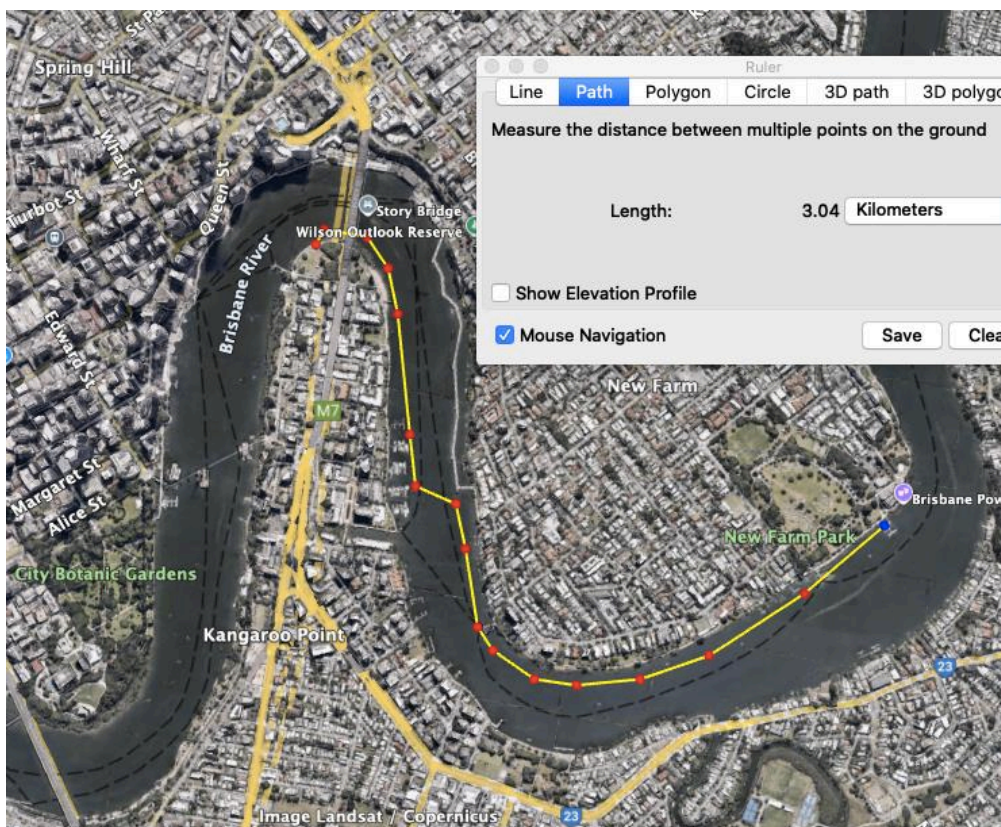
	<b>THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB</b>
	<b>MELT FESTIVAL PRIDE RIVER PARADE PADDLE</b>
	<p>Join the <a href="#">Pride river parade</a> paddle. Part of the <a href="#">Melt Festival</a>.</p> <p>Your opportunity to join a parade in a kayak!</p>

Celebrate Brisbane LGBTQIA+ communities by boat! From yachts to paddleboards, join the colourful flotilla cruising to the Brisbane Powerhouse.

This is part of a larger parade involving many other boats (Powered and unpowered). The water police and Marine safety (MSQ) will be there to help control traffic and ensure distance is kept between passive and powered craft. Please read the safety notes from the Melt organisers - [what to expect](#).

*Passive Craft (ie kayaks) will not do the full parade but will complete the last section from Kangaroo park to the Powerhouse at New Farm Park.*

*We will return against the tide to the put in point at Kangaroo point, paddling on the opposite side of the river to avoid any remaining parade traffic (if still present). An alternative take out point will be via the public boat pontoon in Norman Creek across the river from the Powerhouse (and 1-2km up the creek).*



Route Map

<b>Discipline</b>	Flatwater	<b>Paddle <a href="#">Grade</a></b>	Beginner (1)
<b>Date(s)</b>	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	<b>Event ID</b>	251108F
<b>Distance</b>	6km	<b>Duration</b>	3-4hr
<b>Leader</b>	Martin Wynne	<b>2IC</b>	TBC
<b>Tides</b>	12:04 (2.1m) Brisbane city	<b>Moon</b>	Full moon on the 5th
<b>Sunrise/set</b>	Sunset	18:11-18:36	

### Trip Outline

- 10:30 Meet at the shed and prep / load gear.
- 11:30 Depart Shed
- 12:00 Lunch at the Park
- 12:20 Register at the put in point.
- 12:40 Parade departs
- 14:00 ?Arrive Power house
- 14:30 Depart Power house for put in point (against tide)
- 15:30: Arrive at Put in point (Kangaroo Point)
- 16:00 Depart for shed
- 16:15 Arrive shed
- 17:00 Finish



**Captain Burke Park KANGAROO POINT  
Put in AND Take Out Point**



Optional stopping Point at the Powerhouse  
(park side of the New Farm River Hub pontoon)

<b>Put in Point</b>	Captain Burke Park, Kangaroo Point	<b>Take-out Point</b>	Same as Put in (or alternative below)
<b>Alternate Route Variations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take out at the public kayak pontoon at Heath Park on Norman Creek (across the river from the Powerhouse &amp; 1-2km up the creek)</li> <li>• Take out at the Powerhouse</li> </ul>		
<b>Information Links</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Safety Information for Melt River Parade</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Pride river parade</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Melt Festival</a></li> </ul>		
<b>Facilities</b>	Toilets / water at the parks (New Farm, Captain Burke and Heath Parks)		

# SAFETY

Kayaking can be hazardous. If conditions are unfavourable we will not go. We will register with the coast guard prior to departure and be in telephone contact. If you have medical conditions, consult your doctor, let the leader know if they are relevant (eg asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, allergies, epilepsy, etc), and bring any required medication.

## Risks and Management

### Club Flatwater Risk Assessment (reviewed 17/11/24) Detailed Assessments available

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drowning</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunburn</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cuts Strains and Sprains</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dehydration</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ineffective Rudder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Entire Group Capsizing</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hypothermia</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heat Exhaustion / Hyperthermia</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tripping While Walking</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Group Getting Lost</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Getting Separated from Group</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animals and Plants (minor injury)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animals and Plants (major injury)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bad Weather / Weather Change</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capsize</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fitness / Fatigue</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Failure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enter / Exit Boat</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carrying Boats</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Algae / Contamination</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boat Traffic / Shipping</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separation from Boat</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Missing / Broken Paddle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paddle Related Injuries / Tendonitis / Blisters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hit by Paddle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strainers (Overhanging Trees / Mangroves / Fishing lines / Structures)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sinking Boat</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Panic / Fear</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rocks and Submerged Objects</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Darkness / Stranded at Night</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paddling in the Dark / Night Paddling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gravel runs and grade 1 rapids</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Covid / colds</li> </ul>
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### Club Travel Risk Assessment (reviewed 17/11/24) Detailed Assessments available

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drowsiness while Driving</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loads Falling from Vehicle or Trailer, or Hitting Occupants in Accident</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury from Loading / Unloading Equipment from Vehicle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unleaded Petrol</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident/Accident while Driving</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becoming Lost</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown or Breakdown in Remote Areas</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towing Trailer</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Covid</li> </ul>
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### Additional Risks

Risk	Initial Risk	Risk's Management	Residual Risk
<b>Other vessels</b> During the parade there will be may water craft in the river.	Medium	Standard Risk assessment controls (above). Additional supervision by	Low

		MSQ and water police during parade in MSQ vessels and Jet skis. Powered and unpowered craft keeping to separate lanes.	
<b>Members of the public</b> During the parade there will be many other people on the water.	Medium	Supervision by MSQ and water police. Management of parade by Melt organisers and their <a href="#">safety management / briefings</a> for vessels.	Low
<b>General Risk Management</b>			
<b>Paddler Requirements</b>	<p>Conditions can be calm, but can change dramatically with winds and tides contributing significantly to this.</p> <p>Paddlers must advise leaders if they have health issues or injuries that may affect participation. Ensure medication is carried and is accessible. If unsure, they should check with their doctor beforehand.</p> <p>Participants must self-assess their, and their equipment's ability to cope with this grade of club event. The <a href="#">club grading scale</a> is located on the club website. This should be consulted prior to registration, and any concerns or anything needing clarification should be raised with the trip leader beforehand. Participants need the skills for the grade of the trip, unless modified below "Additional Comments".</p> <p>Participants should have an appropriate level of fitness. This is a trip that requires a moderate fitness level and a minimum sustained cruising speed as required by the paddle grade.</p>		
<b>Emergency Contact Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ)</b> On water via VHF Channel #13</li> <li>• <b>Emergencies only</b> – 000</li> </ul>		

<p><b>Nearest Medical Help and Contacts</b></p>	<p><b>Hospital(s)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Princess Alexandra Hospital Emergency</a> ph: <a href="#">3176 2111</a> <a href="#">199 Ipswich Rd</a>, Woolloongabba</li> <li>• <b>Mater Hospital Brisbane Adult Emergency</b> Ph: <a href="#">07 3163 8111</a> / <a href="#">07 3098 8111</a> <a href="#">Raymond Terrace</a>, South Brisbane QLD 4101</li> <li>• <a href="#">Royal Brisbane Hospital Emergency</a> Ph: <a href="#">(07) 3646 8111</a> Ground floor, <a href="#">Dr James Mayne Building</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Centres</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parade:</b> Queensland Ambulance Service Medics will be travelling along on land with the parade, as well as on-water Medics with the MSQ team. Organised via Melt Festival</li> <li>• <a href="#">13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)</a> and speak to a registered nurse 24 hours a day</li> </ul>
<p><b>Safety and Personal Equipment</b></p>	
<p><b>Personal Equipment</b></p> <p>(Full list)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothing you can get wet (on the water)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry clothing (to keep warm)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment Requirements for <a href="#">Grade</a></li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food adequate for trip duration</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footwear suitable for paddling, swimming. Extra for on land. <b>No thongs/flip flops or bare feet</b> (oysters and spiky/venomous animals can get you!)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paddle clothes to protect from cold/wind (e.g. thermal/spray jacked or cag)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water and snacks accessible while paddling</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long sleeved paddle clothes sunscreen, etc)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water – 3L per day (4L if camping)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kayak Equipment</b></p> <p>(<a href="#">Required sea kayaking equipment for grade</a>)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Bag</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket (type II) and Paddle</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paddle Tie</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pump, Sponge, and Bailer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Float</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck - if you have not used one <b>tell the leader</b> before or when you register! Pre-trip training may be needed.</li> </ul>

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft Sea kayak or stable flatwater boat <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle		
<b>Communications</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flares <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLB/EPIRB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signal Mirror <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> V-Sheet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle
<b>Safety Equipment</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hand Pump	<input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Floats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repair Kit	<input type="checkbox"/> Rescue Stirrup <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare Paddle
<b>Additional or Emphasised Equipment</b>	Please make sure you bring water (2-4 litres), lunch, snacks, sun protection and foot wear. Water and snacks need to be accessible whilst you paddle		
<b>Check Paddlers' Equipment</b> (prior to launch)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bailer/Pump <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footwear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Paddle Leash <input type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunsmart Gear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water

## LOGISTICS

<b>Boat Loading Details</b>	See trip Outline above
<b>Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 wear and tear contribution for club gear use (per day)</li> <li>• \$ for petrol for your driver / trailer tower</li> </ul> <p><b>Please use PayID</b> if possible. If you can't use payID, please bring cash as we like to complete reimbursing everything at the end of the trip. If cash, please bring a range of notes as needed for the club, your driver, and/or organiser for costs they may have incurred on your behalf, etc. Card facility may be available but don't rely on it (and it will cost you more).</p>
<b>Additional Comments/ Instructions</b>	<p>Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served and number will be limited.</p> <p><b>YOU MUST HAVE PRE-REGISTERED SEPARATELY WITH THE MELT RIVER PADDLE BEFOREHAND</b></p>

## EVENT REGISTRATION

<b>Register with</b>	Martin	Email	Via <a href="#">Members Contacts</a>
<b>Limits on Numbers</b>	Register soon. Numbers will be limited by transport, the number of people with sufficient skills, and the weather. Within these constraints it will be first come first served and number will be limited. Trip Leader will decide.		
<b>Register by</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	<b>Club Event ID</b>	251108F