

# RACE BRIEFING

## PNSW Marathon Series #3 Lane Cove River - Sun 27 Mar 2022



*The Aboriginal name for Lane Cove river was Turrumburra and the LCRK club award for the fastest paddler is known as the Turrumburra trophy. We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting, the Cammeraygal People, and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in this area. We extend that respect to Elders – past and present – and future cultural knowledge holders.*

Welcome to Lane Cove River Kayakers hosting of Race 3. LCRK offer an interesting 10km deepwater course starting upstream in a mangrove lined stretch of the Lane Cove River, opening out to the waterfrontages of Hunters Hill and Linley Point, with distant views of the Sydney Harbour Bridge from the bottom turn.

### COVID-19 Safety

As a condition of entry you cannot attend if:

- you are unwell and display cold/flu symptoms (fever, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell), or
- you have returned a positive RAT in the last 24 hours, or
- you have been in contact with someone who is unwell or awaiting results of a COVID test, or
- you or anyone in your household are awaiting COVID-19 test results, or if you should be in isolation.

### General Arrangements

- The Lane Cove Marathon will operate from LCRK's club at the end of Mowbray Road West Chatswood ([here](#)).
- Entries, details of racing format, points, driving instructions are available via LCRK website [here](#)
- Big BBQ, Catering and Coffee are provided – cash only.
- Toilets/showers/change rooms are available on site
- Taps are available for boat washing.

### Doubles Round

This round is a designated 'Doubles Round' with bonus points for doubles per the rules (extracts below):

65. *Bonus Club Points – Doubles Round* If any event is designated as a 'Doubles Round', paddlers who complete the event in any double craft will earn 50 Club Points per boat for their club – in addition to any normal placing points earned towards the Brian Norman Club Trophy.
83. *Points from the Doubles Round will be awarded as follows:*
- Paddlers who normally race in single boats will also earn 46 points towards their individual Division pointscore in their regular single Division (which can count as one of the best 7 races).*
  - Regular double combinations will be eligible for Division points in the normal manner.*
  - Worked example: A new combination of paddlers (who normally race as single paddler) enter the Doubles Round, and win their race. They will each earn 46 points towards their regular single Division pointscore and they will earn 100 club points (50 for the win and 50 bonus points for competing).*

### On Arrival

- Follow instructions of Parking attendants
- Park your car and move boat to the designated area for your Division. No boat set up in car park please.
- Boat trailers will be directed to a priority offloading and parking area
- Complete Paddler Check-in and number collection:
  - (tbc) Check-in opens at 7:45am and CLOSES at 9:15am
  - All paddlers must have checked in and collected their race numbers BEFORE 9:15am (else you're not a confirmed starter and will not have a result recorded).

### Race Safety

- Lifejackets are compulsory for this event and a condition of the Aquatic License
- All competitors are to render assistance for paddlers in difficulty
- 4 x safety boats deployed at top turn, 5km turn, portage and bottom turn
- If assistance is required – wave paddle/hand in air – attract attention of safety boats and other paddlers.
- A RED FLAG signifies the race is terminated – cease racing and return to the start
- River is not closed. Light traffic might be expected below Fig Tree bridge. Follow Maritime rules.

## The Course

- The 10km laps start downstream of Epping Rd Bridge.
- Link to course map is [here](#)
- Course 'flyover' (via Youtube) [here](#)
- 2 chequered buoys denote start/finish line.
- RMS navigation markers do not form part of the course.
- Pink PNSW buoys (&/or generic Pink floats) identify path and maintain separation – keep these to your LEFT.
- Black/White striped buoys identify hazards and are PART OF THE COURSE. Do not go shore-side of these.
- 3 yellow buoys at the Top/5km/10km turns.
- Yellow buoys for the 5km lap (at @2.5km distance) are marked with a '5'.
- The portage is a mid-river sandbar on the return leg from the Bottom turn (see map).
- 20km paddlers complete 2 x 10km laps
- 15km paddlers complete 1 x 10km, 1 x 5km lap
- 10km paddlers complete 1 x 10km lap



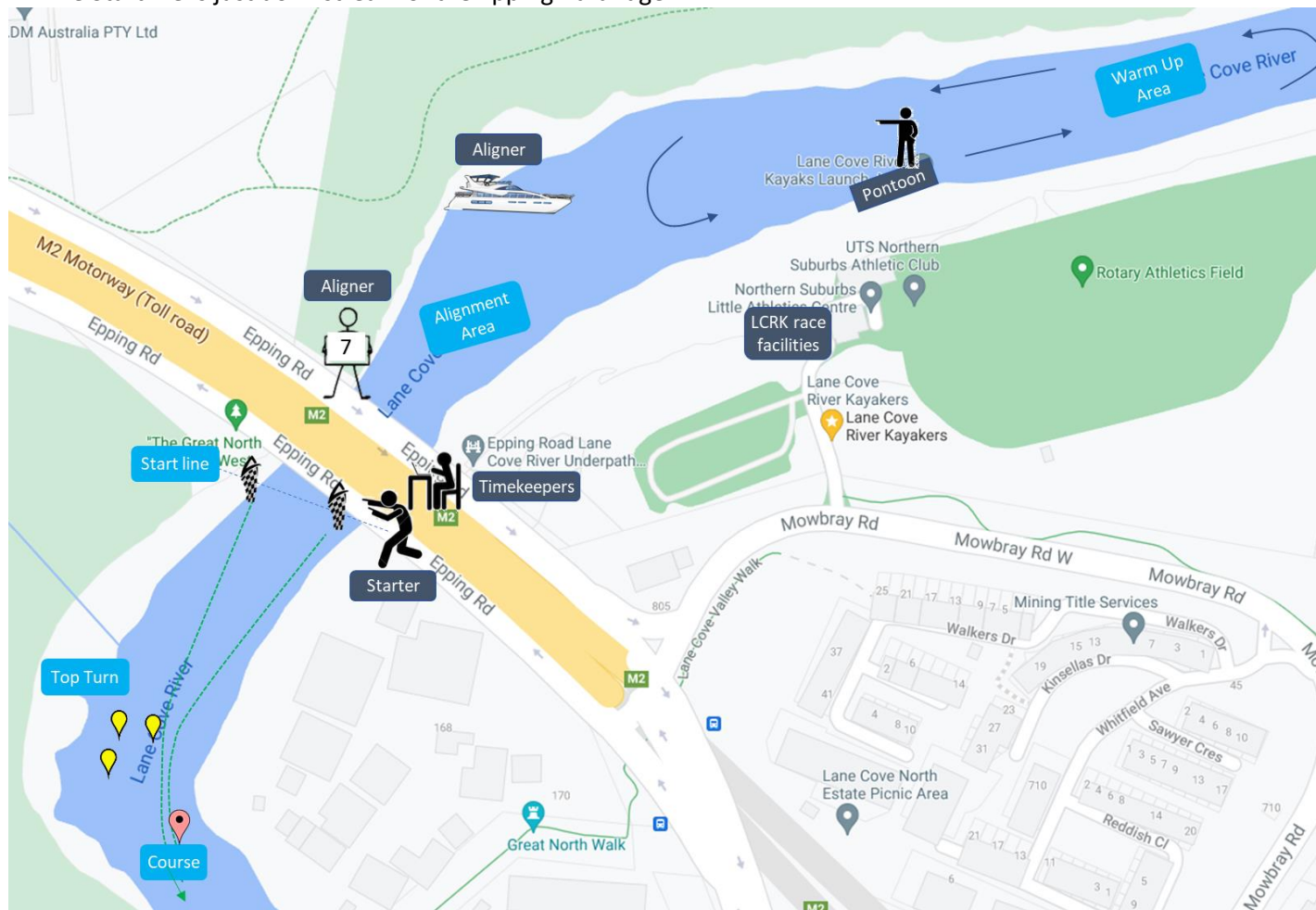
**PNSW Pink Separation Buoys**  
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## The Start

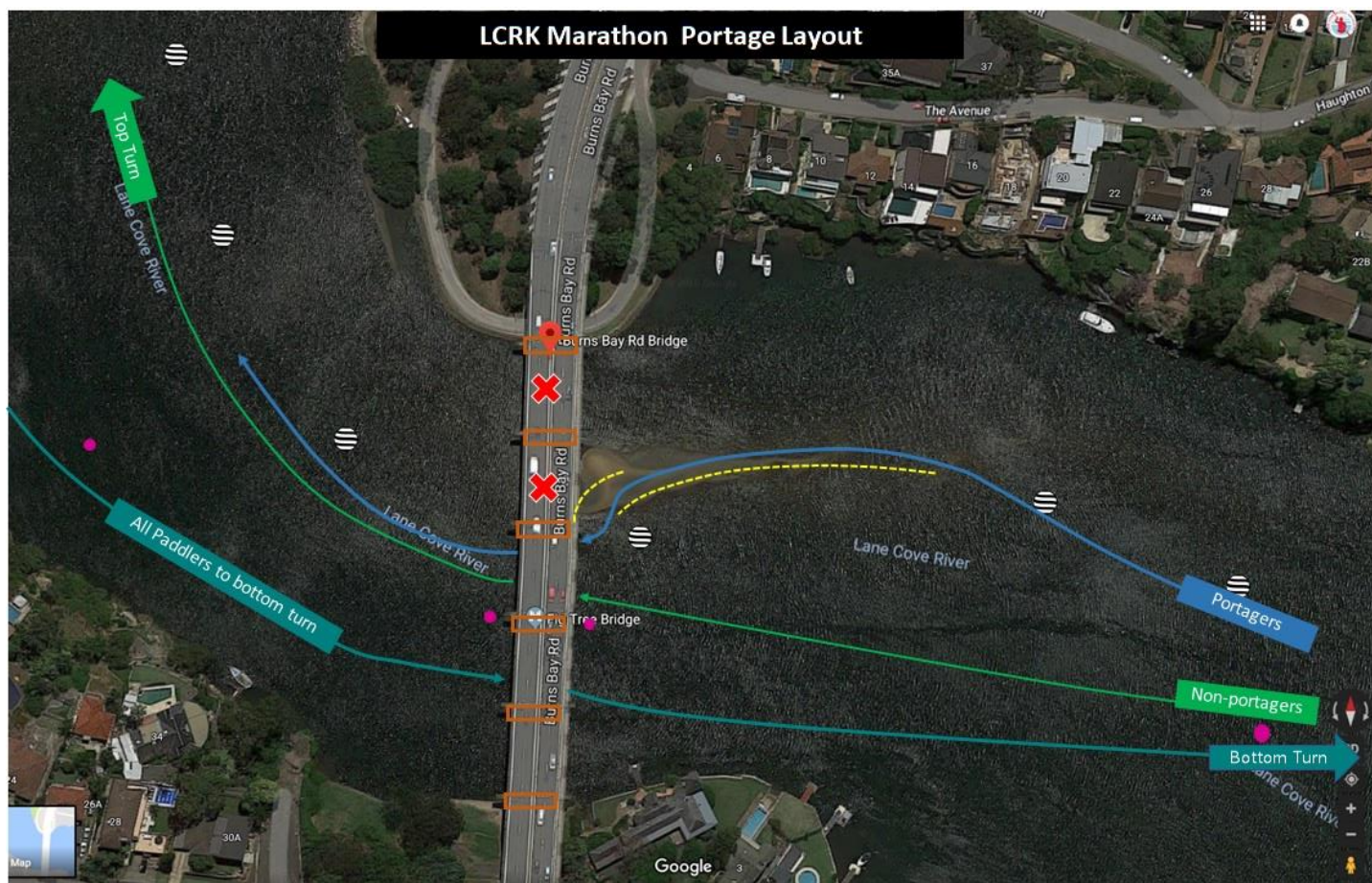
- (tbc) First start **9:30** for Div 7 & 20km SUP, **9:45** for Div 6 and 15km SUP.
- Div 1 at **10am** – then at Div 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12,13 approximately 2-3 minute intervals thereafter.
- Paddlers will be called to the pontoon in Divisional order. Be there. Be early.
- Make sure YOU and your BOAT are 100% ready to promptly launch when you head to the pontoon
- Warm up to the right (upstream) of the pontoon in an anti-clockwise direction
- Divisions will be 'called up' by the Aligner – just upstream of the Epping Rd bridge.
- The Startline is just downstream of the Epping Rd bridge.





## Portage

- **Portage is compulsory for all Div 1** (unless medical exemption – ‘no advantage’ rules apply)
- Other divisions may optionally portage.
- Portage location is a mid-river sandbar exposed at low tide
- Lane Cove River is tidal – 0.47m Low tide at 11:56am
- Portage is completed on the return leg from bottom turn (for each 10km lap)



## The Finish

- Finish line is under the Epping Rd Bridge in an upstream direction
- Exit via the pontoon – assistance will be provided
- Race numbers will be collected.
- Wash boat etc as required
- BBQ etc for a feed
- There are no presentations, results will be online and emailed.
- Pack up and exit from site.

## Further Information?

For all venue or LCRK enquiries contact John Duffy 0412 862 410 or via email to [committee@lcrk.org.au](mailto:committee@lcrk.org.au)

*Lane Cove River Kayakers*



# LCRK Marathon



Separation Buoy



Hazard Buoy  
(part of course)



Turn Buoy

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Start/Finish

Top Turn

5km Turn

10km  
Bottom Turn

Portage  
(mid-river sandbar)

