



Press Release

The **Kwoorabup River Festival** promises to be a fun and entertaining community event in Berridge Park, Denmark, WA, on Saturday 21 September 2024.

The focus is on enjoying the Kwoorabup/Denmark River in all manner of low impact ways. Building an appreciation for its beautiful environment and cultural heritage.

The program kicks off at 10am with a Welcome to Country and opening ceremony followed by the noise and excitement of a Dragon Boat race. Throughout the day there will be information and guided walks along the river banks. Participants will learn about the plants, birdlife and cultural significance of the beautiful waterways.

Kayak owners are encouraged to dust off their kayaks that have been stored in their sheds through the winter and get out for the equivalent of a fun run in kayaks. The course starts and ends at Berridge Park jetty and will go down the river and out into the inlet for 1km and return. The event will be supported by Denmark Surf Life Saving rescue craft. No prizes but lots of glory and a great way to appreciate our beautiful waterways.

When the kayakers are away there will be 300m sprint races on Stand Up Paddle boards (SUPs) in front of Berridge Park for all the family. Again dust off your paddle board and come on down for a bit of fun for all the family. It will be chilly so don't forget your wetsuits!

Once the kayakers are all accounted for at around 11.45am it is time to really find out how cold the river water is by getting into it for a 1.2km swim down to the Rail Trail Bridge. Two starts are planned: the first for the gung-ho racers and the second for the more laid back and appreciative swimmers. You'll be going with the current and getting those endorphins racing. Wetsuits, snorkels, floaties and noodles ok!

More SUP or junior kayak sprint races will follow during lunch time when Denmark's Gin Lao food van will be happy to serve delicious food to the weary swimmers and paddlers.

At 1pm Denmark Rowers are providing their beautiful hand crafted St Ayles Skiffs for teams of 4 rowers to participate in a round robin competition of short pursuit races in front of Berridge Park. There will be an experienced hand on the helm to steer them out of trouble but the idea is to get your mates together from your work or club and have a go. Denmark Rowers is offering a training session before the event. Get in touch with Dave Cliff at denmarkrowers@iinet.net.au to organise a training session.

The best event is being kept to last. At 2pm a small band of inventors will bring out their entries in the inaugural **Kwoorabup Cordless Drill Boat Challenge**. Using one or more 18v cordless drills, entrants would have built a propulsion system to power a suitable small craft. The EB's (Electric Boats) will be raced around a short course in front of Berridge Park. A knock out series will determine the fastest EB. There's still time to enter and the entry details can be found at <https://denmarkrowers.org.au/blog/kwoorabup-river-festival/>

There is a small entry fee of \$10 for entry into all events. Payable online at <https://events.humanitix.com/kwoorabup-river-festival> or on the day.

Denmark Rowers (part of the Denmark Riverside Club) is the event organiser and hope to create a regular community event that encourages sustainable and environmentally aware use of the beautiful Kwoorabup/Denmark River and the Wilson Inlet.

For more information go to www.denmarkrowers.org.au or contact Dave Cliff at DenmarkRowers@inet.net.au.

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CELEBRATE COMMUNITY & OUR BEAUTIFUL WATERWAYS



Saturday 21st September
Berridge Park, Denmark,
WA. 10am-4pm

1.2km Swimming race,
5km Kayak race,
Paddleboard races,
Dragon Boats, Rowing
Skiffs and the Cordless Drill
Boat Challenge plus cultural
and environmental walks.
Fun for all the family.
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