



THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB

WHITE WATER PADDLE: RICHMOND RIVER

A weekend trip skill development paddle on grade 2 rapid on the Richmond River with two overnight camping. Leaving Brisbane end afternoon on Friday and coming back Sunday Evening.



Disclaimer: To register for this trip you will need to participate to a previous white-water introduction.

A semi beginner paddle on grade 2 white water on the Richmond River. We will focus on safety, river reading and basics of boat control. There will be swimming involved. On Saturday morning session we will be paddling around the first rapid of the river few meters away below the put in. Practicing eddy in and out, fairy glide and safety swimming. And few runs of the river the following session depending on the daylight and time spent around the waves encounters to practice our skills.

Discipline	White water	Paddle <u>Grade</u>	1-2
Date(s)	17/07/2026	Event ID	260717W
Distance	3.9km	Duration	2 hours paddling
Leader	Antoine Morançais	2IC	

Trip Outline

Friday evening:

- 5PM Meet at club shed to pack trailer / load cars
- 6PM Departure
- 8:30PM Dinner break at Lismore.
- 9:45PM Arriving at the campsite (BIG4 Casino Holiday Park). Set up camp for the weekend.

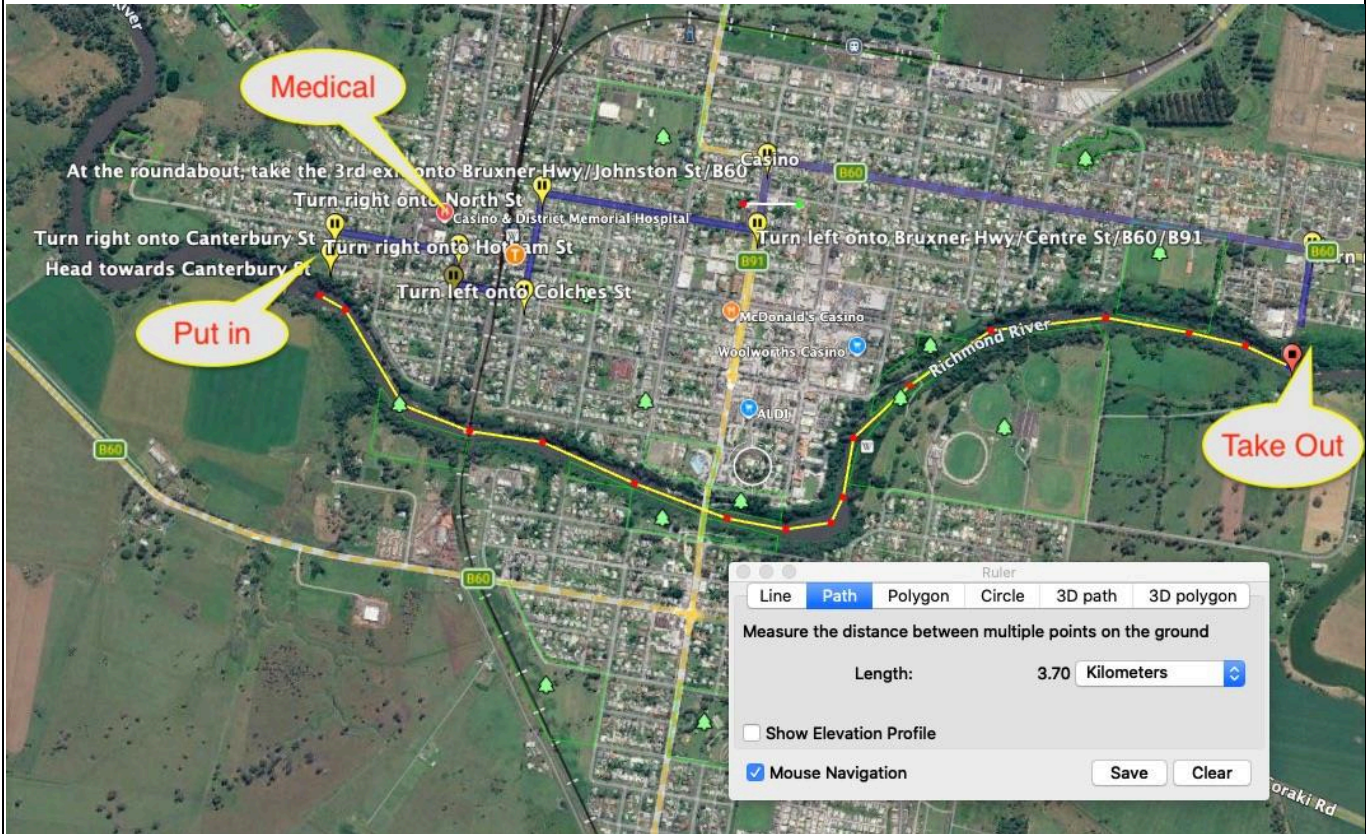
Saturday:

- 8AM Drive to the put in
- 8:30AM Organizing shuttle with one car going at the put out.
- 8:45AM Safety briefing by the river
- 9AM Everyone geared up ready to paddle. 2H skill paddle session around the grade 2 rapid next to the put in.
- 11AM 30 minutes session of swimming on the same rapid. Active/passive swimming. Rope throwing/rescuing.
- 11:30AM Lunch break by the river.
- 1:30PM Safety briefing by the river
- 1:45PM Everyone geared up ready to paddle. All the skills learned in the previous session will be put into practice during the next 3.5km of the river left. Paddle down the river and stop around waves we can play with.
- 4PM End of the paddle. Loading up the boat, picking the car left at the put in and driving back to the campsite.

Sunday:

- 7AM Packing up camp.
- 8AM Drive to the put in
- 8:30AM Organizing shuttle with one car going at the put out.
- 8:45AM Safety briefing by the river
- 9AM Everyone geared up ready to paddle. Paddle down the river and stop around waves we can play with.
- 11AM Lunch break at the put out.
- 12:30AM Packing up the boat and drive to the put in.
- 1PM Organizing shuttle with one car going at the put out.
- 1:15AM Safety briefing by the river
- 1:30PM Everyone geared up ready to paddle. Paddle down the river and stop around waves we can play with.
- 3:30PM Arriving at the put out. Shuttle organized and boat loaded.
- 4:00PM Departure for Brisbane
- 6:00PM Break at Servo BP Coomera
- 7:30PM Arriving at the shed at unloading the cars
- 8PM End of the weekend trip

Paddle Route



Put In Point



Take Out Point



Put in Point

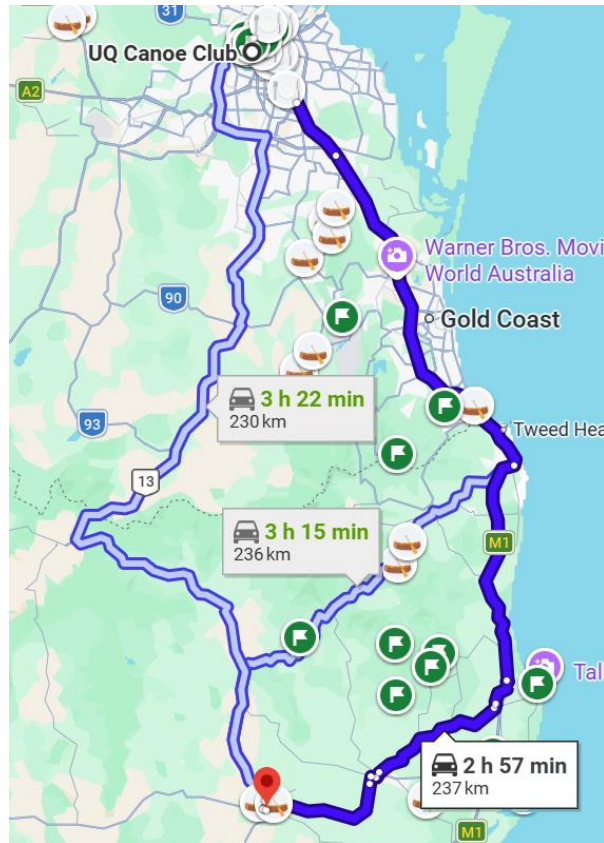
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Take-out Point

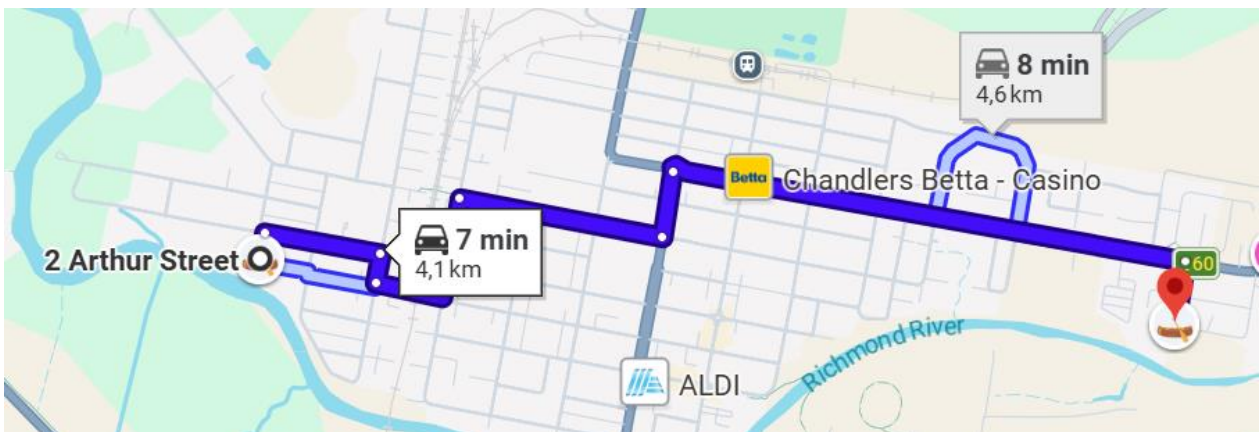
28°51'51.8"S
 153°03'50.2"E
 Nearby, 6 Foy St,
 Casino NSW 2470

Alternate Route Variations	If water levels are too low or high, we will move the event to the Mann river (cf. The Mann River trip plan attached)
Information Links	
Facilities	There are no facilities nearby on this trip. Water and food must be brought before the trip.

Route between shed and campsite



Route between put in and put out



SAFETY

White water kayaking can be hazardous. If conditions are unfavorable, we will not go. 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 Whitewater Risk Assessment (reviewed 25/1/26) Detailed Assessments available

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guide ability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medical Condition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Participant ability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interaction with public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Severe weather <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun exposure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cold exposure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wildlife, Bites & Stings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drinking water availability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water flow | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unloading/loading boats <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rapid beyond skill level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Slippery surfaces & riverbanks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Obstacles in the river <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Foot entrapment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Equipment failure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ropes used across river (rescues) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping Injury <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colds & Flu |
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Club Travel Risk Assessment (reviewed 20/11/25) Detailed Assessments available

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drowsiness while Driving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loads Falling from Vehicle or Trailer, or Hitting Occupants in Accident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Injury from Loading / Unloading Equipment from Vehicle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unleaded Petrol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Incident/Accident while Driving <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Becoming Lost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Breakdown or Breakdown in Remote Areas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towing Trailer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colds & Flu |
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Paddler Requirements

Conditions can be calm but can change dramatically with winds and rain. Paddle is conducted on white water, with obstacles and narrow sections.

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General Risk Management

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Emergency Contact Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergencies only – 000
Nearest Medical Help and Contacts	<p>Casino & District Memorial Hospital 70A Canterbury St, Casino NSW 2470 Phone number: 0266600500</p>

Safety and Personal Equipment

Personal Equipment (Full list)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☒ Water clothing (you will get wet) suitable for temperature and conditions ☒ Dry clothing (to keep warm) ☒ Equipment Requirements for Grade 2 ☒ Food adequate for trip duration ☒ Footwear suitable for paddling, swimming, walking on rocks / banks. Extra for on land. <i>No thongs/flip flops or bare feet!!</i> (sharp rocks/ branches ruin trips!) ☒ Paddle clothes to protect from cold/wind (thermal/spray jacked or cag) ☒ Water and snacks accessible while paddling ☒ Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long sleeved paddle clothes sunscreen, etc.) ☒ Water – 3L ☒ Camping equipment (tent, mattress, sleeping bag, pillow) ☒ Emergency warm clothes (thermal)
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Kayak Equipment (Required whitewater kayaking equipment for grade)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dry Bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket (type II) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buoyancy bags <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whitewater helmet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sponge / Bailer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck - if you have not used one tell the leader before / when you register! Prior training / demonstration required. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft (maintained Whitewater boat) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whitewater paddle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle (Fox 40)		
Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Flares <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PLB/EPIRB	<input type="checkbox"/> Signal Mirror <input type="checkbox"/> V-Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> VHF Radio <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Whistle
Safety Equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pin kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Throw rope	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Repair Kit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare Paddle	
Additional or Emphasized Equipment	Please make sure you bring water, breakfast, snacks, sun protection and footwear.		
Check Paddlers' Equipment (prior to launch)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bailer/Pump <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Footwear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buoyancy bags	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Jacket <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmet <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spray Deck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Suitable Craft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SunSmart Gear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water

LOGISTICS

Pre-Trip Meeting	Will be communicated a week before the trip. Time will be communicated via email or SMS to participants
Boat Loading Details	Beginning of the week before the trip. Time will be communicated via email or SMS to participants.
Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$10 wear and tear contribution for club gear use (per day) • \$30-40 for petrol for your driver / trailer tower • \$20-25 for the campsite • \$40-50 We usually organize common food and meals for everyone, not mandatory. You are welcome to bring your own if you want to. • A few extra dollars for coffee etc afterwards (if time). <p>If you can't use payID, please bring cash as we like to complete reimbursing everything at the end of the trip. If</p>

	cash, please bring a range of notes as needed for the club, your driver, and/or organizer for costs they may have incurred on your behalf, etc.
Additional Comments/ Instructions	

EVENT REGISTRATION

Register with	Antoine	Contact	<u>Whitewater Rep</u>
Limits on Numbers	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 to 4 participants including trip leaders. Trip Leader will decide.		
Register by	13/07/2026	Club Event ID	260717W