

# HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE



## RIDER INFORMATION GUIDE

## REGISTRATION PACK COLLECTION

All riders must collect their registration pack (MTB Plate) from the registration area you selected when you registered, either Port Douglas or Palm Cove. **Please check you nominated the correct location on your registration (Port Douglas or Palm Cove). All registration packs are pre-delivered to your nominated location and will cause delays or non-start of some riders if you have nominated the incorrect area.** We strongly recommend picking up your registration pack on Friday to avoid the long queues on Saturday morning, which may result in you missing your start time.

Please bring your photo ID (eg. driver's licence, passport or student ID) and your AusCycling membership details (if applicable). If you can't provide your AusCycling membership and you quoted it on your registration pack you will be charged the additional \$10 AusCycling discount already provided.

### Locations for collection are:

#### PALM COVE

##### **IN FRONT OF SURF CLUB PALM COVE, 135 WILLIAMS ESPLANADE, PALM COVE**

- Thursday, 11 September 2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Friday, 12 September 2025 - 10:00am - 6:00pm

#### PORT DOUGLAS

##### **PORT DOUGLAS GRAN FONDO FESTIVAL EXPO - INSIDE CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT MARINA, WHARF STREET, PORT DOUGLAS**

- Thursday, 11 September 2025 - 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Friday, 12 September 2025 - 10:00am - 6:00pm

#### WANGETTI (HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE ONLY)

##### **QUAID ROAD - NEAR START ARCH**

- Saturday, 13 September 2025 - 8:00am - 9:00am

If there is a problem with your registration pack or if you have another event related question, please visit Registration at the *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival Expo* or the Registration tent in Palm Cove on Friday within the above times.

You can also email us at [info@portdouglasgranfondo.com.au](mailto:info@portdouglasgranfondo.com.au) or call us on 0455 261 555.

# PRE-EVENT INFORMATION



## RACE PLATE

The race plate incorporates your timing chip. Please adhere the race plate to the handlebars of your bike so the number is facing towards the front of your bike and is clearly visible.

The race plate is your identity in the event. It will have our emergency contact details displayed on it and it is an opportunity to set a time which you can improve on in future years.



## BIKE MECHANIC

Bike mechanics will be at the start area for the Hartley's to Port MTB Race on Saturday 13 September if you need assistance before the ride begins. Roving mechanical support will also be available out on course. Please call the Event Emergency hotline (number on your MTB Race Plate) and they can assist with contacting the bike mechanic. Riders are to be self-reliant and carry their own spares.

We highly recommend that you have your bike serviced by your local bike shop just prior to the event. To reduce your chances of getting a puncture on the ride even further we suggest you fit new tyres. We recommend *Schwalbe* as a great brand of tyre.

### Use the checklist below:

- Look for any holes or chunks out of your tyres and replace if worn.
- Check that you have enough tyre pressure in your tyres (our mechanics at registration can provide advice if you are unsure of the correct tyre pressure for your bike).
- Ensure you check your brakes to see that they are working effectively.
- Check that your gears are changing smoothly.
- Make sure your chain is clean and apply fresh chain lubricant.
- Ensure your handlebars are tight and won't twist from being straight with your front wheel.
- Check that nothing on your bike is loose as things could fall off while you are riding.
- Ensure your eBike battery is fully charged. The bike mechanics cannot supply new batteries and there aren't any charging stations on course.

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- MTB Race Plate (this incorporates your timing chip) + 4 cable ties
- Event wristband with matching rider number\*
- Bag Tag label with matching rider number
- MTB Race BIB + 4 safety pins
- \*Wristband is used to identify you.
- \*Wristband is used to identify you when dropping off or collecting your day bag from the registration area.



# HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB KOM QOM

The main climb of the day is up Quaid Rd, right at the start of the race! This 5km climb starts just after leaving the start at Hartley's Crocodile Adventure and has an average gradient of 8.2%!

Who will win bragging rights at Hemingway's Brewery after the ride? Plus, each winner will take home a Giant Floor Pump (RRP \$84.95) from Giant Cairns.

Have you got what it takes to become our King of the Mountain (KOM) or our Queen of the Mountain (QOM)?

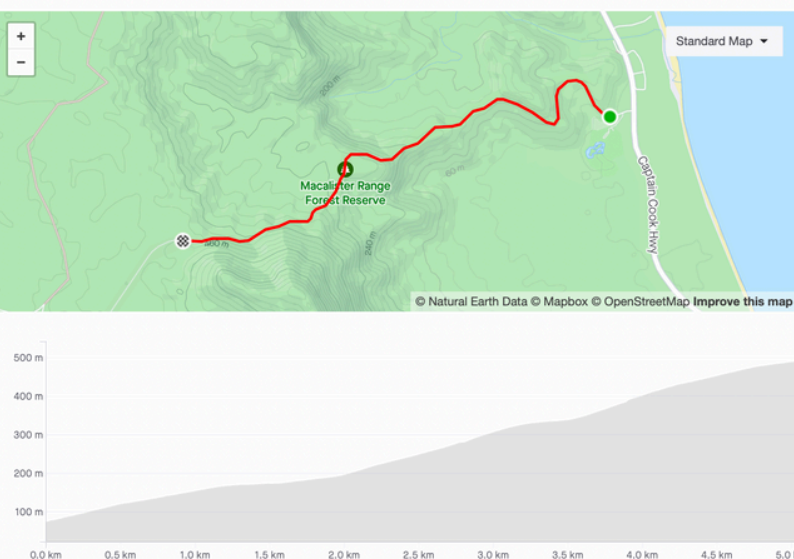
**NOTE: eBikes are not included.**



## GIANT

### CAIRNS

| Distance              | Elevation Gain | Avg Grade | Lowest Elev | Highest Elev | Elev Difference | Climb Category |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 5.04km                | 416m           | 8.2%      | 74m         | 490m         | 416m            | 2              |
| 1 Attempt By 1 Person |                |           |             |              |                 |                |



# PRE-EVENT INFORMATION



## HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RIDER AND BIKE TRANSFERS

Tickets for rider and bike transfers can be pre-purchased when entering your ride or until midnight Wednesday, 10 September 2025. Riders will be transported down in the shuttle with bikes loaded onto the bike specific trailer. You will need to ensure you have fixed your MTB Race Plate before arriving in the morning and be wearing your wrist band. Without the Race Plate your bike cannot be transported. **All transfers MUST be pre-booked using the link in your registration email. Scroll down your registration and click on Add Optional Items.**

### BIKE TRANSFERS

- **HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE** - Bring your bike with you on Saturday 13 September 2025 to the locations listed below where you will meet your shuttle. The bikes will be loaded onto the truck in the morning before you depart for Hartley's. Please ensure you arrive before 8:15am to ensure the team has enough time to load your bike prior to departure.

### RIDER TRANSFERS

#### SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 - HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE

- **PORT DOUGLAS** - Departing from Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina carpark at 8:15am SHARP – Cost: \$40
- **PALM COVE** - Departing from the Palm Cove Jetty carpark at 8:15am SHARP – Cost: \$40

#### SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 - POST-EVENT

##### (TRANSFER FROM PORT DOUGLAS TO HARTLEY'S)

- Seat-in-Coach transfers back to the start at Hartley's Crocodile Adventures will depart from the Port Douglas Surf Club at 2pm.
- You and your bike will be dropped near the car park entrance of Hartley's Crocodile Adventures..

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## HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES – (HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB)



# EVENT DAY INFORMATION



## DAY BAG DROP (HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE ONLY)

To ensure you can enjoy a few hours in Port Douglas at the end of your ride we are offering a Bag Drop Transfer service. If you want a spare change of clothes, shoes, toiletries etc. when you arrive in Port Douglas after your ride, please utilise this bag drop service. Only small bags will be accepted in our bag drop service, (our transport vehicle has limited space and cannot transport other luggage).

Within your registration pack you will find a bag tag rider number label. Please attach this label to the outside of your bag so it is clearly visible. This number **must** match your wristband!

**Do not leave any personal valuables within the bag. We accept no responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen items.**

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- Bag must be dropped off at the registration desk, near the start arch, prior to the start of the race at 9:30am on Saturday 13 September.
- Your bags will be transported to the finish area in Port Douglas and will be available for collection from the Recovery Area marquee on the beach in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club after your ride.
- Please ensure you are wearing your event wristband with your matching rider number on the label of your bag. This number is your bags identification. No wristband, no bag collection!

## RIDE DAY SERVICES

### FIRST AID / AMBULANCE

**If you need medical assistance, please phone the number on your MTB Race Plate to arrange help or wave down the nearest Event Official for assistance. Quote the seat post number of the rider.**

- There will be ambulances and roaming first aid responders on the course.
- Riders are responsible for any costs incurred as a result of a medical incident, this includes but is not limited to ambulance transfers, hospital stays, specialist treatment, medical appointments etc. It is strongly advised that all riders have adequate personal insurance.
- All riders are responsible for understanding the terms and conditions for this event and the terms and conditions of insurances held.

### SAG WAGON

**If you need SAG Wagon assistance please phone the number on your seat post sticker to arrange help or wave down the nearest Event Official for assistance. Quote the race plate number of the rider.**

- SAG Wagon will collect riders who are unable to complete the event or are unable to finish within the course cut-off time. Collected athletes will be transported back to the finish area at the Port Douglas Surf Club.
- Delays in SAG Wagon transport are expected. To assist with a prompt pickup, please do not move from your reported location once a SAG Wagon has been requested as this can affect their ability to locate you.



# EVENT DAY INFORMATION



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| AID AVAILABLE           | CNR QUAID RD & BLACK MOUNTAIN RD<br>8km | BLACK MOUNTAIN RD<br>AT ENTRANCE TO BUMP TRACK<br>30.4km |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| WINNERS BARS/GELS/CHEWS | ✓                                       | ✓                                                        |
| WATER                   | ✓                                       | ✓                                                        |
| FOOD                    | ✓                                       | ✓                                                        |
| WINNERS ELECTROLYTE     | ✓                                       | ✓                                                        |
| PREMAX SUNSCREEN        | ✓                                       | ✓                                                        |



## RESULTS & PRESENTATIONS

The Hartley's to Port MTB Race presentations will be held under the finish arch on Four Mile Beach in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club after the finish of the Four Mile Beach Sprint. So why not enter the Sprint as well!

Results for all events can be found on the website.

## OFFICIAL PHOTOS

This year we're teaming up with NORTHSOUTH LIVE to bring you your same-day participant photos!

You can check for your photos [HERE](#).

You'll receive a text message as soon as new photos are added to your gallery, and another when all your photos are processed.

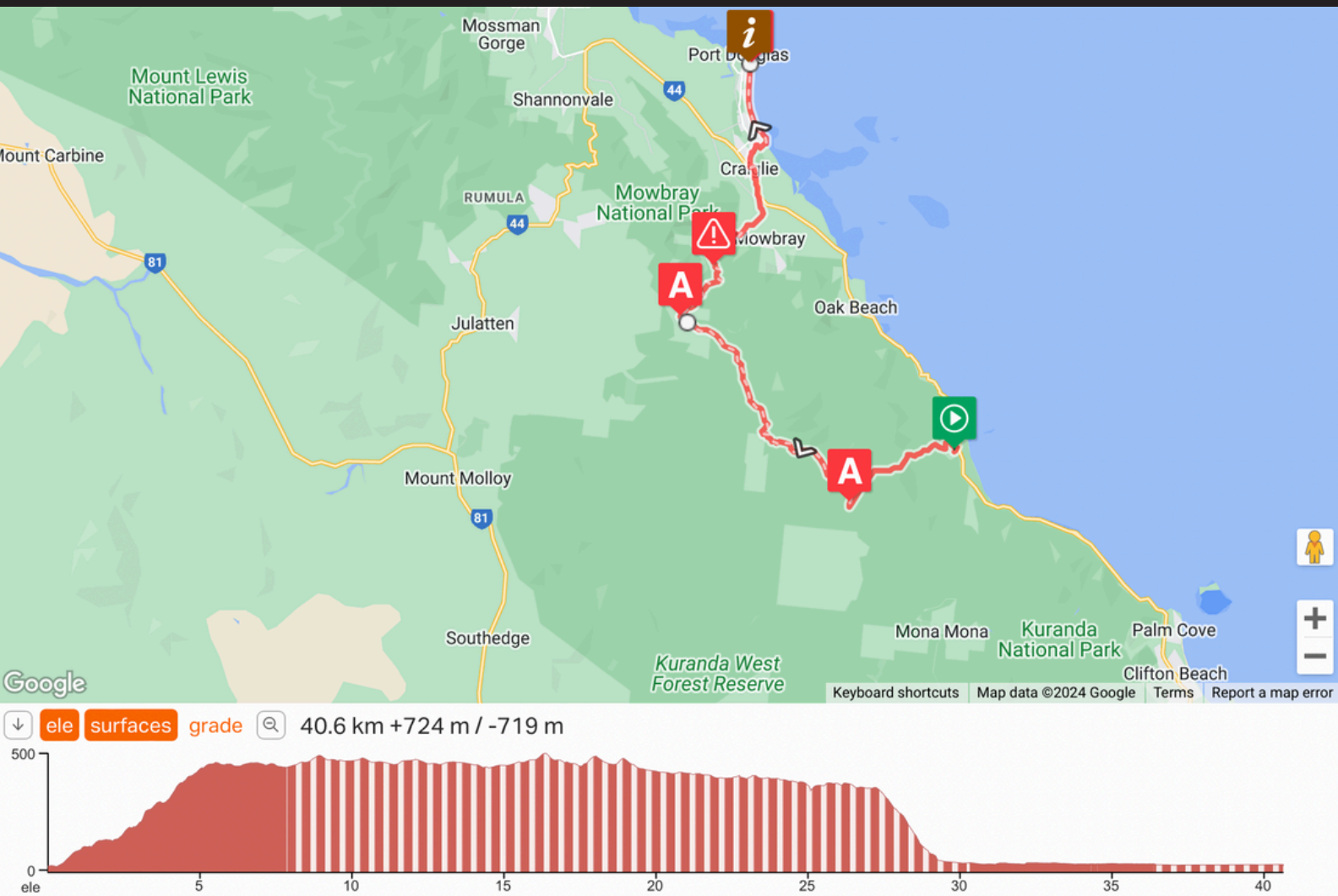
**Plus, NORTHSOUTH is offering a special race day discount: get 20% off all purchases until midnight on event day with the code: BEACH20.**



## LOST PROPERTY

Any property lost or found will be handed to Event Officials at the registration desk at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. Please visit this to check if your property is here. **We accept no responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen items.**

# HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE



## KEY INFORMATION

- Date: Saturday, 14 September 2025
- Distance: 40.6km
- Elevation: 724m
- Start: 9:30am (mass start)
- **NEW Start Location: Quaid Rd, near entrance to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures**
- Finish Location: Four Mile Beach, in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club
- Aid Station 1: Cnr Quaid Rd & Black Mountain Rd - 8km
- Aid Station 2: Cnr Black Mountain Rd & Bump Track - 23.2km
- KOM/QOM Start: 0.4km
- KOM/QOM Finish: Top of Quaid Rd - 5.4km
- Recovery Area: Recovery Lawn, Esplanade, Port Douglas
- Bike Wash Area: Port Douglas Surf Club
- Presentations: Inspired Signs Stage - Port Douglas Surf Club

# HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE



## MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

An addition to the Festival in 2023, the Hartley's to Port MTB Race is back again and will provide those who like to ride on the dirt instead of the road an opportunity to get involved. It's only a short and sharp race to see who gets bragging rights to be the winners of the Hartley's to Port and take home their share of the \$2,300 Prize Money.

The race will start from the front doors of Hartley's Crocodile Adventures in Wangetti, with the first 5km's of the course heading straight up Quaid Road with an average gradient of over 8.5%! This will sort out those who will be vying for the win and those who are just there to have a great ride through the rainforest.

Quaid Road was built many years ago as a private road, with some sections 4 lanes wide. However, the project was abandoned, and the road left to fall apart in the Tropical North Queensland wet and dry seasons. There are many potholes, sections of asphalt completely missing and loads of loose gravel to contend with on the ascent up to the top of the climb.

Riders will make a right turn onto Black Mountain Road at the 7.8km mark and the fast and flat dirt road should see those stronger riders pull further ahead before the big drop down the famous Bump Track at the 23.1km mark of the course. Make sure you take extra care as you descend as some sections are over 20% decline! This descent isn't for the faint hearted.

Once riders reach the bottom of the Bump Track they will make their way to Port Douglas via Mowbray, through the tunnel under Great Barrier Reef Drive and arrive on the beautiful Four Mile Beach for the final 4km dash along the sand. We could be in for some fast finishers as they strive to become the 2025 winners of the Hartley's to Port and claim their trophy!

## \$2,300 PRIZE POOL

The Prize Pool will be equal for both the men's and the women's races.

First three male and female riders who cross the finish line on Four Mile Beach (excluding e-Bikes)

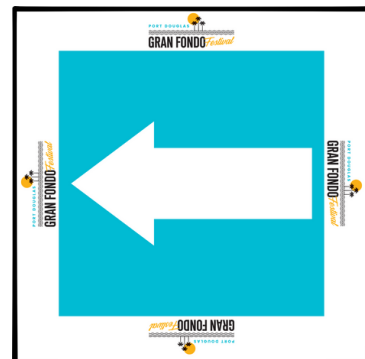
- 1st Place – \$200
- 2nd Place – \$75
- 3rd Place – \$25

Male & Female: Open (15-39) – Master (40-49) – Grand Masters (50-59) – Great Grand Masters (60+) – e-Bikes

- 1st Place – \$100
- 2nd Place – \$50
- 3rd Place – \$20

## SIGNAGE

Please obey all signage directions out on course. Here are just some examples:





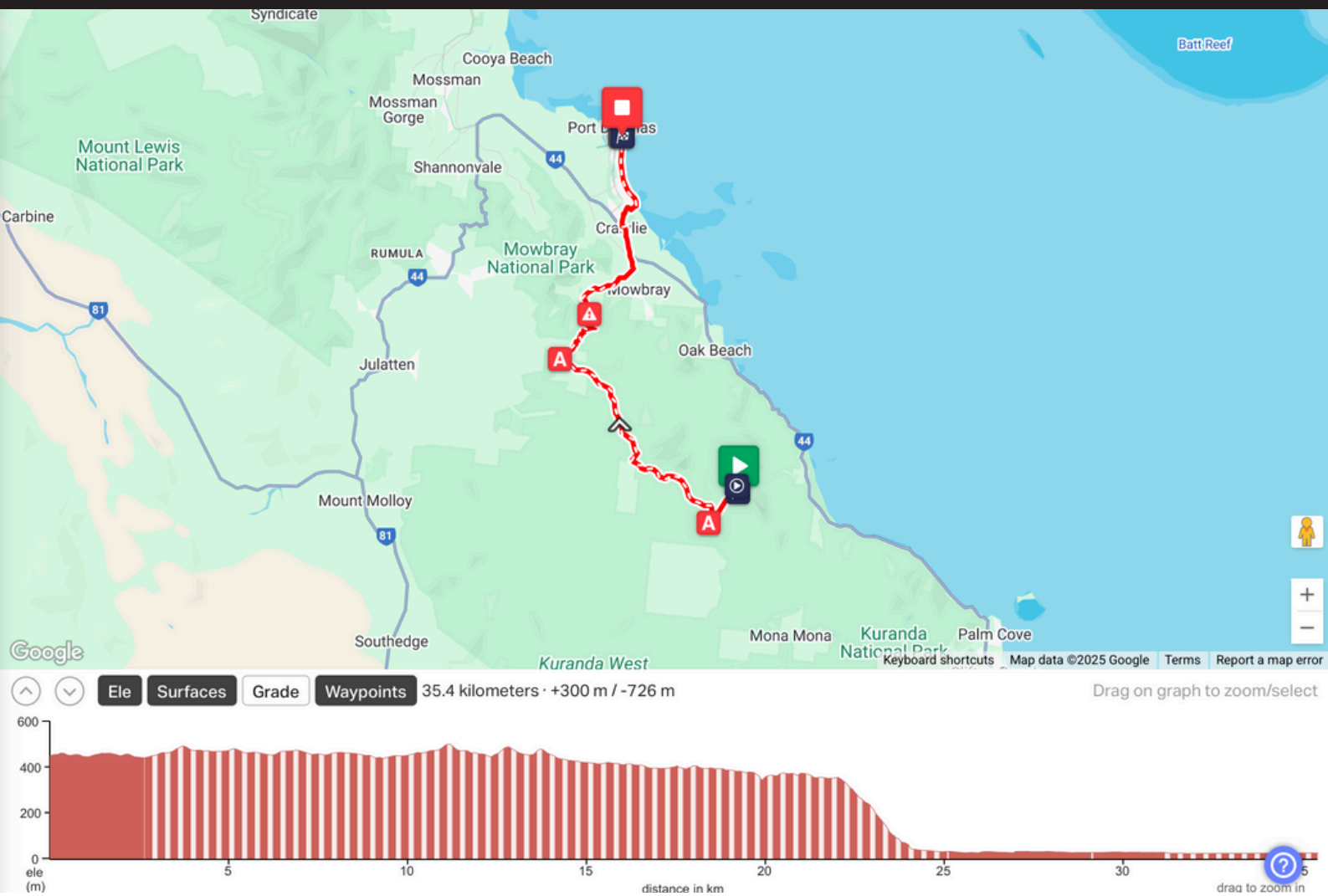
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## CATEGORIES

| GRADE                      | CATEGORY | START TIME | DESCRIPTION                                     |
|----------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>EBIKES</b>              | Men's    | 9:30AM     | Male riders aged 15 to 60+ as of 13 Sept 2025   |
|                            | Women's  | 9:30AM     | Female riders aged 15 to 60+ as of 13 Sept 2025 |
| <b>OPEN</b>                | Men's    | 9:30AM     | Male riders aged 15 to 39 as of 13 Sept 2025    |
|                            | Women's  | 9:30AM     | Female riders aged 15 to 39 as of 13 Sept 2025  |
| <b>MASTERS</b>             | Men's    | 9:30AM     | Male riders aged 40 to 49 as of 13 Sept 2025    |
|                            | Women's  | 9:30AM     | Female riders aged 40 to 49 as of 13 Sept 2025  |
| <b>GRAND MASTERS</b>       | Men's    | 9:30AM     | Male riders aged 50 to 59 as of 13 Sept 2025    |
|                            | Women's  | 9:30AM     | Female riders aged 50 to 59 as of 13 Sept 2025  |
| <b>GREAT GRAND MASTERS</b> | Men's    | 9:30AM     | Male riders aged 60+ as of 13 Sept 2025         |
|                            | Women's  | 9:30AM     | Female riders aged 60+ as of 13 Sept 2025       |

# HARTLEY'S TO PORT REC RIDE



## KEY INFORMATION

- Date: Saturday, 14 September 2025
- Distance: 35.4km
- Elevation: 300m
- Start: After majority of MTB Race riders have passed the Rec Ride Start line - Approximately 9:50am-10:00am (mass start)
- **Start Location: Top of Quaid Rd climb**
- Finish Location: Four Mile Beach, in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club
- Aid Station 1: Cnr Quaid Rd & Black Mountain Rd - 2.6km
- Aid Station 2: Cnr Black Mountain Rd & Bump Track - 15.4km
- Recovery Area: Recovery Lawn, Esplanade, Port Douglas
- Bike Wash Area: Port Douglas Surf Club
- Presentations: Inspired Signs Stage - Port Douglas Surf Club

## NEW MOUNTAIN BIKE RECREATIONAL RIDE

This year we have introduced the NEW Hartley's to Port MTB Recreational Ride. You will receive a free uplift to the top of Quaid Rd and start your ride on the flat part of the road after the peak.

The ride will start once the majority of those racing have past the Recreational Ride START line, which expect will be around 9:50-10:00am.

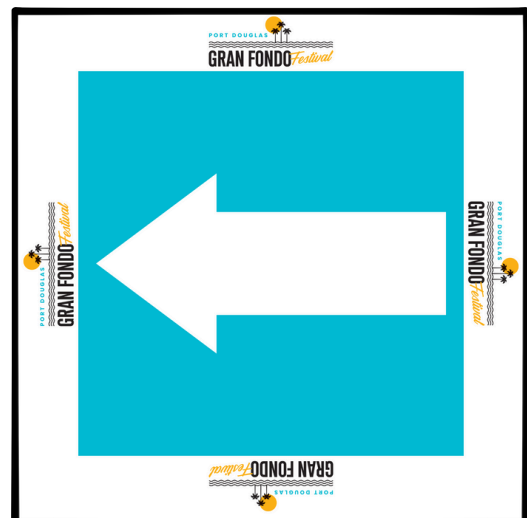
**You will need to arrive at the bottom of Quaid Rd near the start arch by no later than 8:45am.** The team will load up your bikes and then depart in then depart with you and your bikes just prior to the official race start at 9:30am. Please don't be late or you may miss the uplift service!

Once the ride commences you will ride along the flat section of Quaid Rd before making a right turn onto Black Mountain Road at the 2.6km mark, and our first Aid Station. The next 15.4km's are up and down before you'll come across the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aid Station as you turn right onto the Bump Track. Make sure you take extra care as you descend as some sections are over 20% decline! This descent isn't for the faint hearted.

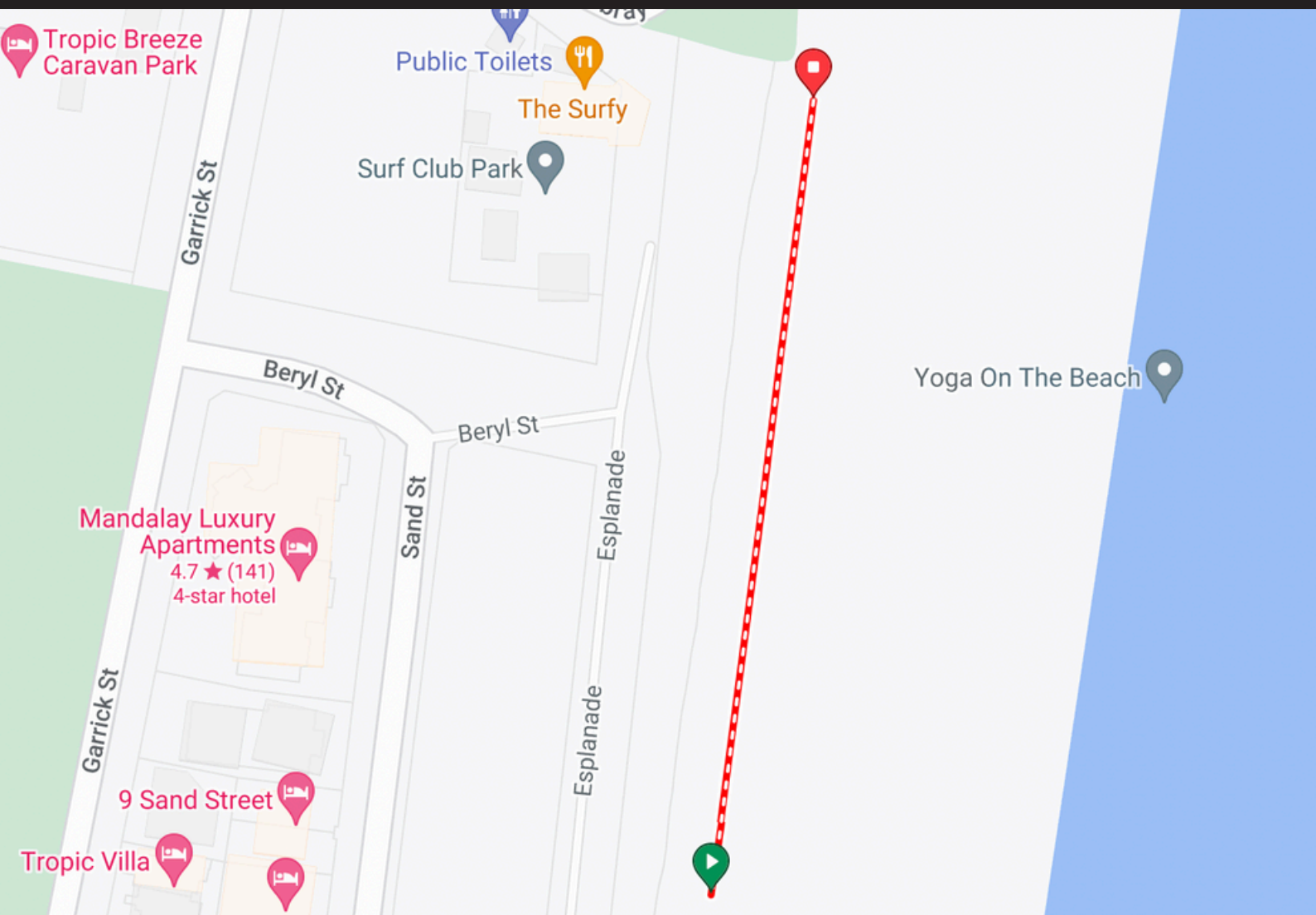
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# FOUR MILE BEACH MTB SPRINT RACE



## KEY INFORMATION

- Date: Saturday, 13 September 2025
- Distance: 250m
- MTB or Gravel bikes only
- Start Time: 12:30pm
- Finish Time: 1:30pm
- Fastest man and woman win a great trophy and merchandise pack.
- Start: 250m down from the finish line in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club on Four Mile Beach
- Finish: Four Mile Beach in front of the Port Douglas Surf Club
- Field Limit: first 16 men and first 16 women to enter
- Race program: Men and Women's heats



# FOUR MILE BEACH MTB SPRINT RACE



As the last riders in the Hartley's to Port MTB Race are crossing the finish line those taking on the Four Mile Beach MTB Sprint will be lining up for some fast paced action as we search for our fastest man and woman on a bike on Four Mile Beach!

The crowd will be cheering on from trackside while Mark Beretta from Sunrise and Seven Sport provides race commentary. Your first test of speed is to get in fast and enter as we only have 16 spots available for women and 16 spots for men.

The overall fastest man and woman will each win a a great trophy and merchandise pack.

Rider insurance is compulsory for this event. If you do not have a current AusCycling membership, a one day AusCycling membership will be provided in your entry. Please note that your entry does not include any insurance for bikes and accessories. It is recommended that individuals consider their own personal and property insurances.

## RACE PROGRAM FOR MEN & WOMEN'S HEATS

- **Heat 1:** 16 Riders: Competitors will race 2 at a time, head-to-head, but don't worry if you don't win your Heat 1 race as all riders progress into the next heat.
- **Heat 2:** 16 Riders: Will see the fastest qualifier coming up against the slowest. Then, second fastest against second slowest and so on. The middle of the field should see some close heats! Only the winners of each heat in Round 2 will progress to the next round.
- **Round 3:** 8 Riders: Similar process to Round 2 with the fastest coming up against the slowest. Only the winners of these heats will progress.
- **Semi-Final:** 4 Riders: Same as the previous rounds.
- **Grand Final:** 2 Riders: The 2 winners of the Semi-Finals will come up against each other to see who is the fastest!
- **Presentation:** overall fastest man and woman will be presented with their winners trophy and merchandise pack.



# EVENT PARTNERS



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## STRATEGIC PARTNERS



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## BRONZE PARTNERS





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