	THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CANOE CLUB
	WHITE WATER OPEN CANOE: CLARENCE RIVER
	A weekend canoe/kayak trip expedition on grade 1 -2 white water on the Clarence 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 beginner paddle and introduction to open canoe on grade 1 - 2 white water on the Clarence River. Basic stroke using a canoe paddle, balance, leaning, current reading, safety knowledge, packing a boat, swimming and camping skills will be involved.

We'll be leaving Brisbane on Friday afternoon/evening and be back on Sunday evening.

We'll be paddling down the river and camping along it during all duration of the trip,2 night total.

Discipline	White water canoeing or kayaking	**Paddle Grade**	1-2
Date(s)	04/12/2026	**Event ID**	261204W
Distance	12.3km	**Duration**	Two days
Leader	Antoine Morançais	**2IC**	Callum Finglas

Trip Outline

Friday evening
- 5PM Meet at club shed to pack trailer / load cars
- 6PM Departure
- 8PM Dinner break at Ballina servo
- 11:30PM Arriving at Hanging Rock campground. Set up camp for the night.

Saturday
- 7AM Packing up camp and driving to the put in.
- 8AM Organizing the shuttle
- 11:30AM Safety briefing by the river
- 11:45AM Everyone geared up ready to paddle
  1H skill paddle session around the grade 2 rapid below the bridge next to the campsite.
- 12:45AM Lunch break
- 1:30PM Safety briefing by the river
- 1:45PM 6km paddle to Rainbow fall campground
- 4:45PM End of the day. Enjoying the peacefulness of the campsite.

Sunday
- 7AM Packing up camp.
- 8AM Safety briefing by the river
- 8:15AM Beginning of the portage around rainbow falls.
- 9:30AM Paddling the next kilometer and a half until the second portage.
- 12AM Lunch break by the river.
- 3PM Arriving at the put out. Loading up the boat and organizing shuttle.
- 4:30 PM Departure for Brisbane
- 6:30 PM Break at Ballina Servo
- 9PM Arriving at the shed at unloading cars
- 10PM End of the weekend trip

Put in Point	Carnham road bridge, Coombadjha NSW 2460	**Take-out Point**	29°22’46.8”S 152°34’06.8”E
Alternate Route Variations	If water levels are too low or high, we will move the event to the a different section of the Mann or Nymboida river (cf. Other trip plans attached)		
Facilities	There are no facilities nearby on this trip. Water and food must be brought before the trip.		

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

☑ Guide ability	☑ Unloading/loading boats
☑ Medical Condition	☑ Rapid beyond skill level
☑ Participant ability	☑ Slippery surfaces & riverbanks
☑ Interaction with public	☑ Obstacles in the river
☑ Severe weather	☑ Foot entrapment
☑ Sun exposure	☑ Equipment failure
☑ Cold exposure	☑ Ropes used across river (rescues)
☑ Wildlife, Bites & Stings	☑ Cooking
☑ Vehicle accident	☑ Camping Injury
☑ Drinking water availability	☑ Colds & Flu
☑ Water flow	

Club Travel Risk Assessment (reviewed 20/11/25) Detailed Assessments available)

☑ Drowsiness while Driving	☑ Incident/Accident while Driving
☑ Loads Falling from Vehicle or Trailer, or Hitting Occupants in Accident	☑ Becoming Lost
	☑ Breakdown or Breakdown in Remote Areas
☑ Injury from Loading / Unloading Equipment from Vehicle	☑ Towing Trailer
☑ Unleaded Petrol	☑ Colds & Flu

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. 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 assess their and their equipment's ability to cope with this grade of Whitewater event. The club's Whitewater 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.
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Emergency Contact Information	• **Emergencies only** – 000
Nearest Medical Help and Contacts	Grafton Base Hospital: Emergency Dep. 174 Arthur St, Grafton NSW 2460 Telephone 0266402222

Safety and Personal Equipment			
Personal Equipment (Full list)	☒ 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. ***No thongs/flip flops or bare feet!!*** (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)		
Kayak Equipment (Required whitewater kayaking equipment for grade)	☒ Dry Bag ☒ Life Jacket (type II) ☒ Buoyancy bags ☒ Whitewater helmet ☒ Sponge / Bailer ☒ Spray Deck - if you have not used one **tell the leader** before / when you register! Prior training / demonstration required. ☒ Suitable Craft (maintained Whitewater boat) ☒ Whitewater paddle ☒ Whistle (Fox 40)		
Communications	☐ Flares ☒ Mobile Phone ☒ PLB/EPIRB	☐ Signal Mirror ☐ V-Sheet	☐ VHF Radio ☒ Whistle
Safety Equipment	☒ First Aid Kit ☒ Pin kit ☒ Throw rope ☒ Additional throw rope	☒Repair Kit ☒ Spare Paddle ☒ Group shelter	☒ Emergency food ☒ Emergency light
Additional or Emphasized Equipment	Please make sure you bring water, breakfast, snacks, sun protection and footwear.		

Check Paddlers' Equipment (prior to launch)	☒ Bailer/Pump ☒ Footwear ☒ Medication ☒ Buoyancy bags	☒ Life Jacket ☒ Helmet ☒ Spray Deck	☒ Suitable Craft ☒ SunSmart Gear ☒ 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	• $20 wear and tear contribution for club gear use (per day) • $50-60 for petrol for your driver / trailer tower • $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 or ice-cream afterwards (if time). 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 organizer for costs they may have incurred on your behalf, etc.
Additional Comments/ Instructions	

EVENT REGISTRATION

Register with	Antoine	Contact	Whitewater Rep
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 8 participants including trip leaders. Trip Leader will decide.		
Register by	29/11/2026	**Club Event ID**	261204W