	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 Grade**	1-2
Date(s)	04/12/2026	**Event ID**	261204W
Distance	3.9km	**Duration**	3 hours paddling
Leader	Antoine Morançais	**2IC**	Callum Finglas

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

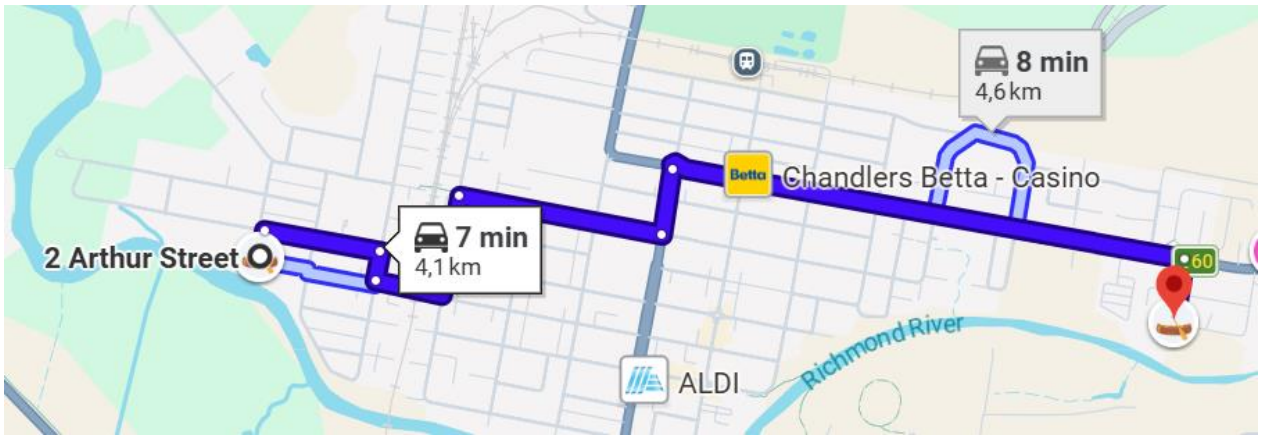
Put in Point	28°51'40.0"S 153°01'57.1"E Nearby, 9-9A Arthur St, Casino NSW 2470	**Take-out Point**	28°51'51.8"S 153°03'50.2"E Nearby, 6 Foy St, Casino NSW 2470
Alternate Route Variations	If water levels are too low or high, we will move the event to the Mann river (cf. The Mann River trip plan attached)		

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

☑ 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 25/01/26) Detailed Assessments available

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

General Risk Management	
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.
Emergency Contact Information	• **Emergencies only** – 000
Nearest Medical Help and Contacts	Casino & District Memorial Hospital 70A Canterbury St, Casino NSW 2470 Phone number: 0266600500

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 white water paddling, swimming. Extra for on land. ***No thongs/flip flops or bare feet*** ☒ 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	☒ 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! ☒ 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	☒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	• $15 wear and tear contribution for club gear use • $40-50 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 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 9 participants including trip leaders. Trip Leader will decide.		
Register by	29/11/2026	**Club Event ID**	261204W