# Weather App Project - Interview Transcripts

## Fisherman

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I normally wake up and check it first thing in the morning on my phone. I like to know what the tides are doing and if the wind’s going to be too strong.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

Mostly the BOM app and sometimes Windy. If I’m out at night, I listen to the radio for updates.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

If I see heavy winds or storm warnings, I don’t take the boat out. For a picnic, it’s just whether rain is forecast or not. Safety first if I’m on the water.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

The radar, definitely. I like seeing where the rain is moving. The hourly forecast is good too for timing.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

Last Wet season, I saw on BOM that a storm cell was forming, so I decided to delay my trip. An hour later, there was lightning everywhere. Glad I didn’t risk it.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

An automatic alert for strong wind changes. Sometimes it picks up quick, and you don’t see it coming.

## Interview with Mother of two

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I usually just look outside first, then double check on my phone. With kids, I don’t want to get caught in the rain.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

I use the iPhone weather app, and sometimes BOM if I want more detail. On weekends I check Facebook too because local community pages often post updates.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

I usually check the temperature and chance of rain. If it says storms or high UV, we switch to indoor plans.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

The alerts are helpful, especially the UV and storm ones. I also like the 'feels like' temperature—it matters with kids.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

One time last year, I saw a thunderstorm warning and we cancelled our picnic. The storm came through with flooding, so I was relieved we stayed home.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

Maybe a family-friendly mode—like a summary that says 'Good for outdoor play' or 'Unsafe for kids today.'

## Interview with University Student

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I usually check the weather on my phone right before I head out.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

I use the BOM site sometimes, but mostly just Google weather or the Apple app.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

If I see more than 50% rain, I usually bring a jacket or avoid long outings.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

Hourly forecast is my favourite. It helps me plan classes and sports.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

I once avoided cycling to uni because it said heavy rain from 2 pm. Sure enough, the rain started exactly then, and my mates who biked got drenched.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

I’d like push alerts that line up with my calendar. Like, if I have a football game, tell me if rain is likely that hour.

## Interview with Angela, 27, Shopper

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I check weather casually, not every day, only if I’m planning to go out.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

Just the iPhone app. Sometimes the news.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

If it looks like storms or extreme heat, I change plans.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

I like the radar map—it’s cool to see rain moving across.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

Before a trip to Casuarina, I saw heat warnings and left later in the evening. Saved me from standing in 38°C sun.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

Maybe health tips—like warnings for heatstroke or dehydration on hot days.

## Interview with George, 62, Retired Fisherman

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I still check the weather every morning. Old habits.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

I prefer the TV news in the evening and radio in the morning. Less fuss.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

If it’s storm season, I don’t risk it at all. For small outings, I just look at the sky.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

The tide times and wind speed are most useful for me.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

Back in 2022, BOM radio said strong winds, so I stayed ashore. A mate ignored it, and he nearly capsized. That was enough for me.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

A simple audio alarm that goes off if a storm is forming nearby. Easy for older folks.

## Interview with Hiro, 36, Tourist

* 1. How do you usually check the weather?

I usually just Google the weather in Darwin before heading out.

* 2. What apps, websites, or sources (e.g., radio, TV) do you use for weather updates?

I use Google and sometimes TripAdvisor forums.

* 3. When you plan leisure activities (picnic, outing, shopping), how do you decide whether the weather is safe?

I decide based on whether tours cancel or not. If they cancel, I stay in.

* 4. What features in weather apps do you find most useful (e.g., alerts, radar, hourly forecast)?

Hourly forecast and sunrise/sunset times are helpful for tourists.

* 5. Tell me a situation when information about weather helped you avoid a risk?

On a Kakadu tour, the guide told us storms were predicted, and sure enough, it rained hard. If I had ignored it, I would’ve tried to hike and been stuck.

* 6. If a weather app could add a new safety feature, what would you want?

A tourist mode in the app—something that says 'safe for hiking' or 'not safe for river tours.'