



Railway Parade & The Esplanade, Thorneside (Walking distance from Thorneside rail station)

About WRCC

In Dec 1974 a small group of people interested in canoeing decided to get together and start a club. Since then the club has gone from strength to strength and the club members over the years have participated in most major canoeing events.

New comers to the club are shown techniques in handling the craft (canoe or kayak) by more experienced members. Learning to paddle in a club environment is safer and more social than paddling alone. If you are considering buying your own boat, then try the wide variety of boats at the club and talk to other paddlers.

Canoeing is an exciting and enjoyable activity for all ages and the aim of the club is to promote paddling in its many forms.

The WRCC 'Home waters'

The Club paddles most days of the week on Tingalpa & Lota Creeks with some use of the adjacent waters of Moreton Bay when conditions are suitable – refer to the pamphlet – Shed Opening Times on our website or email the club. See below.

Tingalpa Creek offers a scenic canoe trail from Thorneside to the Leslie Harrison Dam past the historic "Rocks" section at Capalaba. Brahminy kites, white Egrets, Ducks, Kingfishers (Mangrove, Sacred and Azure), Eastern curlew and other wading birds are abundant and easily seen and heard along both Tingalpa and Lota Creeks.

Other paddling waters

Activities on other waterways such as the upper reaches of the Brisbane River, Pine River, Wivenhoe Dam, Noosa River and the Mary River in South East Queensland and venues such as the Tweed River, Clarence River and Brunswick Rivers in northern NSW are also part of our annual program.

What our Club can offer:

SOCIAL: Enjoy activities with other people - on or off the water. Our regular social paddles on local Tingalpa Creek are popular with members and sometimes include a pancake breakfast or sausage sizzle at our club house afterwards.

RECREATIONAL PADDLING: Our club members organise weekly paddling activities on Tingalpa and Lota Creeks as well as moonlight paddles and longer trips to the many waterways within a few hours drive from Brisbane. There is nothing better than exploring an area from the water and then relaxing with friends afterwards with a picnic or at one of our annual camps such as on the Upper Brisbane River, the Mary River and in Northern New South Wales.

FLATWATER COMPETITION PADDLING: Through its affiliation with Queensland Canoeing Inc., a variety of citywide, state, national and international competitive events are available throughout the year. The club provides competition coaching and support with regular training squads to ensure members reach their potential with credible success in several years as club members have been selected as Australian Representatives in both sprint and marathon racing. The club hosts our own annual Tingalpa Trot and Thorneside Classic on Tingalpa Creek involving different race categories for craft types, skill and age levels. Many club members participate in the annual Brisbane Valley 100 km 2 day event, the Hawkesbury River Marathon in NSW, and the 5 day Murray River Marathon in Victoria.

Get Fit on Mountain Bikes: The club has purchased 20 mountain bikes for the use of members. So now a combination of canoe/kayak and bike riding activity is possible.

Benefits of membership

- Club members become members of Australian Canoeing and have the benefit of insurance cover, training programs and coaching courses as well as updated information.
- Social atmosphere with friendly members from all walks of life
- Access to a variety of competition and recreational boats. WRCC has more than 100 seats in kayaks and canoes available for use by members. Personal floatation devices (pfd's), and paddles are also available for use with the boats.
- Canoe and Kayak Safety Education. The Club ensures members are aware of paddling safety issues before they begin using club equipment.
- Coaching sessions can be arranged for club members, school groups, and local interest groups with the club's qualified instructors, as well as competition training
- Use of safety, group camping and gymnasium equipment.
- The club house is also a venue for meetings and the committee meets on the 1st Monday of the month and all members are welcome and encouraged to become active in maintaining the club and its activities.

If you like what you see and hear, the next step is a fully supervised Introductory paddle. Check our website for the next date or email the club.

❖ Contacts

- Club web site: <http://wynnumredlands.canoe.org.au/>
- By Phone: WRCC – not available
- Email: wynnumcc@yahoo.com
- A List of other canoeing clubs and contact details is available on the Queensland Canoeing website - <http://www.qld.canoe.com.au/> or Australian Canoeing <http://canoe.org.au/>.