



## Competitor Information for the Paddle NSW Marathon Race 1 - Wagga Wagga

### Bidgee Bash Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Bidgee Dash Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club is happy to be hosting the first round of the Paddle NSW, 2024 Marathon Series - the **Bidgee Bash**, which kicks off on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The format and course will be the same as last year, with one-way, down river courses offered for all Divisions.

The **Bidgee Dash** will be a 3 x 2km Criterium Race Format on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at Wagga Beach, commencing at 9am for those looking to make a weekend of it and who are up for some fun before heading home.

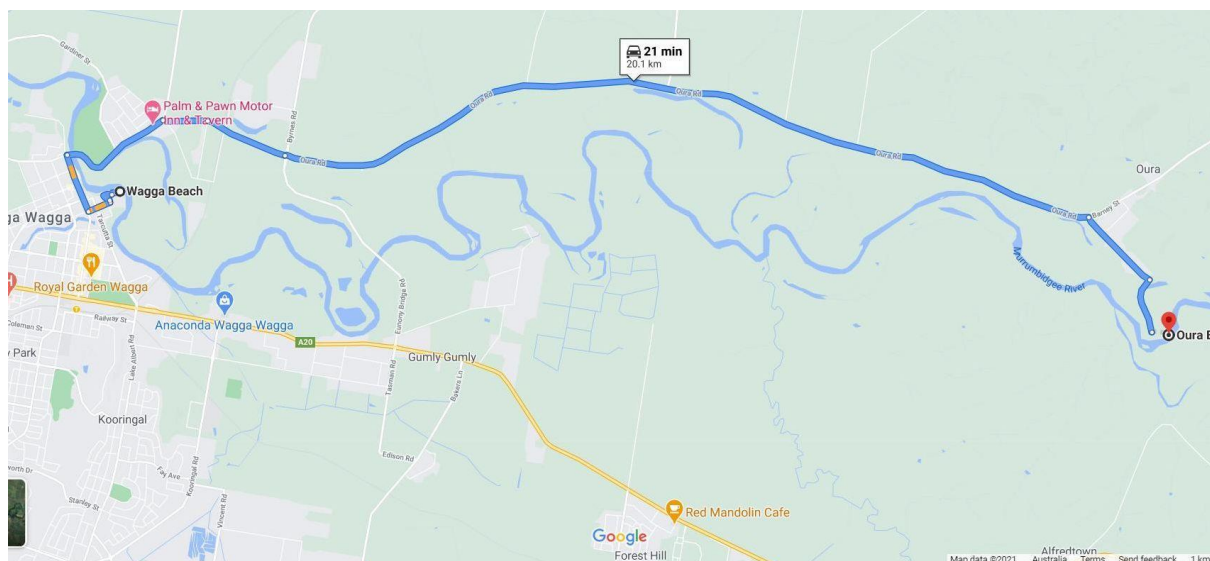
For those thinking about coming to Wagga, please see information below to help with your initial planning. More detailed information on river conditions, safety, start lists etc will be sent to all entrants closer to the race.

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#### 1. BIDGEE BASH FORMAT AND COURSE – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

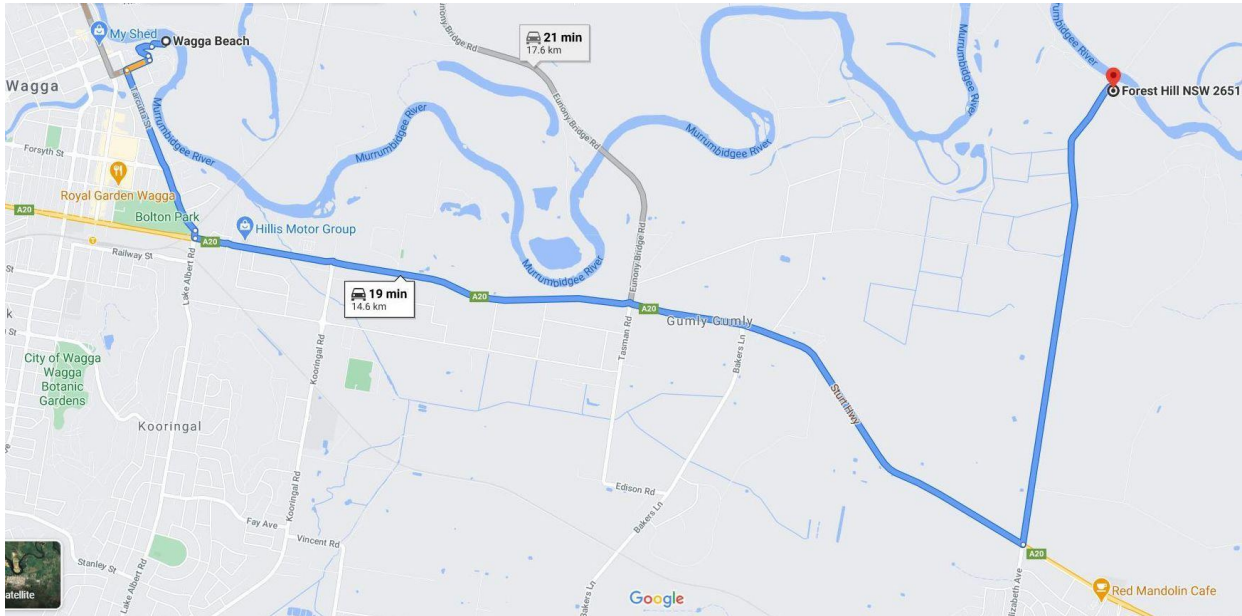
There are three different starting locations. The **start time** will be 11:00am for all divisions with the exceptions of Division 7, starting at 10:30am and Division 6 starting at 10:45am. All times are in local AEDT.

**Divisions 1-7** will race from Oura Beach, Oura, to Wagga Beach (26 Km all downstream)

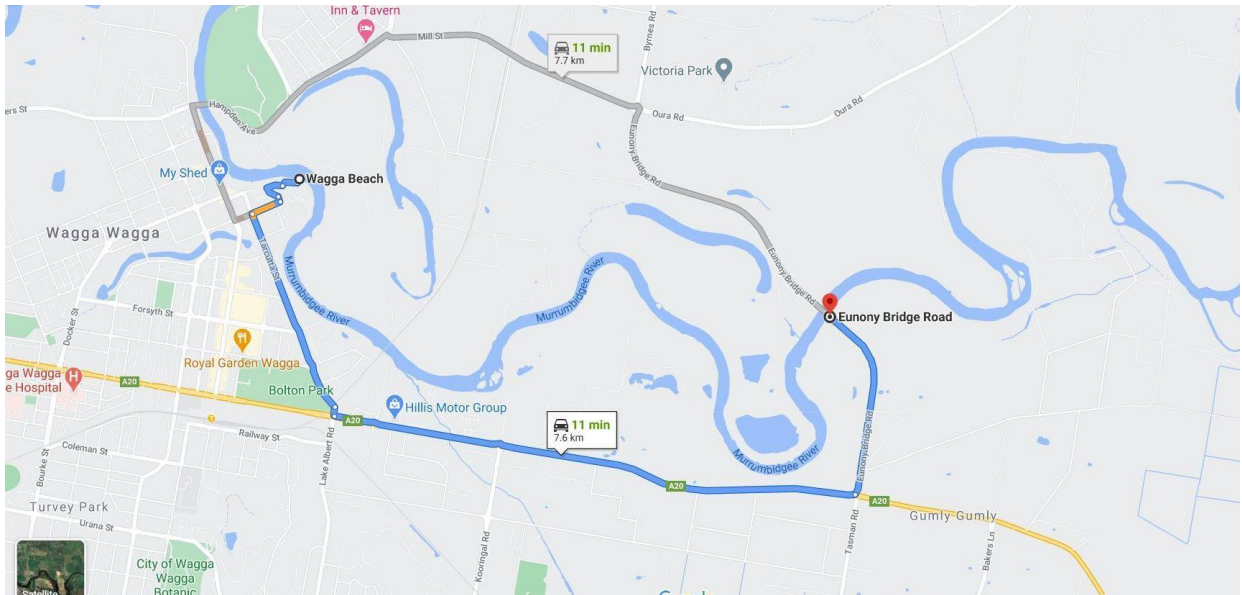




**Divisions 8-12** will race from Braehour Reserve, Braehour Road, Forest Hill, to Wagga Beach (17 Km all downstream)



**Division 13** will race from Eunony Bridge Reserve, Wagga, to Wagga Beach (7.5 Km all downstream)





## **2. BIDGEE DASH FORMAT AND COURSE – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Stay the night in Wagga so you can back up for Sunday morning Bidgee Dash Criterium Race. Starting at 9am and finishing by 10:15am, you can still be on the road early to head home.

The Bidgee Dash format will be 3 x 2km Criterium races, starting and finishing at the Wagga Beach. Paddlers will be handicapped for Race 1 based on their Saturday finishing time. Race 2 and 3 will be re handicapped off Race 1 and Race 2 finishing times.

Points will be allocated on finishing positions in each race, with points weighted for each of the 3 Races. This ensures that all paddlers are in with a chance to share in the \$300 prize money kitty.

Entries will cost \$5 and are via the Marathon Entry page. Those not racing on Saturday, who want to race on Sunday only, can still enter and will be given a handicap by the Race Director for Race 1. Bacon and Egg rolls will be available from the WBCC canteen.

## **3. SHUTTLE BUS**

For the Saturday marathon Race, there will be a minibus at Wagga Beach for those paddlers requiring transport back to any of the 3 start locations to collect their vehicles. The shuttle bus will leave from the Wagga Beach every hour at 12:45pm, 1:45pm, 2:45pm and 3:45pm (if required). Competitors using the shuttle bus may need to consider carrying their car keys with them during the race. Kayaks can be left at the beach whilst you collect your car.

## **4. SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER AND POST RACE CATCH UP**

If you are staying the night in Wagga Wagga after the race, please feel free to join us with your families and friends **from 5:30pm at the Palm and Pawn Hotel**, 68 Hampden Ave, North Wagga Wagga for drinks and dinner. WBCC has made a booking for 50 people. The pub has a large outdoor area and delicious meals. They also have accommodation and a courtesy bus that operates from 5:30pm until close. Please register your intention to attend dinner with your entry, so that we can confirm numbers with the pub 2 days out.

## **WAGGA TOURIST INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION LINKS**

Wagga Visitor Information [Wagga Wagga Visitor Information Centre - Visit Wagga Wagga](#)  
Wagga Accommodation [Stay - Visit Wagga Wagga](#)

## **CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club website [Wagga Bidgee Canoe Club - Marathon Race Webpage](#)

***We look forward to seeing you in Wagga to paddle on the mighty Murrumbidgee River - WBCC***