

Important Activity Information

Expectations of all Adults

The Brownsea Water Activities Course is staffed by volunteer leaders who are charged with the responsibility of assisting you to bring Water Activities into the lives of your youth. Their prime responsibility is to provide a worthwhile and exciting “Water Activities” experience and they will require much focus to ensure this happens safely.

Nothing frustrates us more, than Adults who arrive in thongs, and ask us for a waiver, borrow our spare shoes, ignore the safety briefing, fail to wear their lifejacket properly or race for home leaving us to tow Canoes of less capable members. Please don't be one of these adults.

Staying in Accommodation?

Download our “Hirer’s Guide”

Cancellation information

Please familiarise yourselves with our cancellation policy prior to booking.

Uniform

Uniform is not required for water activities. We would rather you wore something that protected you from the elements. Travel to and from in uniform is at the discretion of your unit.

What to Bring

<p>Download and Share "What to Bring to Brownsea"</p>	<p>This contains important information such as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We expect that all Adults and Youth members will be wearing closed in shoes as this is a Scouting Activity and required in QBSI. There are many hazards on and off the water we need to manage. • Adults and Youth members need to demonstrate unsafe behaviour, broad brim hat with a strap to tie it on, sunscreen and long sleeves. Tops of legs get easily burnt in canoes, we recommend long shorts over bathers. • Answers to “Can I bring my own lifejacket?”
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Getting Ready

Once the Water Activities Team has arrived and introduced themselves to you, please organise your youth in the shade where a safety briefing will occur. Youth should all, by this time, be in appropriate water gear with water, hat and sunscreen all ready.

Food and Drink

Morning tea and lunch for expeditions is normally supplied by your group. It can be placed in the power boat if it is being used, or in your esky. There is a water container and eskies in the kitchen which can be borrowed. A normal dingy sailing day will result in being back at Brownsea for Lunch.

Insurance

Only registered and financial members covered by Insurance are permitted to participate in water activities. If you have new members who wish to attend, their membership needs to be approved by Queensland prior to attending/participating in any water activities. For clarity on who is covered consult QBSI.

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Bookings and Badges

Bookings and Badges can be purchased made through

<https://brownsea-water-activities-centre.checkfront.com/reserve/#>

Parking

- Parking for visitors is limited to the front of Brownsea. Staff only have limited access to the back.
- There is more parking near the Queensland Cruising Yacht Club and at the Public Ramp.
- Take care when dropping off youth members and walking on the road around our building
- We limit parking on the grass in front of the building, as it is hard enough surviving hundreds of youth each weekend. Only staff key will open this chain.

Information for Leaders

Expectations of Visiting Leaders

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The youth you bring to the Course are your responsibility and we expect that you will continue to provide the necessary supervision to ensure their stay at the course is healthy, safe and in line with the principles of Scouting in terms of their behaviour.

You know your youth members far better than we do. They know you and should respect you and follow your direction and example. The Course Staff rely on you to provide supervision during the course.

The Activity Leaders will from time to time require your assistance in providing supervision during the delivery of the Activity content. Once again, your knowledge of your youth, their capabilities and their respect for you will be of significant help to Course Staff. Please make yourself available. We need your input.

Who Creates the C5?

There is a template C5 on the website that you can use. Leaders will need to create and share their own C5 with their group leader, and you may list us as Activity Leaders. Brownsea does not need a copy of your C5.

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Who creates the C4 or Operoo Parent Permission?

Operoo has improved the quality of the data that is available to leaders, and we want youth to have the best care through their primary line leader where possible.

Case	Who creates the C4 (Joey Or Cub)	Scout, Venturer	Rover or Adult
			
If it is an event where the section leader is looking after the primary needs of their youth... Example a Joey Day or Section Camp or Pizza and Paddle	The normal section leader issues the permission form, manages medications etc, and comms to parents.		
The youth member is unaccompanied and who will not be supervised by Adult leader from their group who has their permission form / Operoo profile) Example a Venturer at a Pizza and Paddle with no onsite leader	We cannot take this youth member	It is the accountability of the person making the booking to ensure this form is completed. https://groups.operoo.com/public_forms/807450/new	We recommend for those over 18 that you share your profile so we can assist you in an emergency.
Youth member is unaccompanied for an overnight camp that where that youth member is under Brownsea's direct care for the whole camp. E.g Ultimate Sailing Program 4 Day Camp		After a booking is made we will send an invite to join our Operoo instance, and issue an online permission form.	We recommend for those over 18 that you share your profile so we can assist you in an emergency.
Regular Scout, Venturers, Rovers, Adults helping us as staff		For those under 18 we will send an invite to join our Operoo instance, and issue an online permission form.	We recommend for those over 18 that you share your profile so we can assist you in an emergency.

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The Impact of Weather on Activities.

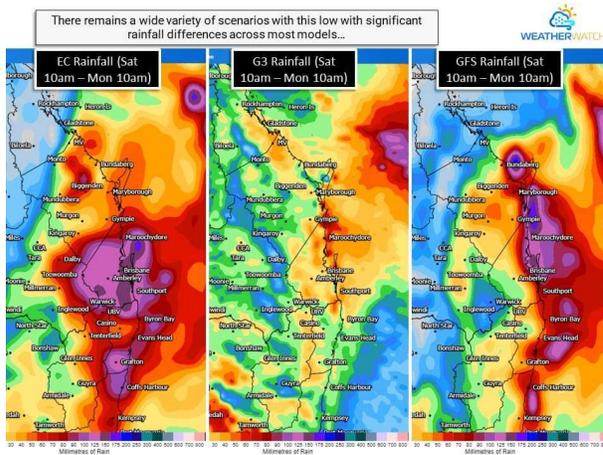
Water Activities are subject to weather conditions being suitable. It could be cancelled at any time (most likely the day before or it could be the day of the activity). Whilst canoeing/kayaking is also dependent on weather conditions, we can paddle in a wider range of weather up the creek, than dingy sailing. The pirate ship also has a wider operational range, with a motor and a Jib sail.

A week or even the day before the event, it is hard to predict how the weather will be for the weekend, we suggest that the forecast is often out.

The rain map is from the day of the event, where Buddas Light Scout Group are participating in water activities. Wilson Cubs also had a great weekend in a similar weather event. The wind chart is typical for the bay (Forecast and Actual vary widely) and hard to predict.

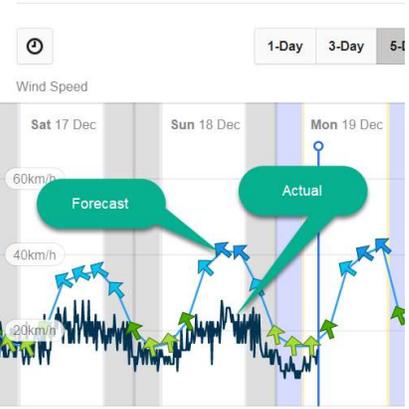
Brownsea is not subject to local flooding being so close to the sea. In a cyclone there is the potential for Storm Surge on a high tide.

Dingy sailing has a narrower operating wind range than the Pirate Boat and Canoeing. Plan to bring some wet weather activities, and we will make the most of the opportunities in the breaks between to do something safely.

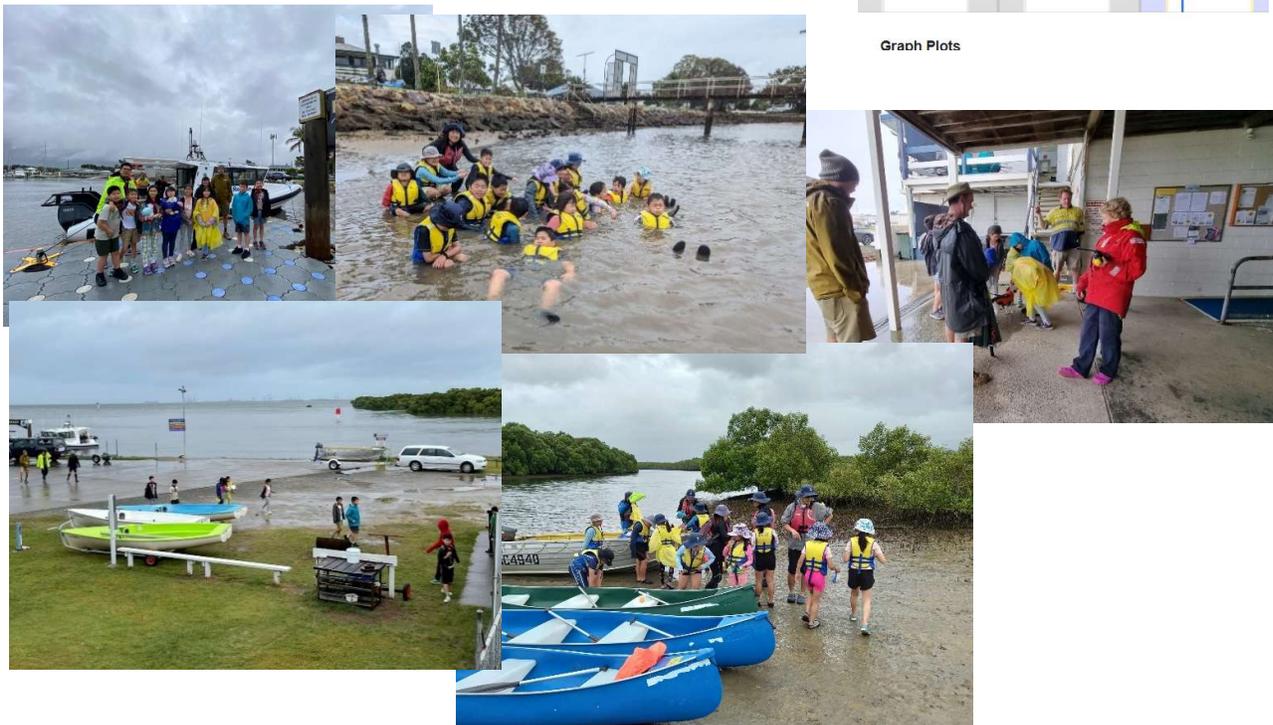


Sandgate Wind Forecast

Australia / QLD / Brisbane



Graph Plots



Brownsea Activity Minimal Environmental Impact Plan

We have a responsibility to minimise our impact on the natural environment, the enjoyment of others and on public and private property. Australian Canoeing Guides and Instructors agree to comply with these guidelines and any additional National Park, council or other authorities' regulations and fire bans.

Access

☑ We are only using designated landing stages.

Rubbish

☑ If you carry it in, carry it out. Carry bags for storing your rubbish.

☑ Take foods that have minimal packaging. Fresh food does not need cans and jars.

☑ Don't be too proud to clean up someone else's rubbish.

☑ Conserve water sources by not polluting them with soap, detergents or food scraps.

Toilets

☑ There are toilets available at Brownsea WAC, and at Curlew Park, and Nudgee Beach.

☑ If there are any emergency stops required for this purpose, then select a toilet site 100 metres or more from water courses.

☑ Toilet paper should be carried out (do not burn).

☑ Sanitary pads and tampons should be carried out.

Flora and Fauna

☑ Use tracks where possible to minimise damage to flora.

☑ Just being there is a disturbance to wildlife. Make as little noise as possible and respect the homes of animals.

☑ Do not use soaps or wash dishes at water's edge.

☑ Animals and plants are not to be disturbed. Definitely, no removal of flora or fauna.

☑ Do not feed animals

☑ Do not bring animals into Reserves.

☑ Conform to fishing requirements including licensing and size/volume restrictions.

Equipment

☑ If boats require tying up, ensure that the system does not damage the rocks or vegetation that is used.

☑ To avoid the transportation of weeds or soil borne pathogens, ensure that all gear is cleaned prior to any trip and then at the area prior to leaving after a trip.

☑ Use self-supporting tents, rather than tarps or systems that rely on guys etc. from flora.

Rivers

☑ Avoid putting anything into the water that may pollute it. This includes soap, dishwater, food scraps and rubbish.

Beaches

☑ Mangroves and surrounding vegetation are an essential but fragile part of the beach ecosystem.

☑ Minimise damage to dunes by doing the following:

- Carry boat— do not drag them.
- Do not dig or create high-use tracks – where a formed track is present, always use it.

☑ Waterways are the nesting sites of many birds. Tread carefully and do not disturb nests.

Campsites

☑ Campsites should be at least 20 metres from creeks, rivers or the sea shore. Whilst you are camping on Scout ground, please respect the environment.

☑ Do not take radios or play loud music in campsites. Respect the rights of others and minimise your impact on the local fauna.

☑ Leave timber etc., where it is. Do not create campsite furniture.

☑ Do not clear campsite areas. If staying for more than one night, move your tent to minimise damage.

Leave no trace