



HYDRO TASMANIA  
**WILDWATER**  
WORLD CUP 2009



**24 October – 7 November**  
**Tasmania, Australia**

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# News Update 1

March 2009

Welcome to the first News Update from the Organising Committee of 2009 Hydro Tasmania ICF Wildwater World Cup.

A News Update will be produced each month until the World Cup. The News Updates will provide you with information about travel, accommodation, entries and the race courses.

All of this information will also be available on the event website at [www.wildwatertasmania@canoe.org.au](http://www.wildwatertasmania@canoe.org.au)

## 2009 Australian Wildwater Team

The 2009 Australian Wildwater Team to compete in the World Cup was selected from four selection races held in January, in Tasmania.

The team is the largest Australian Wildwater team since 1985 and with team members aged from 17 to 43 years, it contains a mix of experience and young talent.

### **MENS K1**

Dan Hall  
Ben Maynard  
Andrew Maynard  
Matt Dalziel  
Matthew French  
Stewart Bennett

### **WOMENS K1**

Carol Hurst  
Susie Wharton  
Andrea McQuitty  
Ruby Hodgetts  
Alayne Bonney

## Accommodation

For all accommodation, contact Andrea

Email: [tasmania2009@canoe.org.au](mailto:tasmania2009@canoe.org.au)

Austrian paddler, Gerhard Schmid, has just spent one month in Tasmania, training with members of the Australian Wildwater Team.

During his time in Tasmania, Gerhard was able to paddle on three of the five rivers being used for 2009 Hydro Tasmania ICF Wildwater World Cup. He is pictured below paddling in Cataract Gorge.



## Travel

Teams are encouraged to fly directly to Melbourne, Australia.

Tasmania has major airports in Launceston and Hobart and is just a one hour flight from Melbourne.

Air travel and hire car assistance is available through sports travel specialists, Stage and Screen Travel.

Email: [gparrington@stageandscreen.com.au](mailto:gparrington@stageandscreen.com.au)

An overnight passenger and car ferry, the Spirit of Tasmania, sails between Melbourne and Devonport every day.

A 20% discount is available for World Cup travel on the Spirit of Tasmania if you use the special World Cup booking form. This form is available to download on the World Cup website.

Hire cars, vans and buses are available in Tasmania and in Melbourne.

Limited numbers of boats can be transported to Tasmania on some flights.

Assistance with kayak transport from Tullamarine International Airport (Melbourne) to Tasmania will be provided on request by the event organisers. Trailers of kayaks will be taken to Tasmania by overnight ferry.

The driving time from Launceston Airport or the Devonport ferry terminal to the first race venue is 1.5 hours.



### **Sports Travel Specialists Stage and Screen Travel Services**

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**Discounted travel, car hire and freight for sports travel. More information on World Cup website.**

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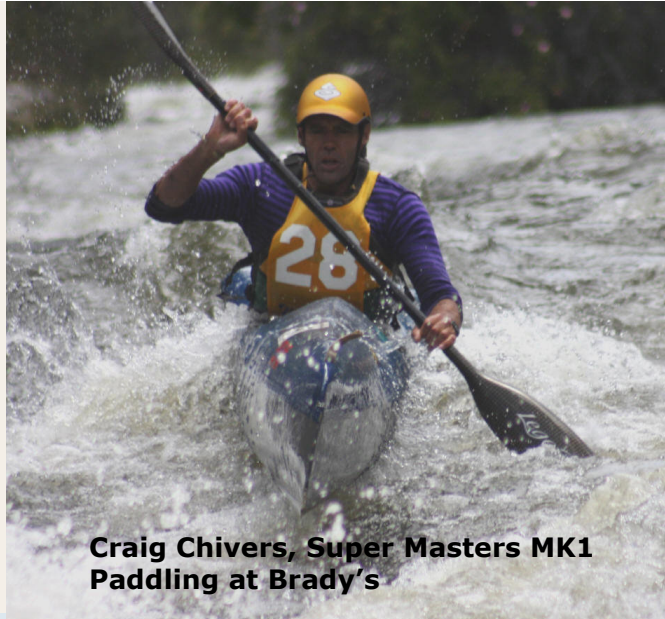
## World Masters Wildwater Races

World Wildwater Masters Races will be held in conjunction with World Cup Races 1 and 2.

These will be held at the Mersey River and will be:

**October 24**  
World Masters Rapid Sprint

**October 25**  
World Masters Classic Race



**Craig Chivers, Super Masters MK1  
Paddling at Brady's**



Hydro Tasmania, our major sponsor, will be well-represented at the World Cup.

Australian Wildwater Team member, Andrew Maynard (pictured left at Brady's) works for Hydro Tasmania as a Project Engineer.

All of the water to be paddled on at the 2009 Hydro Tasmania ICF Wildwater World Cup has been used by Hydro Tasmania to produce clean, green electricity.



## Mersey River—World Cup Races 1 and 2

The Mersey River is a continuous Grade 2-3 river running through a beautiful natural forest. Australian Wildwater Team member, Carol Hurst, above, is paddling through the Berlin Wall rapid that is a typical of the rapids on the river. The river is quite shallow with many waves.

Race times: Classic 13:04 Rapid Sprint 1:35

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