

## SECTION 22 – CANOE RACES

Kangaroo Valley has, at least amongst paddlers, long been considered one of the best places to go canoeing in all of Australia. With over 50 kms of navigable flat water in Lake Yarrunga and countless kms of flowing rivers both into and out of the valley it's not hard to see why. It's time that Kangaroo Valley lay claim to the title: *Canoeing Capital of Australia*.

As part of that claim, Kangaroo Valley needs to crown a **Male KV Canoe Carry Champion** and **Female KV Canoe Carry Champion** of every canoe paddler's least-favourite part of the sport: *The Canoe Carry*. A title that will be hotly contested at the 2025 KV Show and for years to come.

This challenging event will see participants portage their canoe on their shoulders in a race across the Showground Oval. The challenge, and the prize, are equal for both men and women and the prize money is well worth the carry and the crown(s).

This event for 2025 is created and sponsored by Paddle & Portage Canoes, who are based in Kangaroo Valley, and are Australia's largest importer and distributor of premium canoes. Some of the canoes used in this event are also provided courtesy of Southbound Adventures – one of Australia's top providers of outdoor education.

### The Race

- Men's and women's races.
- Participants must be 18 years and over to enter.
- All participants must wear a waiver band to indicate that the waiver form has been completed and submitted.
- Each canoe will be carried by a single participant.
- Participants will carry on their shoulders Wenonah "Heron" canoes, which are 4.5 metres long and weigh approximately 27kgs.
- By a series of heats, this challenging event will see participants portage (carry) their canoes in a straight line across the Arena, until the final winning person in each division is victorious.

### Event time

- Sat 15 Feb 2.30pm in the main Arena

### Prizes

- Donated and sponsored by **PADDLE & PORTAGE CANOES & CHRIS TRUEN**  
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Class 22001 Female KV Canoe Carry Champion

Prizes: 1st: \$1000; 2nd: \$300; 3rd: \$150; 4th: \$50

Class 22002 Male KV Canoe Carry Champion

Prizes: 1st: \$1000; 2nd: \$300; 3rd: \$150; 4th: \$50

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