Setup AUS Elite Men's and Elite Women's Selections Optional State Team Training Opening Ceremony Referees and Captains Meeting
Tuesday 17th	Round Robin Day 1
Wednesday 18th	Round Robin Day 2 Sundowner – Koombana Bay Beach @ 5.30pm
Thursday 19th	Round Robin Day 3
Friday 20th	Round Robin Day 4 + Semi-Finals
Saturday 21st	Finals AUS Elite, Masters and AUS Juniors selections Closing Ceremony/Medal Presentations Senior and Junior Function – Dolphin Discovery Centre



Other Tournament Information

Filming: The current plan is to utilise the UHA Filming software to broadcast live games on YouTube.

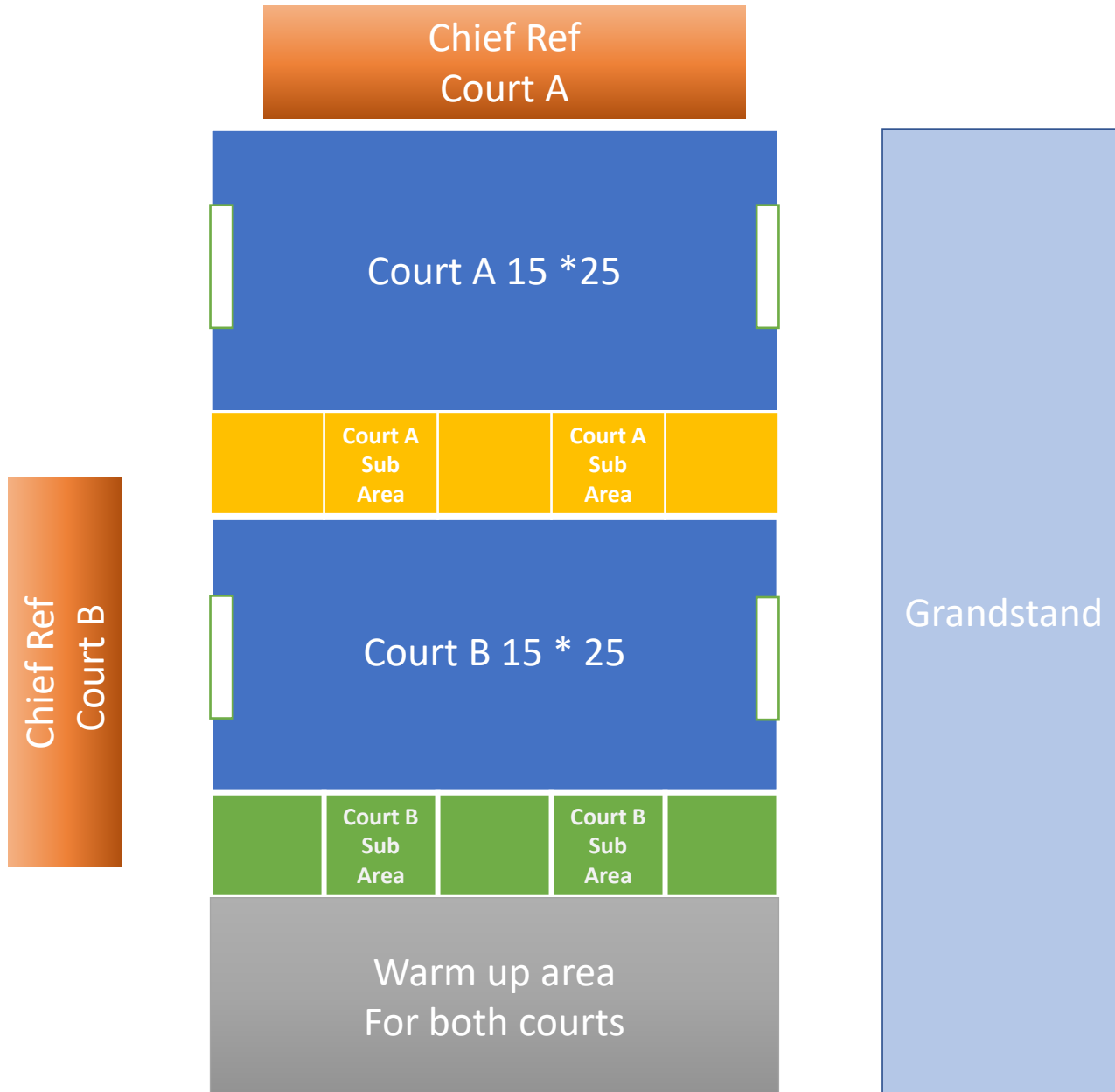
Referees: The UHA chief referee will work closely with states to facilitate non-playing referees in the first instance. If you are interested and available to referee, please email: referee@underwaterhockeyaustralia.org.au

Physiotherapy

Voluntary Sports Physiotherapy Services will be available at the pool for all the official practice and Tournament sessions. The services are independently supplied by Nick Stepkovitch and Katie Turner (Australian UWH Physiotherapists). This is available to all the UWH Players, referees, officials and support people.

The organisers of the 2023 Nationals and Underwater Hockey Australia wish to thank Nick and Katie for the amazing effort and time they have so generously given and continue to give to the sport.

Southwest Sports Centre Court Layout



Social Events

Opening Ceremony

Southwest Sport Centre- Pool Side

Monday 16th January 2023

6:30pm

Sundowner

Wednesday 18th January 2023 @ Koombana Bay

5.30pm

Come to Koombana Bay for an evening of beach fun. Join in on activities such as beach volleyball and paddle boarding with a stunning sunset. Some food vans will be available for you to purchase dinner.





Social Events

Senior Function

Saturday 21st January 2023

Dolphin Discovery Center – Upstairs

7.00pm – 12am

DJ & Dinner Provided \$100 Max PP

Junior Function

Saturday 21st January 2023

Dolphin Discovery Center – Downstairs

6.00pm – 10pm

Entertainment & Dinner Provided \$75 Max PP

Accommodation and Local Information

Accommodation Options:

We have secured some accommodation with the Boarding Houses at **Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School**. Located only 5-7 minutes drive from the Southwest Sports Center it is set in a beautiful bush location. The units will offer bedding, washing facilities, BBQ, small kitchens with a microwave and fridge. (no oven /stovetop) Common rooms for the student boarders. Please see the facilities: (please note the dining hall/cafe is not available) <https://bcgs.youtour.com.au/#boarding> The Price for these units now is \$45 PP per night. Please contact Leanne.Blackham@bcgs.wa.edu.au for bookings and queries.

Please visit the following site, where you will find various other accommodation options:

<https://visitbunburygeographe.com.au/plan-your-stay>

I would recommend the Koombana area if not already booked out as this location is close to a few of the social events planned.

Please also consider AIRBNB and the Stayz website for houses you could rent for the week.

Pease note: this is a very busy time in Bunbury with beautiful weather, so please reserve your accommodation quickly.

Other areas to consider when booking are:

- Busselton - 35 minutes drive - Accommodation and AIRBNB
- Australind - 20 Minutes Drive - Accommodation & AIRBNB
- Eaton - 15 minutes drive - Accommodation and AIRBNB
- Peppermint Beach - 30 Minutes Drive
- Gelorup - 5-minute drive - AIRBNB
- Dalyellup - 5 Minute Drive - AIRBNB
- Capel - 15 Minute Drive - AIRBNB



Local Knowledge

Southwest Sports Center – Venue

Park Centre – Closest Shopping Centre

Bunbury Famers Market – Best local fresh food Supplies – Don't miss out 😊

Skate Park – New to Bunbury

Back Beach – Nice swimming Beach

Koombana Beach – Sundowner location

Bunbury Hospital – Located In red

Uber & Taxi – There are a few around, so you may be lucky otherwise local Taxis are Pretty good contact: 131008

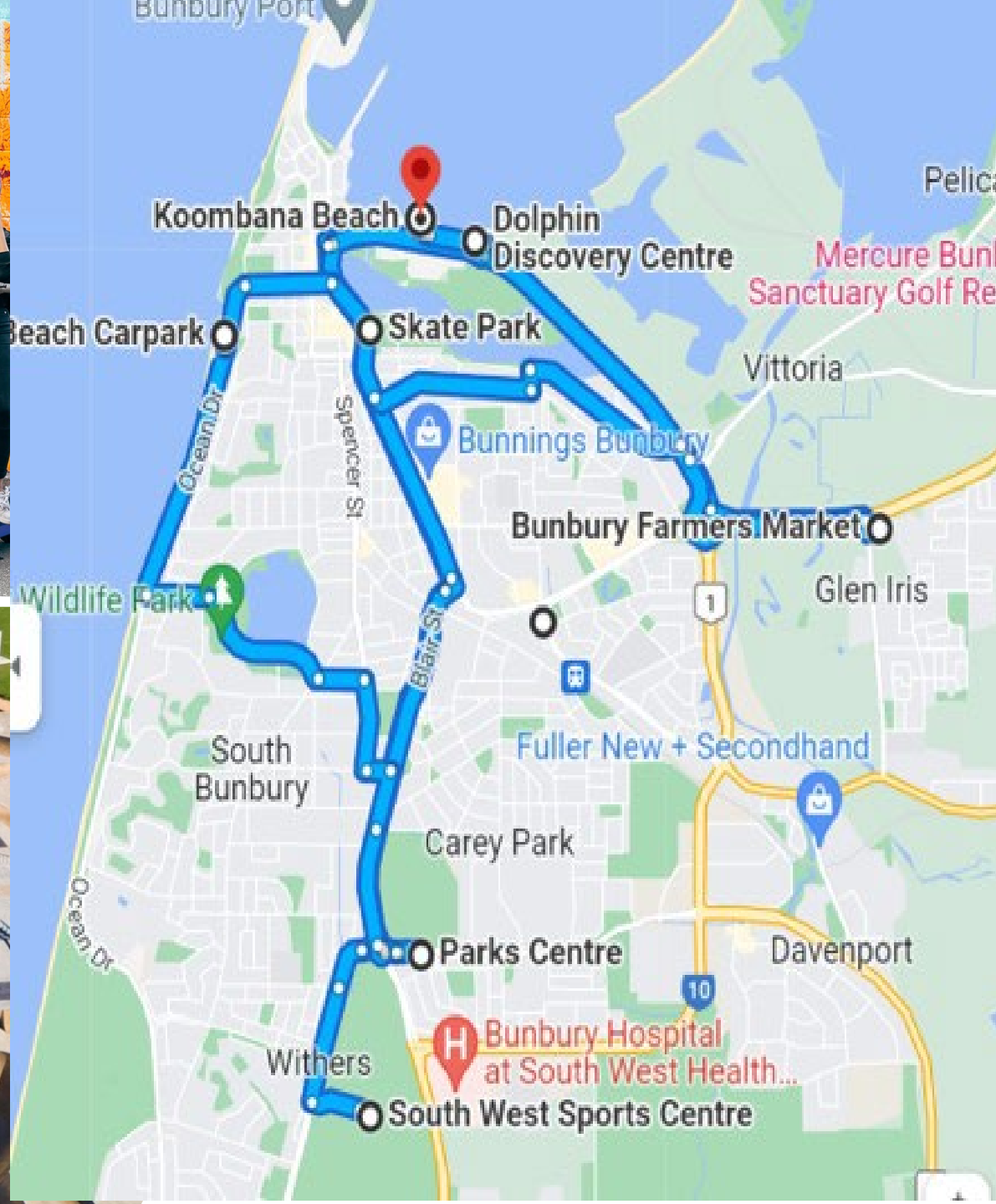
Local Bus Schedule – If required please download the following :

<https://www.pta.wa.gov.au/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=yCGYM9fdTRU%3D&tabid=3597&portalid=15&mid=8271>

You will see many purple scooters in various locations around Bunbury. This can be a fun way to get around when you have some time.

For more information, visit <https://www.ridebeam.com/>.

https://www.facebook.com/beambunbury/photos/?ref=page_internal





Around Bunbury

There is a shopping complex:

<https://www.parkscentre.com.au> Located approximately 10 minute walk (2 min drive) from the pool. This also includes a petrol station and foot outlets including: MacDonaldis, Subway, Coles, Bakers Delight, Parks Tavern, Kebabs, Asian Cuisine, Made Health, & KFC to name a few.



A favorite amongst the locals is the **Bunbury Famers Market** this is an amazing place to buy a huge array of fresh produce. Located approx.. 10-minute drive from the Pool. Highly recommended for those wanting to cook or heat their own meals.

<https://bunburyfarmersmarket.com.au/>

For those coming far consider visiting the southwest amazing unique coastline and famous Margaret River wine region, you won't be disappointed. For more information visit the :

<https://www.australiassouthwest.com/>



For those who love a Skate a new skate park has just been completed on the foreshore, worth a visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2XQ-YwWC9s>

Key Contacts & COVID Information

Key Contacts:

UWHWA Nationals 2023 Tournament Director: Josh Mackenzie – MB: 0409 080 527
uwhnationals2023@gmail.com

Assisting – Shane Blackham – Bunbury UWH President

Please utilise the UWH National's specific email for correspondence.

COVID Information

Our tournament will have a COVID safety plan to proceed and this will be communicated closer to the tournament dates to reflect up to date health recommendations. We are making every attempt to book commitments with refundable deposits. If cancellation occurs, all UWHWA collected payments will be refunded. If postponement occurs, UWHWA will retain entry fees for the new scheduled date. Given Nationals 2022 was able to proceed (albeit with some COVID interference) we expect the competition to go ahead with minimal issues.