

**Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club Inc**

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## **FAQ's about OUR Club**

**Our full name? Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club Inc**

**Who are we affiliated with?** WE are affiliated with Queensland Canoeing and Australian Canoeing. This affiliation allows you to participate in activities sanctioned by these two bodies. This also means that you are also insured at activities registered by our club. These activities include our shed opening times, races, recreational paddles and camps. If you sustain any injury that needs medical attention during these times you should contact a member of the executive for further information.

**Can any club member attend outings and camps?** Yes. Various groups within the club organize club camps or day trips. Generally these activities are advertised on our club website, via Newsletter, via email or Bmail with a contact person listed.

**What is Bmail?** Bmail is "Blackboard Mail". An attempt is made to update the board at the club on a regular basis. This is for those who do not receive emails.

**What craft can I use?** The club has a great variety of craft to use. The primary importance of our club craft is to provide our members with a range of craft so that your skills can improve. These range from beginners recreational craft through to Olympic standard racing craft. The craft you use depends on the paddling you wish to do, your ability and what is available at that time. The majority of our craft have been purchased through grants given to our club by various Government bodies. Junior development has been the main focus for many of these grants.

**Will I be able to paddle my favorite craft all the time?** Probably Not! On occasions your favorite craft may already be used by another member. Sometimes one of our club coaches / instructors might hold a boat for a program that is to happen later that session.

**What paddle should I use?** This depends on the craft you are paddling. If you are paddling a racing craft then you may use a propeller paddle. In a rudderless craft you should use a teardrop or power blade paddle.

**Is coaching / instruction available?** Yes, however it should always be remembered that ALL of our coaches / instructors are club members who give up their time to run skill sessions, etc. Most of the instruction from these members will be advice given on the run while you are on the water. E.g. *keep your top hand up. Reach out with you bottom hand. Point your blade to the bottom of the creek. Don't pull hard past your body; a safer way to get in and out of your boat is!!*. If you don't understand what is said try to catch up with that person after they have finished their paddle. The club will occasionally run a "Club Morning" where these coaches / instructors have agreed to give over their Saturday/Sunday for the improvement of your skills. Check your emails or watch the club blackboard for when these will happen. Alternatively, you can book a private session with one of our Club Instructors for yourself alone or a group of up to 6. The cost of this is \$25.00 per hour. To arrange this, please send an email to the club [wynnumcc@yahoo.com](mailto:wynnumcc@yahoo.com).

**Can I borrow a boat for and extended period?** Depends. There are many factors that need to be thought of. The main consideration is the type of boat and its usual usage. The club often needs every TK1 to service our school programs. So it might be possible to borrow a craft only for specific days but these days might not suit you. It is important to ask Barry Seabrook, Ian Kelk or the Committee regarding extended use.

**Is there a charge?** Yes. When it is not a club-organized activity through one of our main interest groups, we ask \$5 *per day* is paid. This is placed in the Donation Box.

**Conditions of use?** The boat **must return** in the condition it left in. Should the craft receive damage, be lost, stolen etc it is your responsibility and it will be the decision of the Club Executive to decide your contribution to cover costs. *It may be the purchase of a replacement craft in similar condition*. Club members should treat club equipment *better* than their own!

**Can I join in with the training groups?** Yes. There are a variety of groups that train regularly. **Always check the "Shed Opening Times" and contact the club for specific information.**

**What is Donation Box / Craft Maintenance Fund?** This box is in the shed and the monies are used to repair our craft? This contribution is self-regulated and each member using club craft should contribute. The fee is \$2 per person **per session**. This ensures we have enough funds to cover repairs and surplus donations eventually add up for more craft purchases.

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