

## **Mullum2Bruns Paddle cancelled due to poor water quality**

- Submerged objects and poor water quality key concerns
- The event will return in May 2023

### **21 April 2022 - Brunswick Heads, NSW:**

Organisers of the annual Mullum2Bruns Paddle have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's event, originally set to take place on May 29, due to the ongoing effects of recent flooding and rain. Poor water quality and submerged hazards were key considerations.

Event coordinator Kevin Fitzgerald says it was a tough call, as the paddle is a key fundraiser for three community organisations – Brunswick Heads Visitor Information Centre, Marine Rescue Brunswick, and the Brunswick Surf Life Saving Club – but the health and safety of participants comes first.

“We value the safety of all paddlers and their crafts and are not willing to risk their health and safety by running the Mullum2Bruns Paddle unless we are confident that the river conditions are suitable,” Mr Fitzgerald says.

“Unfortunately, damage to the entry ramp at Mullumbimby and numerous hazards along the Brunswick River, including eroded banks and submerged objects, have made it impossible to guarantee that we can run the event safely and to the standard of previous years.”

“However, we look forward to taking to the water once again in May 2023.”

Mullum2Bruns Paddle is the biggest event of its kind in Australia, attracting more than 1000 participants of all ages and abilities, with competitive challenges and leisurely events designed to showcase the beauty of the Brunswick River from a new perspective.

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