

# Paddlers make waves for river campaigners

SUPPORTERS of the Save Our Macleay River campaign assembled at Nelsons Wharf, upriver from Kempsey on Saturday morning.

More than 50 people brought kayaks, canoes and other craft to the spot before paddling to Kempsey in a show of support for the campaign.

Once launched, the craft set off briskly downriver on a falling tide.

At Greenhill, two Marine Rescue volunteers on a jet ski joined the flotilla, just to make sure anyone ending up in the drink would be rapidly hauled out, and closer to town two surf boats from the Crescent Head surf club and a couple of dragonboats also joined the armada.

When Riverside Park came into sight, the paddlers were greeted by cheers from the festival-goers, while the notes of a didgeridoo floated across the scene.



□ **Let's launch:** Paddlers get ready to put their craft in the water at Nelsons Wharf, nine km upriver from the festival ground in Kempsey's Riverside Park