



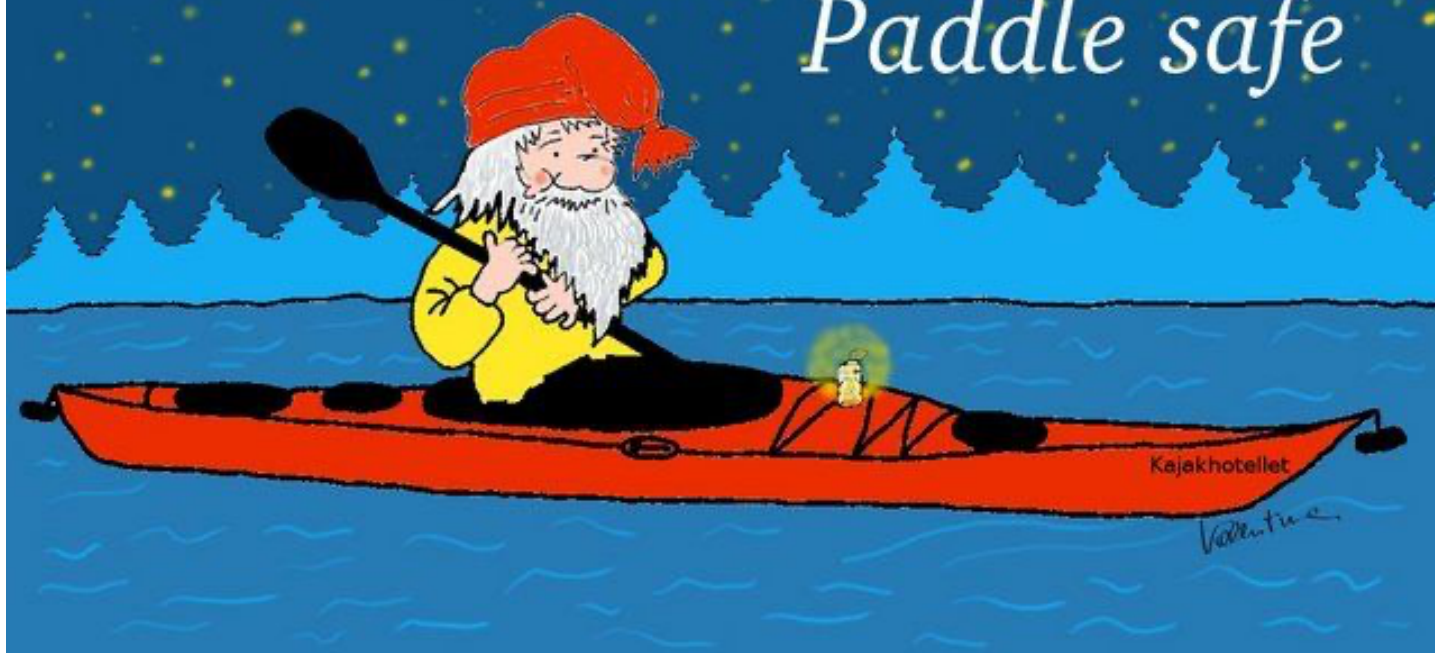
THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB

CHRISTMAS CAMPING TRIP 2026

Weekend camping and kayaking games in norther NSW.
Celebrating 50 years of the Canoe Club

Merry Christmas

Paddle safe



Come spend the weekend camping at Mann River, NSW. We will hold a variety of paddles, walks and kayak themed games over the weekend. Including the second annual corflute kayak building competition. There will also be some historical games to celebrate 50 years of the canoe club.

Discipline	White water / Flat water	Paddle Grade	2
Date(s)	Friday 27th Nov to Sunday 29th Nov	Event ID	261127WW
Leader	Callum Finglas	2IC	

Sunrise	5:40am	Moon rise	10:34pm
Sunset	7:30pm	Moon set	7:45am

Trip Outline

Trip will be run on QLD time, note NSW is on daylight savings time and phones will automatically change while driving.

If you are unable to join on Friday you can drive down on Saturday morning, will discuss car pooling via email before trip.

Friday

7am Meet at club shed

7:15am Depart shed

9:40am to 10am Break stop at Ballina service station

12:30pm Arrive Mann river campsite. Setup camp, light lunch (Self catered)

1:30pm - 2:30pm Canoe polo game (Modified version)

2:30pm - 3:00pm Historical club race (Surprise)

Time to relax and have a swim, white water rafting optional activity.

6pm Dinner

Saturday

If driving down on Saturday please arrive by 8:30am

8:50am Days briefing

9am - 11:30am Build your own corflute kayak

11:30am Corflute kayak race

12pm Lunch

1pm - 4pm Kayak games.

-tug of war, rescue game, obstacle course

4:30pm Off water, afternoon relaxing at camp

5:30pm Kayak Trivia and sundowners

6:30pm Dinner

Sunday

8:30am Days Briefing

9am On water white water rafting and kayaking

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Packup Camp

2:00pm Leave Campsite

4:30pm to 4:50pm Break Stop Ballina service station

7:00pm Arrive shed, pack away gear

7:40pm Leave for home, tell family and friends about great weekend kayaking

Put in Point	Hanging rock campsite mann river	Take-out Point	Hanging rock campsite mann river
Alternate Route Variations	All activities are weather dependant. Trip leader will decide on day. Alterations include but not limited to paddling on different parts of Mann / Nymboida rivers or alternative location		
Camping Information	Group campsite hanging rock Mann River. There is no facility at this campsite.		
Facilities	No Facility's at Campsite. Club will have extra water and water filters available for members to use.		

SAFETY

Kayaking can be hazardous. If conditions are unfavourable 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 Sea Kayak Risk Assessment (Detailed Risk Assessments on request)

Drowning	Yes	Fitness / Fatigue	Yes
Sunburn	Yes	Equipment Failure	Yes
Medical Conditions	Yes	Enter / Exit Boat	Yes
Cuts Strains and Sprains	Yes	Carrying Boats	Yes
Dehydration	Yes	Algae / Contamination	Yes
Entire Group Capsizing	Yes	Boat Traffic / Shipping	No
Hypothermia	Yes	Separation from Boat	Yes
Heat Exhaustion / Hyperthermia	Yes	Missing / Broken	Yes
Tripping While Walking	Yes	Paddle	Yes
Group Getting Lost	Yes	Paddle Related	Yes
Getting Separated from Group	Yes	Injuries	Yes
Animals and Plants (minor injury)	Yes	Hit by Paddle	Yes
Animals and Plants (major injury)	Yes	Strainers	Yes
Bad Weather / Weather Change	Yes	Structures	Yes
Sea Sickness	No	Panic / Fear	Yes
Capsize	Yes	Rocks and Submerged	Yes
Rough Seas	No	Objects	Yes
Surf	No	Darkness / Stranded	Yes
Sinking Boat	Yes	at Night	Yes
		Paddling in the Dark /	Yes
		Night Paddling	
		Cooking	Yes
		Camping	Yes

Club Travel Risk Assessment (Detailed Risk Assessments on request)			
Drowsiness while Driving	Yes	Incident/Accident while Driving	Yes
Loads Falling from Vehicle or Trailer, or Hitting Occupants in Accident	Yes	Becoming Lost	Yes
Injury from Loading / Unloading Equipment from Vehicle	Yes	Breakdown or Breakdown in Remote Areas	Yes
Unleaded Petrol		Towing Trailer	Yes
General Risk Management			
Paddler Requirements	Conditions can be calm, but can change dramatically with winds and tides contributing significantly to this. 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. Participants must self-assess their, and their equipment's ability to cope with this grade of club event. The club grading scale 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". 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. This trip will include walking elements, participants should be able to walk minimum 8km over flat ground.		
Emergency Contact Information	000, Note limited / no phone reception at campsite, use PLB and satellite communication with emergency services		
Nearest Medical Help and Contacts	Grafton Hospital 0266402222 184 Arthur St, Grafton NSW 2460		

Safety and Personal Equipment

Personal Equipment (Full list)	Clothing you can get wet (on the water) Dry clothing (to keep warm) Equipment Requirements for Grade 1 trip Food adequate for trip duration Main meals will be provided. You still need to bring snacks and first days lunche. Footwear suitable for paddling, swimming. Extra for on land. (oysters and spiky/venomous animals can get you!) Paddle clothes to protect from cold/wind (e.g. thermal/spray jacked or cag) Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, long sleeved paddle clothes sunscreen, etc) Water – 4L per day		
Kayak Equipment (Required sea kayaking equipment for grade)	We will use club kayaks only on this trip. Kayaks will be shared between participants Dry Bag Life Jacket (type II) and Paddle Spray Deck - if you have not used one tell the leader before or when you register! Pre-trip training may be needed. Suitable Craft Whistle		
Communications	Flares Mobile Phone PLB/EPIRB	Signal Mirror V-Sheet	VHF Radio Whistle
Safety Equipment	First Aid Kit	Repair Kit	Spare Paddle
Additional or Emphasised Equipment	Please make sure you bring water litres, lunch, snacks, sun protection and foot wear. Camping equipment and torches Your own plate, bowl, cup and cutlery		
Check Paddlers' Equipment (prior to launch)	Footwear Medication	Life Jacket Spray Deck	Suitable Craft Sunsmart Gear

LOGISTICS

Pre-Trip Meeting	An email will be sent out the Wednesday before trip. We will discuss car pooling and kayaks to paddle. Please notify trip leader with any dietary requirements.
Costs	Trip Cost \$15 - Wear and tear on club equipment, \$0 - Camping fees \$25 - Catered meals -Friday, dinner -Saturday, dinner \$20 - Petrol for trailer tower (approximate cost, final cost will be communicated at end of trip) Not included • \$ for petrol for your driver if car pooling • Extra snacks and food stops on drive • Lunch and breakfast. (If group decides we may do together) Payment to be direct transferred to the club by Thursday 19th November. Non payment by this date you won't be able to come on the trip
Additional Comments/ Instructions	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.

EVENT REGISTRATION

Register with	Callum	Email	Callum
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. Trip Leader will decide.		
Register by	19th November 2026	Club Event ID	261127WW