



12 - 14 SEPTEMBER 2025



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EVENT DIRECTOR MESSAGE



MESSAGE FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR
MANAGING DIRECTOR
CONNECT SPORT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
FOUNDER OF THE
PORT DOUGLAS GRAN FONDO FESTIVAL

BADE STAPLETON



Welcome to the 4th Edition of the Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival! Following three incredible years and fantastic feedback from participants, we're thrilled to bring you an even bigger and better event in 2025!

New for 2025: RUN PORT DOUGLAS

We're excited to introduce RUN PORT DOUGLAS to the festival lineup! On Saturday, 13 September, take part in:

- 21.1km Half Marathon
- Pacific Toyota 10km Run
- 5km & 2km Run/Walk presented by the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas

All running events will finish on the beautiful sands of Four Mile Beach. And as the final runners cross the line, the first finishers of the Hartley's to Port MTB Race will begin arriving at the same finish — an exhilarating start to a weekend full of action!

Updated Gran Fondo Ride Experience

The 136km & 100km Gran Fondo and 60km Semi Fondo now have a new start location at the Port Douglas Sports Complex (Wharf Street). The revised course includes a loop through local streets before heading out of town, eliminating the previous right-hand turn onto Captain Cook Highway and a sharp U-turn — all designed to deliver a safer and more enjoyable ride.

We can't wait to welcome you back to Port Douglas and Cairns. Whether you're running, riding, cheering, or exploring, we hope you have an unforgettable time.

WELCOME - QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT



MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND THE MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

ANDREW POWELL MP



Message from the Minister for Environment and Tourism and the Minister for Science and Innovation, the Honourable Andrew Powell MP

It's a pleasure to welcome you to the 2025 edition of the Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival, an event that truly captures the character and charm of Port Douglas.

Supported by the Queensland Government through Round 30 of Tourism and Events Queensland's Destination Events Program, this event showcases the unique connection between our state's vibrant communities and the diverse regions they call home.

Events like the Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival bring people together, celebrate local culture and contribute significantly to the community's pride and economy.

While you're here, I encourage you to explore all that the Tropical North Queensland Region has to offer—whether it's its scenic beauty, local flavours, or the warm hospitality that makes this part of Queensland so special.

A big congratulations to the organisers and everyone who worked hard to bring this wonderful event to life. Thank you for being part of the thriving Queensland Destination Events Program.

WELCOME - DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL



MESSAGE FROM DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL MAYOR

LISA SCOMAZZON



Welcome to the Douglas Shire!

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the 2025 Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival - now bigger and better with the exciting addition of RUN Port Douglas. Whether you are here to ride, run, cheer or simply soak up the atmosphere, this weekend is a celebration of everything that makes our region so special. This year, we're thrilled to see so many participants and supporters descend on Port Douglas for a weekend of fitness and fun. From the breathtaking ride along the Great Barrier Reef Drive to the scenic run which will include Flagstaff Hill and Four Mile Beach, these events offer a unique way to experience our stunning coastal town.

What makes this festival truly special is its inclusivity - there's something for everyone, from seasoned athletes to families enjoying a 2km walk together. And for those taking on the ultimate challenge across all three major events - we can't wait to see you proudly wearing your medals around town!

Council is proud to continue its strong support of this event, helping it grow into one of the region's most anticipated weekends. It's another example of Council's commitment to promoting active lifestyles and tourism.

I encourage everyone, visitors and locals alike, to make the most of the weekend. Support our cafes, restaurants and shops, share your stories on social media and explore everything the Douglas Shire has to offer. Events like this not only showcase the beauty of our backyard but also bring a welcome boost to our local economy and community spirit.

Thank you for being part of this incredible festival. I look forward to seeing you out on the course, at the finish line and around town – enjoy!

WELCOME - CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL





MESSAGE FROM **CAIRNS REGIONAL COUNCIL** MAYOR

AMY EDEN

It is my pleasure, on behalf of Cairns Regional Council and our community, to welcome all competitors, officials, volunteers and supporters to this year's Gran Fondo Festival.

Proudly backed by Council in partnership with Tourism Tropical North Queensland, this festival is a celebration of our tropical paradise. Over three action-packed days, locals and visitors alike get to soak it all in, and we couldn't be more excited.

The Gran Fondo isn't just a race, it's an experience. Where else in the world can you cycle along a coastal road hugged by the Great Barrier Reef on one side and the ancient Wet Tropics Rainforest on the other? This is the magic of our region, and it's what keeps athletes coming back year after year.

This festival shines a spotlight on Tropical North Queensland as an adventure and lifestyle destination, while also giving locals the chance to get involved, whether on the bike, on the track, or cheering from the sidelines. I encourage everyone to explore all our region has to offer; from reef trips and rainforest trails to our vibrant food and cultural scene, there is something for everyone.

I wish you a safe ride, a strong finish, and memories that will last long after the event.





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FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE!



THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

- We have a great Expo this year (details on page 19). This opens at 4:00pm along with our Registration at Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, The Pier Cairns & opposite the Palm Cove Surf Club.
- Come and visit the exhibitors who have travelled from far and wide to be part of our event.
- · We also have a great range of merchandise this year!

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

• With all the runners needing to pick up their packs our Expo and Rego will be open from 10am - 6:00pm.

SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

- The first ever RUN PORT DOUGLAS event kicks off the weekend of events. The below events will start on Wharf Street, right in front of the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina:
 - o 21.1km Half Marathon Start time: 6:30am
 - o Pacific Toyota 10km Start time: 7:00am
 - o 5km Start time: 7:30am
- The 2km Run/Walk presented by the Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas starts from the Sunbird car park in front of the Sheraton at 8:00am
- All the running events will finish on Four Mile Beach, in front of The Surfy Cafe, with the Recovery Lawn the perfect place to celebrate after running in paradise and crossing one of the most spectacular finish lines in the world!
- The Hartley's to Port MTB Race starts at 9:30am from Hartley's Crocodile Adventures in Wangetti. The riders will start crossing the finish line on Four Mile Beach after all our runners have finished at around 11:00am. Come and cheer them home!
- The Four Mile Beach MTB Sprint is on again! See 2 riders at a time sprint down the sand over 250mts in a knockout competition to find our Four Mile Beach MTB Sprint champions! This will run straight after the finish of the Hartley's to Port down on the sand in front of The Surfy Cafe.

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

- The main event starts in Port Douglas at 6:15am as the 136km & 100km Gran Fondo riders depart the NEW start line at the Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf St, Port Douglas.
- The 60km Semi Fondo will follow at 7:15am from the same location.
- The 48km Medio Fondo ride starts in Palm Cove at 7:00am.
- Make sure you stop at all the Instagram worthy Aid Stations and say Hi to our wonderful team of volunteers. We will be asking you to vote for your favourite Aid Station after the event!
- The finish area in Port Douglas is the perfect place to kick back and celebrate an amazing ride on one of the most spectacular roads in the world!



All riders must read and understand the ride rules and safety precautions prior to event day.

Your safety and the safety of all our riders participating in the events and spectating at the many events across the Festival are our number one priority. We all have a role to play in keeping each other safe. Listed below are the various measures that we are putting in place to keep everyone safe. An online safety video briefing from the Event Director is posted on the event website that must be watched by all riders prior to participation. A link will be emailed to all participants soon.

While every effort has been made to mark out and officiate the course route, it remains the rider's responsibility to be conversant with the ride route. Cyclists are reminded that road cycling can be considered a dangerous sport and whilst all reasonable care is taken by organisers and officials when organising an event, all participants have an equal responsibility to ensure they take all reasonable care by adhering to the road rules and other conditions imposed by ride officials, ensuring a safe ride environment for all concerned.

MINIMUM AGE

• 136km Gran Fondo, 100km Gran Fondo, 60km Semi Fondo & 48km Medio Fondo (Minimum Age: 12 years [Age at 14th Sept 2025], riders aged 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult).

EMERGENCY & BIKE AID

- Queensland Ambulance will have two ambulances on course ready to provide aid if required. There will also be first-aid responders on course to quickly respond to any incidents.
- Although parts of the course will be fully closed to general traffic, the course will be open to emergency service vehicles, and they have right of way. All riders are to move promptly to the left of the road to allow access by these vehicles. Emergency services vehicles maintain full access on all roads including Great Barrier Reef Drive.
- Bicycle mechanics will be available at registration areas in both Port Douglas and Palm Cove to assist with any last-minute bike safety issues. These mechanics will also be available on course to quickly assist any bike issues.

EMERGENCY





EVENT EMERGENCY 0455 261 555

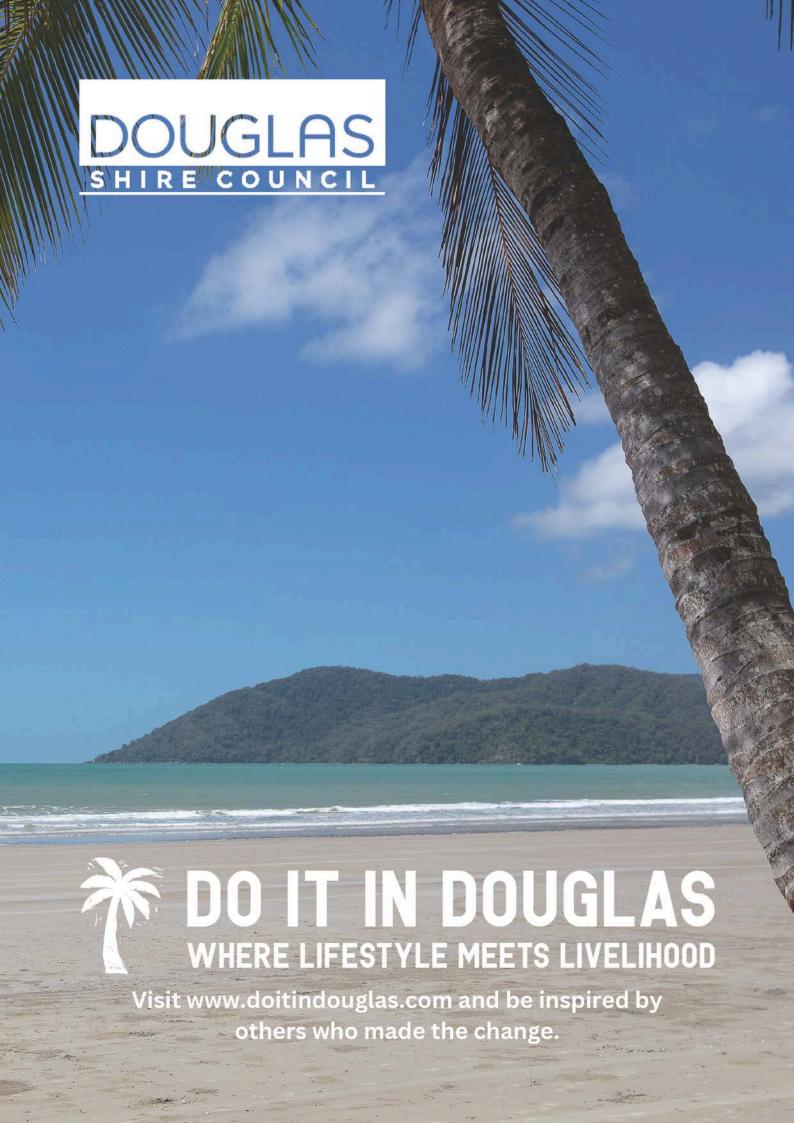
Traffic Management
Police & Medical Emergencies
Mechanical Assistance

EVENT HOTLINE 0455 261 555

Event Enquires
Registration
General Assistance

AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE - 000







TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- Queensland Police will be on course to help manage the closure of Great Barrier Reef Drive (Captain Cook Highway) and other locations across the course.
- Traffic Services are a professional traffic management company who will be managing the road closures in conjunction with Queensland Police and managing traffic around the course.
- While Great Barrier Reef Drive is closed to traffic other roads are still open to traffic.
- Please obey all road rules at all times, both on closed roads and those roads that are still open to traffic.
- Road closures and changed traffic conditions are available on our website.
- Please follow appropriate signage and guidance from officials and volunteers.

IMPORTANT

- Remember that this Gran Fondo event is a ride, not a race. Ride to your abilities and respect all road rules, other riders and road users.
- Signs and event staff will be placed at locations where you need to exercise more care on descents or corners to make you aware of these potential hazards.
- The bicycle speed limit along Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove is 20kmph. There are numerous speed humps along this section of road and extreme care must be taken when crossing these as they have large rocks set into them which make for a rough ride. Please take extra care while crossing the speed humps.
- We will have a staggered start, with each self-selected speed group starting the ride with short intervals to spread out the field from the start.
- At the Event Officials discretion, riders may be withdrawn from the event if they are outside the designated cut-off times and their safety cannot be reasonably ensured. Cut-off times are mentioned later within this guide.
- No headphones/AirPods are to be used while riding to ensure you can hear calls made by other riders and
 officials.
- All riders MUST STAY LEFT unless overtaking.
- Overtaking **MUST BE DONE QUICKLY AND ON THE RIGHT**. Riders should announce loudly they are overtaking to signal the riders in front of their intention.
- Helmets **MUST** be worn at all times with chin strap securely fastened when riders are riding their bike.
- If you need to stop for any reason, please call out 'Stopping' and slowly make your way to the left. Make sure you are off the road as much as possible to so you don't get in the way of other riders.

SIGNAGE

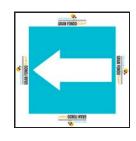
Please obey all signage directions out on course. Below are just some examples.













EXTREMELY IMPORTANT

- Cyclone Jasper in December 2023 and the following flooding rains caused significant damage across the region.
- There were huge landslides along Great Barrier Reef Drive between Port Douglas and Palm Cove.
- There are still 3 areas of the highway that are under repair with only 1 lane open. These are controlled by traffic lights and traffic management personel while the road is open to traffic.
- During the event we will divide the lane into 2 using cones and yellow tape on the ground.
- When approaching these areas you will see signs saying SINGLE FILE AHEAD and then SINGLE FILE NOW.
- As you get closer you will hear a Course Marshal blowing a whistle to warn riders that they MUST be single file before entering this area.
- In the event that we need to send a vehicle through these sections it may require cyclists to stop to allow the vehicles through. Please follow the instructions of our Course Marshal's.





IMPORTANT

- Riders should signal and verbalise obstructions on the road to riders who maybe behind you.
- Riders can choose from a selection of bikes to ride in the event, however each event has a different list of approved and non-approved bikes. Please check your event mentioned later within this guide for bike exclusions.
- Riders competing in the Wharf Street Sprint will be set off two riders at a time and there will be a division between each rider to reduce any chance of collision.
- Riders competing in the Lexus of Cairns Criterium should adhere to the rules set out by the Event Director in your briefing prior to the ride start.
- Littering is prohibited e.g. tyres, gel/lolly wrappers etc., on any part of the course except within designated aid station waste bins.
- Offensive and unsportsmanlike behaviour will not be tolerated and immediate removal by Event Officials from the event will arise.
- Public and/or portable toilets must be used when necessary.
- Always remember to treat other riders, volunteers and officials with courtesy and consideration as they are important in keeping the event safe.
- It is up to each individual rider and participant to ensure they have read this guide and adhere to the rules within it.
- Please take extra care on the descents from Rex Lookout as some of the corners tighten up more than they appear to as you approach them.
- RIDERS ARE NOT TO CROSS CENTRE WHITE LINE ON THE ROAD. KEEP TO THE LEFT SIDE.



IMPORTANT - GREAT BARRIER REEF DRIVE

- While Great Barrier Reef Drive is closed to traffic we will have a number of mechanic, medical and emergency services vehicles driving along the course in both directions.
- There is also a small risk that unauthorised vehicles may make their way onto the road.
- It is important that you stay on the left side of the lane to allow faster riders to pass and also to allow any vehicles to pass.
- If you hear a vehicle behind you please keep riding along in a straight line and these vehicles will pass you when they feel it is safe.

IMPORTANT - OPEN ROAD CONDITIONS

- The only fully closed roads are:
 - o Great Barrier Reef Drive between Port Douglas and Palm Cove
 - Mowbray River Road and Trezise Road, Mowbray
- All other roads will be open to traffic and all cyclists must obey all normal road rules.
- When riding on open roads please be respectful to other road users, give way when required and remain in the bike lane where provided or tight left of the lane when not provided.
- We would recommend riding in single file along the final stretch along Port Douglas Road after turning right
 off Great Barrier Reef Drive at the roundabout.
- You will see the signs below to remind you when you have moved from fully closed roads to open roads.







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EVENT SCHEDULE

9:30am - 1:30pm

6:30pm - 11:00pm

136km Gran Fondo Expected Finishers

After Party



The *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival* is the perfect excuse to visit Port Douglas and explore one of the most beautiful parts of Australia. There are events across the weekend, with something for everyone. Whether you are a participant or a spectator, you are in for a wonderful action-packed weekend. This Event Schedule is up to date as at 19 August 2025 and is subject to change. Click this <u>link</u> to view the Event Schedule on our website for the most up-to-date information.

THURSDAY 11TH SEPTE	MBER 2025				
4pm – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Port Douglas	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
4pm – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Palm Cove	Surf Club Palm Cove			
4pm – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Cairns	TBC			
FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMB	ER 2025				
10am – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Port Douglas	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
10am – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Palm Cove	Surf Club Palm Cove			
10am – 6pm	Rider/Runner Registration – Cairns	TBC			
10am – 6pm	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina EXPO	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
SATURDAY 13TH SEPTE	MBER 2025				
6:30am	Run Port Douglas – 21.1km Half Marathon Start	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
7:00am	Run Port Douglas – 10km Start	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
7:30am	Run Port Douglas – 5km Start	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
8:00am	Run Port Douglas – 2km Run/Walk Start	Sunbird Village carpark			
8:00am	Run Port Douglas – 21.1km Half Marathon & 10km Presentations	Port Douglas Surf Club			
8:30am	Run Port Douglas – 5km & 2km Presentations	Port Douglas Surf Club			
9:30am	Hartley's to Port MTB Race Start	Hartley's Crocodile Adventures			
12:00pm	Hartley's to Port MTB Race Presentations	Port Douglas Surf Club			
12:30pm	Four Mile Beach MTB Sprint Race & Presentations	Four Mile Beach			
10am – 6pm	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina Festival EXPO	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
10am – 6pm	Rider Registration – Port Douglas	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
12pm – 5pm	Rider Registration & 48km Medio Fondo Bag Drop	Surf Club Palm Cove			
SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEME	3ER 2025				
	136km Gran Fondo Start				
6:15am - 6:35am	100km Gran Fondo Start	Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas			
7:15am – 7:35am	60km Gran Fondo Start	Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas			
7:00am – 7:20am	48km Medio Fondo Start	Palm Cove			
8:00am – 1.30pm	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina Festival EXPO Entertainment & Live Music from 10:00am	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
8:00am – 12noon	48km Medio Fondo Expected Finishers	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
8:45am - 12:30pm	60km Gran Fondo Expected Finishers	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			
8:45am – 1:30pm	100km Gran Fondo Expected Finishers	Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina			

Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina

Central Hotel, Port Douglas

RIDER CHECKLIST



PRE-EVENT

- Book flights and accommodation
- Check your event registration is confirmed
- Check bike &/rider transfer is confirmed
- Familiarise yourself with the event schedule
- Familiarise yourself with road closure times
- Review/update medical emergency contact
- Read the Athlete Guide
- Ensure your bike has been serviced

ONCE I ARRIVE (PRE-RIDE)

- Check-in at Registration to collect ride kit (bring ID & AusCycling membership number)
- Explore the Expo
 - Plan how you will arrive at the start arch
 - See bike mechanic at Expo for last minute fix
 - Familiarise yourself with the course
- Watch the online safety briefing video
- Drop off bike for transfer (if applicable)
- Charge bike computer & eBike battery

RIDE DAY

- Check you have all ride necessities Ride safely
- Drop off gear bag for transfer (if applicable) Take photos and post to your social media
- Pump tyres, check brakes & gear shifters Explore Port Douglas
- Adhere seat post sticker to bike Transfer back to Palm Cove (if applicable)
- Arrive at start arch 15 mins before the start Tell your friends
- Enjoy your ride in paradise Plan your next trip back to Port Douglas
- Please note: there is minimal mobile phone reception on some parts of the course

RIDER PACKING LIST



- Bike
- Helmet
- Sunglasses
- Cycle Shoes
- Bike Computer
- Bike Charger
- Bike Pump
- Socks
- Cycle Clothes
- Event Wrist Band
- Rain/Wind Jacket
- Premax Chamois Cream











- Gloves
- White Front Bike Light
- Red Rear Bike Light
- Puncture Repair Kit
- Spare Tubes
- C02 Cartridge & Inflator
- Tyre Levers
- Premax Sunscreen
- Mobile Phone
- 2 x Bidons
- Secondary Food Supplies
- Money/Key Card



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RIDER REGISTRATION KIT INCLUSIONS



GRAN FONDO





500 Helmet Sticker

- Bike seat post number sticker (this incorporates your timing chip)
- Event wristband with matching rider number*
- Bag Tag label with matching rider number
- Helmet sticker to help our photographers identify you
- *Wristband is used to identify you.
 - *Wristband is used to identify you when dropping your bike off for transport or collecting your bike from the finish line free secure bike storage area.
 - *Wristband is used to identify you when dropping off or collecting your day bag from the registration area.

CRYSTALBROOK SUPERYACHT MARINA EXPO



BRANDS





















We have some great brands joining us this year in our Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina EXPO. Please support these companies who have travelled from far and wide to be a part of our EXPO in 2025.

We also have a great range of *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival* merchandise, so make sure you pick up a great memento of your time here is paradise.

OPENING HOURS

- THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 4:00PM 6:00PM
- FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 10:00AM 6:00PM
- SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 10:00AM 6:00PM
- SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 8:00AM 1:30PM



MERCHANDISE

All can be purchased at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina Expo. Limited stock and sizes are available (EFTPOS facilities only). Post-event orders can be made at the Expo. Orders are expected to be delivered before Christmas. Refer to sizing on our website.



OFFICIAL CHAMPION SYSTEM EVENT JERSEY

\$99.00

OFFICIAL CHAMPION SYSTEM EVENT KNICKS

\$159.00





OFFICIAL EVENT
CAMELBAK PODIUM
CHILL BIDON

\$30.00

OFFICIAL EVENT BIDON

\$15.00





OFFICIAL EVENT CAP

\$30.00

OFFICIAL EVENT STUBBY HOLDER

\$10.00







PORT DOUGLAS VENUE MAP (WHARF STREET)





PALM COVE VENUE MAP (WILLIAMS ESPLANADE)





REGISTRATION PACK COLLECTION

All riders must collect their registration pack 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 Thursday, Friday or Saturday to avoid the long queues on Sunday 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
- Saturday, 13 September 2025 12:00pm 5:00pm
- Sunday, 14 September 2025 (48km Medio Fondo riders ONLY) 5:30AM 6:00AM

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
- Saturday, 13 September 2025 10:00am 6:00pm
- Sunday, 14 September 2025 (136km, 100km & 60km riders ONLY) 5:00AM 5:30AM

If there is a problem with your registration pack, if you wish to transfer ride estimated speed categories or you have another event related question, please visit Registration at the *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival Expo* on Thursday, Friday or Saturday within the above times.



TIMING STICKER

This sticker incorporates your timing chip. Please adhere the sticker around the seat post of your bike so the number is facing towards the back of your bike and is clearly visible.

All courses will be timed. Remember, the *Port Douglas Gran Fondo* is **NOT** a race. The timing sticker 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 MECHANICS

Bike mechanics will be at the start area in both Port Douglas (Kevin from Port Douglas Bike Shop & Hire) and Palm Cove (Ben from Ultimevelo) on Sunday, 14 September 2025 if you need assistance before the rides begin. Roving mechanical support will also be available out on course. Please call the Event Emergency hotline (number on your seat post sticker) 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 or mobile mechanic 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.
- Remove aero bars if fitted to your road bike.
- Ensure your eBike battery is fully charged. The bike mechanics cannot supply new batteries and there aren't any charging stations on course.



PRE-EVENT TRAINING & NUTRITION

We hope you have enjoyed riding your bike in your training sessions leading up to this event. Riding a bike solo or with a group of friends is a great way to socialise and meet like-minded people, stay fit and be active. You will need a reasonable amount of fitness to help you get through from start to finish. Because this isn't a race, you can take your time, stop, have a rest, and really enjoy the spectacular scenery along the Great Barrier Reef Drive.

The temperature in Port Douglas during September ranges between 22°c and 29°c with fewer rain days. The weather should be sunny but be prepared for the unexpected chance of rain. Increase your intake of fluids and nutrition on the bike, especially if you are not accustomed to the warmer weather. Dress appropriately for the warmer conditions and reapply sunscreen regularly. Premax sunscreen will be provided at each aid station for your convenience.

Every rider should carry some nutrition (ie. Winners Energy Bar, Energy Gel or Chews, banana, etc) on them to start the ride. It is encouraged you carry two bidons one filled with water and the other with Winners electrolyte. Plan to drink all your fluids by the time you reach the next aid station. Do not wait to feel thirsty before you drink, by then it might be too late.

WINNERS

Winners Sports Nutrition are proud to be the Official Energy Bar, Energy Gel, Chew & Electrolyte of *Port Douglas Gran Fondo* 2025. Winners energy products have been developed for cyclists and are used and recommended by cycling champion Cadel Evans.

10% DISCOUNT OFFER

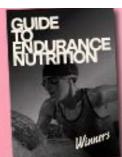
Winners are offering a 10% discount from <u>winnersbars.com</u> for all *Port Douglas Gran Fondo* riders. Coupon Code: PORTDOUGLAS2025

PORT DOUGLAS GRAN FONDO NUTRITION TIPS

- 1. Aim to consume 30 60g of carbohydrate per hour of riding.
- 2. Eat and drink consistently on the ride. Set your watch alarm to go off every 20mins as a reminder.
- 3. Eat high carbohydrate foods and taper training in the days leading up to the ride.
- 4. Eat foods containing carbs and protein within 30mins of completing a ride to aid recovery.
- 5. Test your nutrition plan prior to the ride. People respond differently to different foods, make sure your body can cope under ride conditions.



GUIDE TO ENDURANCE NUTRITION (FREE DOWNLOAD)





PARKING

Parking will be surrounding local streets. Please ensure that you are aware of any parking restrictions and changed traffic conditions.

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025

- HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES (HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB)

• Free parking will be available in the Hartley's Crocodile Adventures overflow parking (follow signs).

- PORT DOUGLAS

- Free parking will be available at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina and surrounding roads.
- Free parking will be available at the Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas. Access to parking here will not be available between 6.30am 7.00am due to road closures.

- PALM COVE

 Free parking is available in the Palm Cove Jetty car park at the northern end of Palm Cove and surrounding roads.

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025

- PORT DOUGLAS

- Free parking will be available at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina and surrounding roads.
- Free parking will be available at the Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas. Cars will
 need to use the Mudlow St access driveway near the corner of Mowbray St. However access will be closed
 between 6:00am 6:45am due to road closure. Wharf St gate will be closed until 8:00am.

- PALM COVE

 Free parking is available in the Palm Cove Jetty car park at the northern end of Palm Cove and surrounding roads.



CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

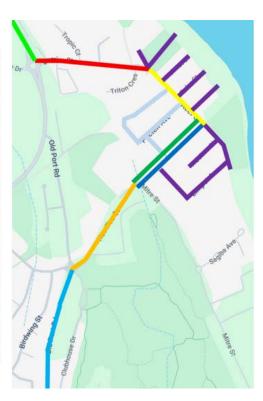
Great Barrier Reef Drive (Captain Cook Highway) will be closed in both directions from Port Douglas Rd, Port Douglas to Veivers Rd, Palm Cove for the duration of the *Port Douglas Gran Fondo* on Sunday 14 September. The details of which streets and roads and their closure times are listed below. Emergency services vehicles maintain full access on all roads, including Great Barrier Reef Drive throughout the event. Details were current at time of publication. Check the event website for up-to-date changes using this <u>link</u>.

SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 - PORT DOUGLAS ONLY

MAP KEY	STREET	STREET FROM		CLOSED	OPEN	
_	Wharf St	Mudlo St	Island Point Rd	5:00	8:00	
 /	Grant St	Wharf St	Mowbray St	6:15	7:00	
	Mowbray St	Grant St	Mudlow St	6:15	7:00	
	Mudlow St	Mowbray St	Port St	6:15	7:00 7:15	
_	Island Point Rd	Wharf St	Murphy St	6:15		
_	Murphy St	Island Point Rd	Grant St	6:15	7:15	
	Macrossan St	Wharf St	Esplanade	6:15	8:00	
Esplanade	Macrossan St	Mowbray St	6:15	13:00		
	Mowbray St	Esplanade	Garrick St	6:15	13:00	
_	Garrick St	Mowbray St	Tide St	6:30	8:30	
	Beryl St	Garrick St	Sand St	6:30	8:30	
	Blake St	Garrick St	Davidson St	6:30	8:30	
	Davidson St	Blake St	Barrier St	Barrier St Access bot		



MAP KEY	STREET	FROM	TO	CLOSED	OPEN	NOTES
	Barrier St	Port Douglas Rd	Reef St	6:45	8:30	Access in both directions
	Reef St	Barrier St	Nautilus St	6:45	10:00	Traffic control to allow access to Mitre St via Nautilus St
	Nautilus St	Reef St	Mitre St	6:45	10:00	Access remains open to residents & those exiting out of Conch St (left turn only)
	Pecten Ave & Conch St	Reef St	Reef St	6:45	10:00	Reef St exit closed. Access remains open to those exiting out of Conch St (left turn only). Access back into Conch St is also under Traffic Control
	Nautilus St	Mitre St	Reef St	6:45	10:00	Traffic control to allow access from & into Conch St & Mitre St via Nautilus St and Reef St
	Limpet Ave, Reef St (past Nautilus), Helmet St, Baler St, Cowrie St & Trochus Cl	Nautilus St	Reef St	6:45	10:00	Full closure. Parking available the night prior in Nautilus St (BLUE line side)and exit onto Reef St managed by traffic controllers
	Nautilus St	Mitre St	Old Port Rd	6:45	10:00	Full closure. Parking available the night prior in Golf Club parking and exit onto Old Port Rd via Clubhouse Dv/Cascade Dv
	Old Port Rd	Nautilus St	Downing St	6:45	10:00	Full closure. Access to Golf Club from Old Port Rd via Clubhouse Dv/Cascade Dv
	Port Douglas Rd	Barrier St	Blake St	5:00	8:30	Full access in both directions





CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - PORT DOUGLAS & PALM COVE

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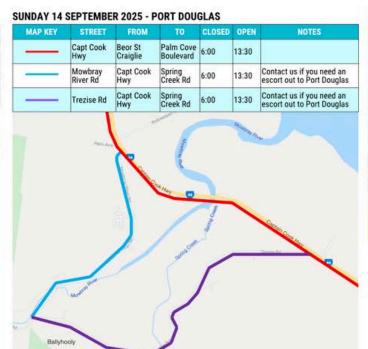
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	Mudlow St	Mowbray St	Port St	6:00	7:00	



SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - PORT DOUGLAS

MAP KEY	STREET	FROM	TO	CLOSED	OPEN	NOTES
_	Old Port Rd / Dickson St	Port Douglas Rd	Capt Cook Hwy	6:15	8:00	Southbound lanes only
<u></u>	Capt Cook Hwy	Port Douglas Rd	Beor St Craiglie	6:00	13:30	- Southbound open - traffic control in place - Northbound closed from Old Port Rd to Port Douglas Rd - Local access from Beor St Craiglie to Port Douglas and Mossman via Dickson St & Old Port Rd from 8:00AM





SUNDAY	14 SEP	TEMBER	2025 -	PALM	COAF

MAP KEY	STREET	FROM	TO	CLOSED	OPEN	NOTES
	Capt Cook Hwy	Palm Cove Blvd	Beor St, Craiglie (Port Douglas)	5:30	13:30	Access to Wangetti from 11:30am
	Capt Cook Hwy	Palm Cove Blvd	Wangetti Beach Rd	5:30	11:30	Access to Palm Cove via Palm Cove Boulevard & Triton St (Expect delays) Access to Foley Rd under direction from Traffic Management
	Capt Cook Hwy	Wangetti Beach Rd	Port Douglas Rd	6:00	13:30	
_	Williams Esp	Cedar Rd	Veivers Rd	5:00	10:30	Resident access maintained via Veivers Rd







TRANSFERS TO PORT DOUGLAS & PALM COVE

With Great Barrier Reef Drive fully closed from 5.30am (northbound) and 6.00am (southbound) on Sunday, 14 September 2025 riders and spectators will need to transfer early to Port Douglas (if you aren't staying there already). Traffic Management and Queensland Police will be situated at road closure checkpoints and directing traffic. Under no circumstances will any vehicle except emergency vehicles and official event vehicles be able to access any closed roads until it is fully open again to the public in the time mentioned in the tables on the previous page.

Exemplar Coaches and Limousines are proud to be a sponsor and transfer provider for our event. They offer cyclists, their families, and friends a range of transport solutions to get you to and from each event throughout the Festival, including airport transfers. They offer a full range of transfer options from seat-in-coach through to private and limousine transfers. **Bookings are essential and spaces are limited.** Call their Reservations on 07) 4213 3333 between 9:00 – 17:00, 7 days a week and use the promotional code FONDO25 when booking.



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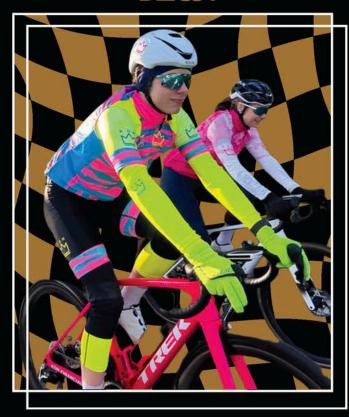
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GRAN. SEMI & MEDIO FONDO RIDER AND BIKE TRANSFERS

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 by Exemplar Coaches and Limousines and your bikes will be transported by our transport team using thick furniture moving blankets. You will need to ensure you have fixed your seat post sticker before dropping your bike off and be wearing your wrist band. This sticker is your bikes identification. Without the sticker 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

- **PORT DOUGLAS** Drop bike at the secure bike parking area located at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina between 4:00pm 6:00pm Friday 12 or between 10:00am 6:00pm Saturday 13 September 2025.
 - Bikes will be dropped at Palm Cove and available for collection from the Palm Cove Registration tent near the start arch on Sunday, 14 September 2025 and must be collected before 6:45am.
- **PALM COVE** Drop bike at the registration tent located opposite the Palm Cove Surf Club between 4:00pm 6:00pm Friday 12 September or 3:00pm 5:00pm Saturday 13 September 2025.
 - Bikes will be dropped at Port Douglas and available for collection from the secure storage area located at the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina Sunday, 14 September 2025 and must be collected before 6:00am.
- You will need to show your wristband to collect your bike and it needs to correspond to the seat post sticker number on your bike.

RIDER TRANSFERS

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 48km MEDIO FONDO PRE-EVENT

(TRANSFER FROM PORT DOUGLAS TO PALM COVE)

 Seat-in-Coach transfers to Palm Cove will depart the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina in Port Douglas at 5:30am and then pick up at pre-arranged and booked locations. You will be dropped off near the bike collection area in Palm Cove.

(TRANSFER FROM PALM COVE TO PORT DOUGLAS)

• Seat-in-Coach transfers to Port Douglas will depart the front of Peppers, Williams Esplanade in Palm Cove at 5:00am. You will be dropped off near the bike collection area in Port Douglas.

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - POST-EVENT

(TRANSFER FROM PORT DOUGLAS TO PALM COVE)

- Seat-in-Coach transfers to Palm Cove via Thala Beach Nature Reserve Resort will depart the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina at 2:00pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Coach will depart from the car park area. Look for the Gran Fondo Bus signs.
- You will be dropped near the bike collection area in Palm Cove.



INSURANCE

The *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival* is an officially sanctioned AusCycling event. You will need to provide your current AusCycling membership number as you enter online if you are a member. You will also be required to show proof of this AusCycling membership number to pick up your registration pack at the Festival. A one day AusCycling license is included in all other entries.

Below are the requirements to participate in each event:

HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE

Open to anyone who holds an AusCycling "Race All Discipline" license (no trial memberships). Please note
that your entry does not include any insurance for bikes and accessories. It is recommended that
individuals consider their own insurance.

136km & 100km GRAN FONDO, 60km SEMI FONDO and 48km MEDIO FONDO

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

Further details can be found within our Terms and Conditions waiver using this <u>link</u> to our website.

The Event Management takes no responsibility for any property whether lost, damaged or stolen before, during or after the Festival.

It is recommended that all participants in the *Port Douglas Gran Fondo Festival* consider their own travel insurance needs.



CAIRNS



START TIME

All riders will start together in your nominated speed group, which will be clearly signposted. If you want to change your speed group, please contact the Event Organiser, or ask at the registration desk. Please familiarise yourself with the road closures, changed traffic conditions and parking areas on Sunday, 14 September 2025 to plan your route to the start line with minimal stress.

Riders can choose from a selection of bikes to ride in the event, including road bikes, mountain bikes, city bikes, hybrid bikes, e-bikes and gravel bikes. For safety reasons, please observe that you have an approved bike for your ride distance from the list below. Ensure your bike battery (if applicable) is fully charged and can go the distance you have chosen. Our bike mechanics cannot provide spare batteries and there are no charge stations on the course.

136km GRAN FONDO & 100km GRAN FONDO

NEW START LOCATION

(Sports Complex - Wharf Street, Port Douglas - look for the large start arch)

- Over 30kmph 6:15am
- 26-30kmph 6:20am
- 22-25kmph 6:25am

136km Gran Fondo - E-bikes, recumbents, time-trial bikes, aero bars or tandems are **NOT** permitted. 100km Gran Fondo - E-bikes & tandems **ARE** now permitted. Time-trial bikes and aero bars **NOT** permitted. Para cyclists **ARE** permitted to ride modified bikes to suit their needs.

60km SEMI FONDO

NEW START LOCATION

(Sports Complex - Wharf Street, Port Douglas - look for the large start arch)

- Over 30kmph 7:15am
- 26-30kmph 7:20am
- 22-25kmph 7:25am
- 15-21kmph 7:30am

60km Semi Fondo - E-bikes & tandems ARE now permitted. Time-trial bikes and aero bars NOT permitted. Para cyclists ARE permitted to ride modified bikes to suit their needs.

All E-Bikes must adhere to Australian E-Bike Standards. No modifications to E-Bikes will be allowed to participate on course.

Aero bars must be removed from road bikes. Mechanics will be available at the start areas in Port Douglas on Sunday, 14 September 2025.



START TIME

48km MEDIO FONDO

(135 Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove (outside the Surf Club Palm Cove – look for the large start arch)

- Over 30kmph 7:00am
- 26-30kmph 7:03am
- 21-25kmph 7:06am
- 18-20kmph 7:09am
- 14-17kmph 7:12am

E-Bikes, recumbents and tandems ARE permitted.

Time-trial bikes and aero bars are **NOT** permitted.

Para cyclists **ARE** permitted to ride modified bikes to suit their needs.

All E-Bikes must adhere to Australian E-Bike Standards. No modifications to E-Bikes will be allowed to participate on course.

Aero bars must be removed from road bikes. Mechanics will be available at the start areas in Palm Cove on Sunday, 14 September 2025.





DAY BAG DROP (48KM MEDIO FONDO 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.

48km MEDIO FONDO

- Bag **MUST** be dropped off in Palm Cove at the registration desk, in front of the Surf Club Palm Cove, 135 Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove on Friday or Saturday when registration is open.
- **No bags** will be accepted at registration on Sunday, 14 September 2025 (Great Barrier Reef Drive will be closed for our transport vehicle).
- Your bags will be transported to the finish area in Port Douglas and will be available for collection from the bag drop area inside the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina after your ride on Sunday, 14 September 2025.
- 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!

DAY BAG DROP (136KM, 100KM & 60KM RIDERS ONLY)

To ensure you can enjoy a few hours in Port Douglas at the end of your ride we are offering a Bag Drop service. If you want a spare change of clothes, shoes, toiletries etc. when you arrive back in Port Douglas after your ride, please utilise this bag drop service. Only small bags will be accepted in our bag drop service.

Within your registration pack you will find a bag drop 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.

136km & 100km GRAN FONDO & 60km SEMI FONDO

- Bag must be dropped off in Port Douglas at the Bag Drop sign at the registration desk, inside the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina on Sunday, 14 September 2025 between 5.00am and 6.15am before the start of your ride.
- No bags will be accepted at registration on Saturday, 13 September 2025.
- Your bags will be waiting for you at the Bag Drop location at the rear of the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina after your ride on Sunday, 14 September 2025.
- 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

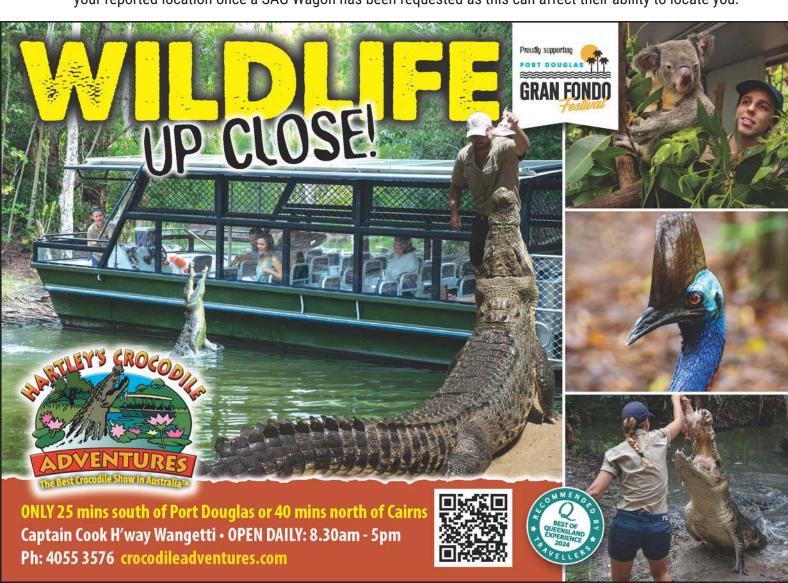
If you need medical assistance, please phone the number on your seat post sticker to arrange help or wave down the nearest Event Official for assistance. Quote the seat post number of the rider.

- 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 seat post 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 Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina in Port Douglas.
- 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.





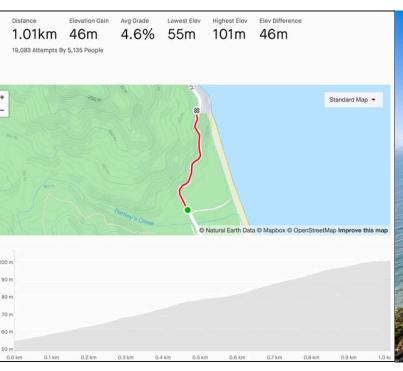
GRAN FONDO KOM LÁ QOM

The main climb of the day is up to Rex Lookout. This 1km climb starts just after the Hartley's Crocodile Adventures Aid Station and has an average gradient of 4.6%.

Although the Gran Fondo, Semi Fondo and Medio Fondo rides aren't a race, we have something special for those that have a competitive streak. The KOM & QOM will each receive a Lazer Z1 Kineticore Helmet (RRP \$249) thanks to Detour Custom Kit.

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.









AID STATIONS

There are multiple Aid Stations spread across the course. Each station is equipped with food, water, hydration supplements, sunscreen, public and/or portable toilets.

- Food includes bananas, oranges, lollies and baked goods.
- Winners Energy Bars, Energy Gels and Chews.
- Water.
- Electrolyte from Winners.
- Sunscreen is provided by Premax.

Below are the kilometre and Aid Station location markers for each event:

136KM GRAN FONDO

AID AVAILABLE	REX LOOKOUT 31km 73km	PALM COVE 51.7km	HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES 71.2km	THALA BEACH NATURE RESERVE 22.2km 81.9km 100.2km 118km
WINNERS BARS/GELS/CHEWS	~	~	~	~
WATER	~	>	>	~
FOOD	>	>	>	>
WINNERS ELECTROLYTE	\	>	>	~
PREMAX SUNSCREEN	~	~	~	~
TOILET FACILITIES	~	~	>	~











100KM GRAN FONDO

AID AVAILABLE	REX LOOKOUT 31km 73km	PALM COVE 51.7km	HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES 71.2km	THALA BEACH NATURE RESERVE 22.2km 81.9km
WINNERS BARS/GELS/CHEWS	>	\	>	~
WATER	>	>	>	~
FOOD	~	~	~	~
WINNERS ELECTROLYTE	>	>	>	~
PREMAX SUNSCREEN	~	~	~	~
TOILET FACILITIES	~	>	>	~

60KM SEMI FONDO

AID AVAILABLE	REX LOOKOUT 24.1km 32.2km	THALA BEACH NATURE RESERVE 22.2km 40km	HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES 30.4km
WINNERS BARS/GELS/CHEWS	>	>	~
WATER	>	>	✓
FOOD	>	>	~
WINNERS ELECTROLYTE	>	>	>
PREMAX SUNSCREEN	✓	✓	✓
TOILET FACILITIES	*	>	~



48KM MEDIO FONDO

AID AVAILABLE	HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES 19.4km	REX LOOKOUT PHOTO STOP 21.3km	THALA BEACH NATURE RESERVE 30.2km
WINNERS BARS/GELS/CHEWS	~	~	~
WATER	>	>	✓
FOOD	\	>	~
WINNERS ELECTROLYTE	>	>	✓
PREMAX SUNSCREEN	~	~	✓
TOILET FACILITIES	~	~	~





FINISH AND CUT OFF TIMES

To meet the road re-opening times which are a condition of our road closure permits, all riders are required to maintain an *average* speed of:

RIDE	136KM GRAN FONDO	100KM GRAN FONDO & 60KM SEMI FONDO	48KM MEDIO FONDO
AVERAGE SPEED	22 KMPH	15 KMPH	14 KMPH

- These averages allow for 2 x 10 minute comfort breaks/bidon refill stops.
- Riders who fall behind the required average speed and don't reach Port Douglas Road by the required Great
 Barrier Reef Drive re-opening time of 1.30pm will be given a lift in the SAG Wagon to the end of Port
 Douglas Road where they have the option to complete the rest of the ride on open roads or stay in the SAG
 wagon and get a lift to the finish line in Port Douglas.



POST-EVENT INFORMATION



FINISH LINE & RECOVERY AREA

The Timing Finish Line will be at the finish arch which will be located around the back of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. Our volunteers will be there to welcome you and provide you with your 2025 Finishers Towel.

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The recovery area includes:

- Water shower to cool you down
- Recovery Bar Opens 10am
- · Ice and cold drinks
- Food trucks
- Live music
- · Expo will be open

The grass area will have plenty of market umbrellas and tents with tables and chairs on the grass so you can sit back and relax. We've even got somewhere to store your bike!

FREE SECURE BIKE STORAGE

There is nothing worse than finishing a ride and wanting to go into a restaurant and eat or go shopping but there's nowhere for your bike. We've got you covered! This space was so popular last year that we've doubled the size of the storage!

If you want to explore Port Douglas, have lunch or a pint at Hemingway's Brewery or visit the Port Douglas Markets without wheeling your bike around we have a secure bike storage area near the Recover Area in Port Douglas for you. Follow the signs to this area and your bike can be checked in here by one of our Event Officials. Please ensure you are wearing your event wristband with your matching seat post sticker on your bike to drop off and collect your bike. No wristband, no bike collection!

You can also leave a bag with your bike to save you having to have a bag stored in the Bag Drop area.

The secure bike storage will close at 4.00pm Sunday, 14 September 2025 so please ensure your bike is collected prior to this time. Any bikes left behind will be donated to charity (only if we can't track you down of course!). We accept no responsibility for any lost, damaged or stolen items.

POST-EVENT INFORMATION



AFTER PARTY!

CENTRAL HOTEL PORT DOUGLAS

SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER 2025 - 6PM TIL LATE

- Limited spaces still available. If you would like to join in the fun please <u>CLICK HERE TO BOOK</u>
- Live music, Mark Beretta as our MC, sponsor prizes, food and drink from the bar.
- The other option is to come along to the Central Hotel Port Douglas and enjoy a great night in the many other areas of the Hotel.

RESULTS & PRESENTATIONS

The *Port Douglas Gran Fondo* is not a race, it is an opportunity for riders to set a time which they can improve on in future years. Your time will be made available on our website. If you have been placed as a winner of a KOM or QOM on our Rex Lookout 1km segment, we will be in contact with you to claim your prize.

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.

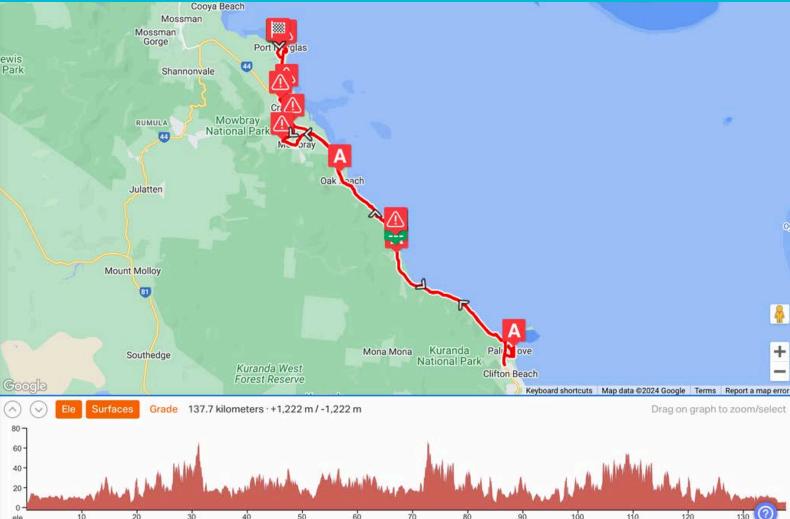
Plus, NORTHSOUTH is offering a special race day discount: get 20% off all purchases until midnight on event day with the code: BEACH20.



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.**





KEY INFORMATION

- Date: Sunday, 14 September 2025
- Distance: 136kmElevation: 1,222m
- Start: 6:15am (first wave start)
- NEW Start Location: Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas
- Finish Location: Arch at rear of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
- Aid Station 1: Rex Lookout 31km & 73km
- Aid Station 2: Palm Cove 51.7km
- Aid Station 3: Hartley's Crocodile Adventures 71.2km
- KOM/QOM Start: 72km
- KOM/QOM Finish: Rex Lookout 73km
- Aid Station 4, 5 & 6: Thala Beach Nature Reserve 22.5km, 81.9km, 100.2km & 118km
- Right-Hand Turn (back to Rex Lookout): 93km CLOSES 11:25am
- Recovery Area: Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Departing from the start arch in the Port Douglas Sports Complex, riders will turn right onto Wharf Street and follow the local roads out to Great Barrier Reef Drive, which will be fully closed to traffic in both directions.

A short diversion around the quiet country backroads of Mowbray takes the riders past sugar cane fields this region is famous for, crossing over creeks and rivers before arriving back onto Great Barrier Reef Drive.

The ride down to Palm Cove is undulating as it hugs the side of the east coast of Queensland. An Aid Station will be located at the 31km mark at the top of Rex Lookout, which has one of the most spectacular views along the course. Feel free to stop, refill your bidons, grab a snack and take some quick photos. Lucky you, get to see Rex Lookout not once, but three times! But remember, you must keep a minimum average speed of 22kmph to reach the final turn by cut-off or you will be directed to complete the 100km course instead.

Take care on the descent down from Rex Lookout as the corners tighten more than you might expect. Do not cross the centre white line, keep to the left side of the road. The undulations continue all the way down to Palm Cove, where you'll find another Aid Station at the 51.7km mark, under the palm trees right beside the pristine sandy beaches of Palm Cove. The Palm Cove Surf Club will have bacon & egg rolls and sausages in bread for sale so take some cash or a credit card.

On the way back up to Port Douglas, there is another Aid Station at the 71.2km mark, outside the entrance to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures (a must-see experience while you are in Tropical North Queensland!), just prior to the climb back up to Rex Lookout.

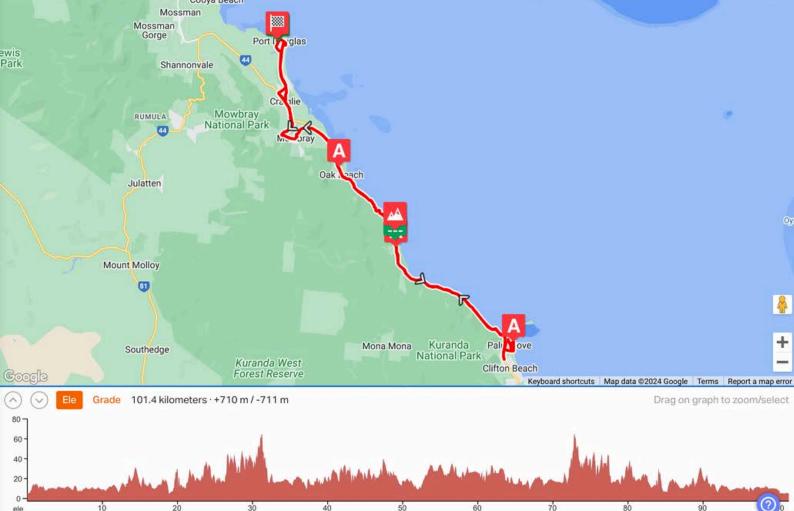
You can then challenge yourself on the KOM/QOM climb up to Rex Lookout. The fastest man and woman to conquer the 1km climb with an average gradient of 4.6% will each receive a Lazer Z1 KinetiCore helmet!

To ensure you have plenty of fluids we will have another Aid Station at the entrance of Thala Beach Nature Reserve (amazing accommodation in the rainforest, with some rooms also overlooking the ocean!) at the 81.9km mark. You'll also pass this Aid Station at the 100.2km and 118km marks on the course.

The course will take you back around through Mowbray, but once you reach Great Barrier Reef Drive again, you will turn right back towards Rex Lookout, while the 100km, 60km and 48km riders will be turning left towards Port Douglas. You must reach this right turn at the 93km mark before 11.25am, otherwise this option will be closed, and riders will be directed to turn left and head in to complete the 100km course.

Riders will then ride back down Great Barrier Reef Drive, climb up to Rex Lookout and make a U-turn at the top and head back towards Port Douglas. The finish will be a welcome sight for many as riders roll across the finish line around the back of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. We'll have plenty of cold water ready to cool you down, chat with friends and watch the superyachts. The best news is that Hemingway's Brewery is right there at the finish line!





distance in km

KEY INFORMATION

• Date: Sunday, 14 September 2025

Distance: 100kmElevation: 710m

• Start: 6:15am (first wave start)

- NEW Start Location: Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas
- Finish Location: Arch at rear of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
- Aid Station 1: Rex Lookout 31km & 73km
- Aid Station 2: Palm Cove 51.7km
- Aid Station 3: Hartley's Crocodile Adventures 71.2km
- KOM/QOM Start: 72km
- KOM/QOM Finish: Rex Lookout 73km
- Aid Station 4: Thala Beach Nature Reserve 81.9km
- Recovery Area: Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas



HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

Departing from the start arch in the Port Douglas Sports Complex, riders will turn right onto Wharf Street and follow the local roads out to Great Barrier Reef Drive, which will be fully closed to traffic in both directions.

A short diversion around the quiet country backroads of Mowbray takes the riders past sugar cane fields this region is famous for, crossing over creeks and rivers before arriving back onto Great Barrier Reef Drive.

The ride down to Palm Cove is undulating as it hugs the side of the east coast of Queensland. An Aid Station will be located at the 31km mark at the top of Rex Lookout, which has one of the most spectacular views along the course. Feel free to stop, refill your bidons, grab a snack and take some quick photos.

Take care on the descent down from Rex Lookout as the corners tighten more than you might expect. Do not cross the centre white line, keep to the left side of the road. The undulations continue all the way down to Palm Cove, where you'll find another Aid Station at the 50.7km mark, under the palm trees right beside the pristine sandy beaches of Palm Cove. The Palm Cove Surf Club will have bacon & egg rolls and sausages in bread for sale so take some cash or a credit card.

On the way back up to Port Douglas, there is another Aid Station at the 70.2km mark, outside the entrance to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures (a must-see experience while you are in Tropical North Queensland!), just prior to the climb back up to Rex Lookout.

You can then challenge yourself on the KOM/QOM climb up to Rex Lookout. The fastest man and woman to conquer the 1km climb with an average gradient of 4.6% will each receive a Lazer Z1 KinetiCore helmet!

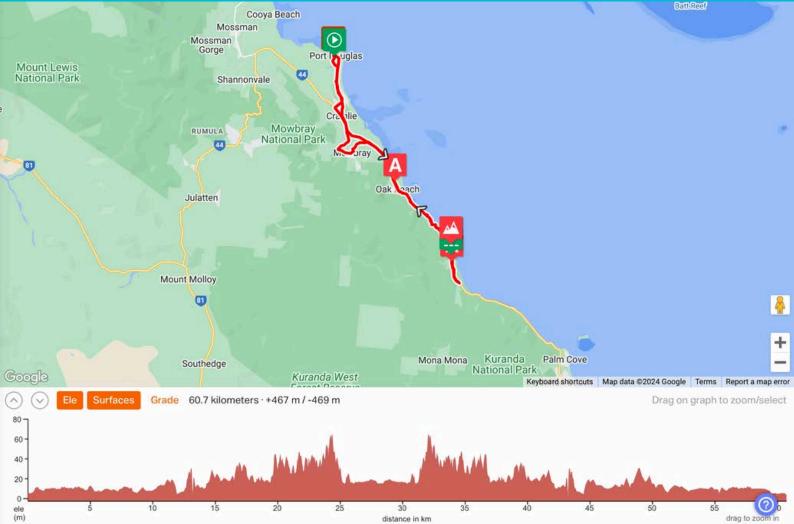
To ensure you have plenty of fluids we will have another Aid Station at the entrance of Thala Beach Nature Reserve (amazing accommodation in the rainforest, with some rooms also overlooking the ocean!) at the 81.9km mark.

The course will take you back around through Mowbray, before turning left towards Port Douglas on Great Barrier Reef Drive.

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60KM SEMI FONDO





KEY INFORMATION

• Date: Sunday, 14 September 2025

Distance: 60kmElevation: 469m

• Start: 7:15am (first wave start)

- NEW Start Location: Port Douglas Sports Complex, Wharf Street, Port Douglas
- Finish Location: Arch at rear of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
- Aid Station 1: Thala Beach Nature Reserve 15.3km
- Aid Station 2: Rex Lookout 24.1km & 32.2km
- Aid Station 3: Thala Beach Nature Reserve 41.1km
- Recovery Area: Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas

60KM SEMI FONDO



NEW START LOCATION

Perfect for those wanting to step up from the 48km Medio Fondo but the 100km Gran Fondo seemed a little too far this year. Departing from the start arch in the Port Douglas Sports Complex, riders will turn right onto Wharf Street and follow the local roads out to Great Barrier Reef Drive, which will be fully closed to traffic in both directions.

The ride down to Rex Lookout is undulating as it hugs the side of the east coast of Queensland. The course won't take you around the Mowbray loop on the way down, but don't despair, you'll ride back through there on the way back to the finish line.

An Aid Station will be located at the 15.3km mark at Thala Beach Nature Reserve. Make sure you stop for a photo with the palm trees! The next Aid Station is at the 24.1km mark at the top of Rex Lookout, which has one of the most spectacular views along the course. You will definitely want to stop, refill your bidons, grab a snack and take some quick photos.

The 60km course will take you down the other side of Rex Lookout and past Hartley's Crocodile Adventures before reaching the dedicated 60km Semi Fondo turnaround point at the 28.2km mark. Take care on the descent back down from Rex Lookout as the corners tighten more than you might expect. Do not cross the centre white line, keep to the left side of the road.

You'll then have the opportunity to stop at the Hartley's Aid Station at the 30.4km mark for a quick rest before tackling the 1km KOM/QOM climb back up to Rex Lookout. The fastest man and woman to conquer the 1km climb with an average gradient of 4.6% will each receive a Lazer Z1 KinetiCore helmet!

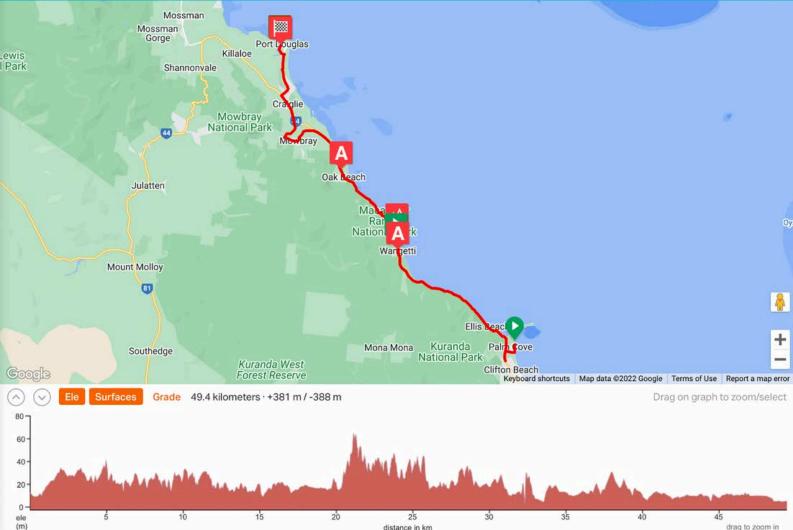
The undulations continue all the back to the Aid Station at Thala Beach Nature Reserve, where you'll be able to stop for another break and fill your drink bidons.

The course will take you around through Mowbray, before turning left towards Port Douglas on Great Barrier Reef Drive.

The finish will be a welcome sight for many as riders roll across the finish line around the back of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. We'll have plenty of cold water ready to cool you down, chat with friends and watch the superyachts. The best news is that Hemingway's Brewery is right there at the finish line!

48KM MEDIO FONDO





KEY INFORMATION

- Date: Sunday, 14 September 2025
- Distance: 48kmElevation: 381m
- Start Time: 7:00am (first wave start)
- Start: Arch on Williams Esplanade, Palm Cove (in front of Surf Club Palm Cove)
- Aid Station 1: Hartley's Crocodile Adventures 19.4km
- KOM/QOM Start: 20.3km
- KOM/QOM Finish: Rex Lookout 21.3km
- Rex Lookout: Photo time 21.3km
- Aid Station 2: Thala Beach Nature Reserve 30.2km
- Finish: Arch at the rear of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas
- · Recovery Area: Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina, Port Douglas

48KM MEDIO FONDO



TAKE IT AT YOUR OWN PACE

Departing from Williams Esplanade in Palm Cove in front of the Surf Club. This palm tree lined; beachside paradise will be a magical destination to begin your Medio Fondo (medium ride). This distance will open up the opportunity to ride on Great Barrier Reef Drive with no traffic to a much broader group of people. There are a few hills along the way, so we would encourage you to train for the ride, but it is well within reach of many who might be looking for a challenge.

There are plenty of Aid Stations along the course to keep you fuelled and hydrated and you will have the opportunity to experience riding your bike along one of the most spectacular roads in the world; Great Barrier Reef Drive, which will be fully closed to traffic in both directions.

Our first Aid Station on the way up to Port Douglas is located at the 19.4km mark, outside the entrance to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures (a must-see experience while you are in Tropical North Queensland!), just prior to the climb up to Rex Lookout.

If you are up for it, you can even challenge yourself on the KOM/QOM climb up to Rex Lookout. The fastest man and woman to conquer the 1km climb with an average gradient of 4.6% will each receive a Lazer Z1 KinetiCore helmet (eBikes excluded)! Or simply take your time on the climb, making sure you stay to the left at all times and do not cross the centre white line.

Make sure you stop at the top of the hill to enjoy the amazing views from Rex Lookout. Please pull into the car park on the left, park your bike and cross at the marked pedestrian crossing to ensure you are helped to safely crossed the road. Cyclists might be coming from both directions so please take care and follow the instructions of our crossing marshals.

To ensure you have plenty of fluids we will have another Aid Station at the entrance of Thala Beach Nature Reserve (amazing accommodation in the rainforest, with some rooms also overlooking the ocean!) at the 30.2km mark.

A short diversion around the quiet country backroads of Mowbray takes the riders past sugar cane fields this region is famous for, crossing creeks and rivers before arriving back at Great Barrier Reef Drive, turning left towards Port Douglas through the corridor of palm trees lining Port Douglas Road.

The finish will be a welcome sight for many as riders roll across the finish line around the back of Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. We'll have plenty of cold water ready to cool you down, chat with friends and watch the superyachts. The best news is that Hemingway's Brewery is right there at the finish line!

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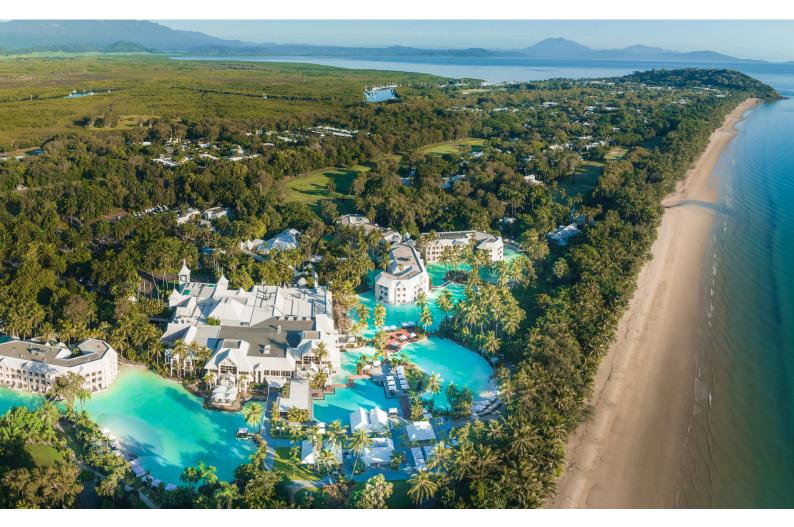


ACCOMMODATION



SHERATON GRAND MIRAGE RESORT PORT DOUGLAS

Positioned directly on the famous Four Mile Beach, Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort Port Douglas is a premier hotel in Port Douglas and is the perfect stepping-off point to the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Great Barrier Reef and Daintree Rainforest. Famous for the two hectares of palm-fringed lagoon-style pools filled with water from the ocean, guests can float the day away, relax in a private poolside cabana, or swim up to the pool bar. Alternatively, explore 147 hectares of tropical gardens including the world-renowned Mirage Country Club, and choose from seven vibrant restaurants and bars. BOOK NOW!



MIRAGE RESORT VILLAS

Located between the grounds of the iconic Mirage Country Club Golf Course and the pristine shores of Four Mile Beach, Mirage Resort Villas are the Port Douglas accommodation of choice for discerning traveler's. Whether you're seeking a tranquil couples escape or an activity-packed family holiday with plenty of space to play, there's a Mirage Resort Villa to suit your needs. <u>BOOK NOW!</u>





Visit our website under the Travel tab to view other accommodation options in Port Douglas and Palm Cove.

THINGS TO DO





QUICKSILVER - GREAT BARRIER REEF EXPERIENCES

No visit to Port Douglas is complete without a trip to see the magnificent Great Barrier Reef. Choosing an inspiring and eco-friendly reef experience is easy with Quicksilver's award-winning cruises.

Whether you choose to get wet, snorkel and dive or stay dry and observe, Quicksilver has a Great Barrier Reef experience perfect for you. You can cruise to Quicksilver's family friendly Outer Reef activity platform at the stunning Agincourt Reef, set sail to the idyllic Low Isles aboard a beautiful sailing cat Wavedancer, or if you seek adventure, dive and snorkel catamaran Silversonic will take you to three remote Agincourt ribbon reef sites in one exciting day.



MOSSMAN GORGE CENTRE

The Mossman Gorge Centre is the gateway to the world's oldest rainforest, the Daintree Rainforest, as well as a unique link to the lives, cultures, and stories of Australia's Indigenous people and their connection to the natural environment.



CHOO CHOOS AT THE MARINA

Choo Choos at the Marina is located at the end of the Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina. It runs alongside the historic Bally Hooley rail station and has one of the most beautiful dining views in all of Port Douglas and includes an Ice Creamery.



THINGS TO DO





HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES

Hartley's Crocodile Adventures is an Advanced Eco Accredited sanctuary, located in World Heritage wilderness at Wangetti, just 25 minutes south of Port Douglas.

Highlights include its Crocodile feeding cruises on Hartley's Lagoon, Crocodile feeding shows and other interactive wildlife presentations including snake presentations & cassowary feeding. Step back in time in Gondwana Gateway with wallabies, kangaroos, wombats, fruit bats and emus. Take a pic with our amazing Megafauna. Our new 'WOMBoKO' wombat and koala exhibit is a must see.

We offer daily VIP Tours including Zootastic 5, Reptastic 5 and Big Croc Feed.



PORT DOUGLAS MARKETS

The iconic Port Douglas Markets are famous for serving up a wide variety of hand-crafted goods, locally produced food and seasonal fresh produce. Renowned for lovingly made treasures, the Port Douglas Markets is a proud icon of the region. A must see on Sunday morning!



FLAGSTAFF HILL LOOKOUT

Here you will witness sweeping views of Four Mile Beach and the rainforest-clad mountain ranges to the south. Venture along the Flagstaff Hill Walking Trail down to Four Mile Beach and walk the plank (or viewing platform) and take in the 180-degree views to the Coral Sea, Low Isles and Snapper Island.



THINGS TO DO



HEMINGWAY'S BREWERY

Hemingway's Brewery Port Douglas situated on the beautiful Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina in Port Douglas. Hemingway's is unique in Tropical North Queensland and offers a relaxed vibe where you can enjoy hand crafted beers suited to the tropical climate and fresh local produce.





FOUR MILE BEACH

With golden sand stretching as far as the eye can see, crystal clear water lapping gently against the shore, and palm trees swaying in the cool breeze it is easy to lose track of time when walking on Four Mile Beach as it unfolds in a gentle curve along Port Douglas beachfront.



WILDLIFE HABITAT

Providing visitors with a chance to experience the wildlife of Wetlands, Rainforest, Woodland and Savannah environments up close. Enjoy Breakfast with the Birds, hand-feed kangaroos and wallabies, observe cassowaries, cuddle Koalas and even Swim With The Salties in the new CrocArena!





DAINTREE TOURS

Enjoy interpretive rainforest walks, lush lunch site, estuarine crocodile and wildlife spotting on Cooper Creek and, of course, friendly and knowledgeable local guides with Daintree Tours. See the Daintree National Park, Mossman Gorge and a river cruise exploring the waterways rich in flora and fauna.



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RIDER INFORMATION GUIDE















PRE-EVENT INFORMATION



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)

OUAID 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 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.

RIDER REGISTRATION KIT INCLUSIONS



HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE



- 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 À QOM

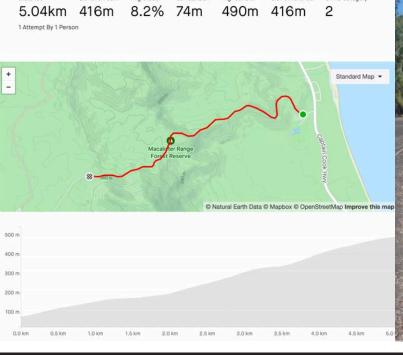
The main climb of the day is up Quaid Rd, right at the start of the race! This 5km climb starts just after leaving the start at Hartley's Crocodile Adventure and has an average gradient of 8.2%!

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.







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

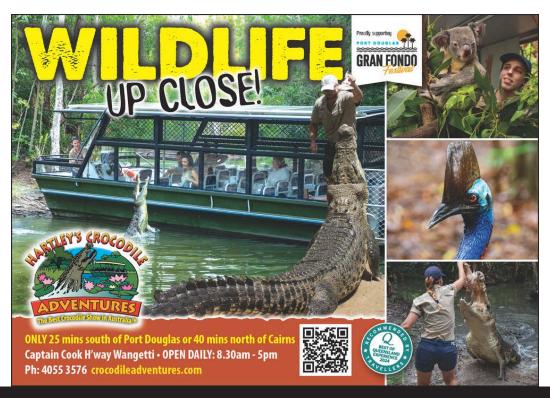
SATURDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2025 - HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE

- 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..



PRE-EVENT INFORMATION



HARTLEY'S CROCODILE ADVENTURES - (HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB)





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 marguee 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.



HARTLEY'S TO PORT MTB RACE

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









POST-EVENT INFORMATION



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.

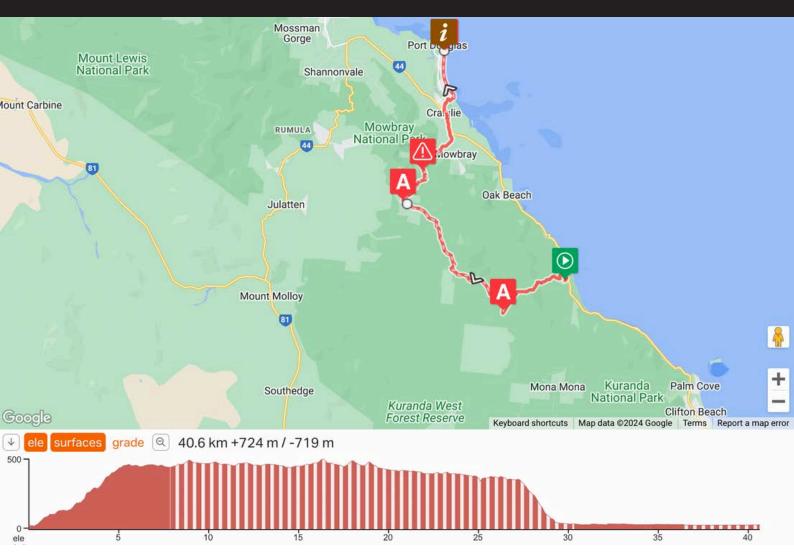


LOST PROPERTY

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: 40.6kmElevation: 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

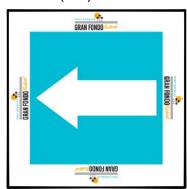
- 1st Place \$100
- 2nd Place \$50
- 3rd Place \$20

SIGNAGE

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







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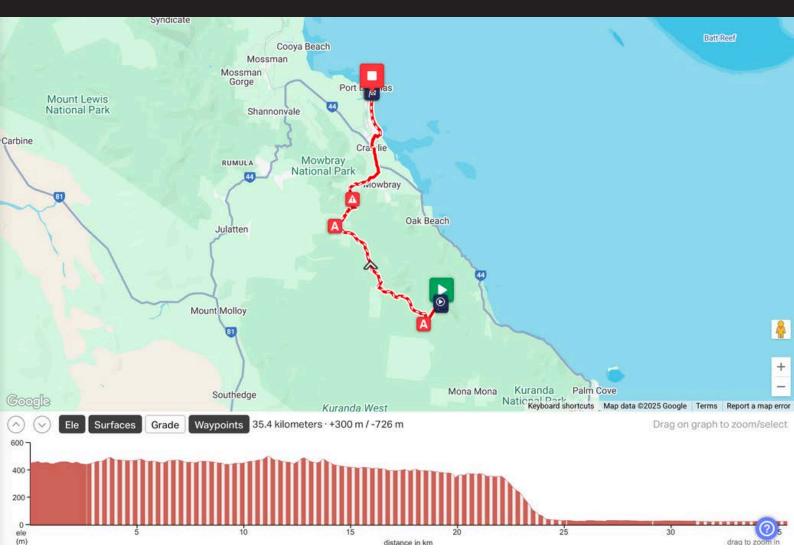


CATEGORIES

GRADE	CATEGORY	START TIME	DESCRIPTION
EBIKES	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
OPEN	Men's	9:30AM	Male riders aged 15 to 39 as of 13 Sept 2025
OPEN	Women's	9:30AM	Female riders aged 15 to 39 as of 13 Sept 2025
MASTERS	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
GRAND	Men's	9:30AM	Male riders aged 50 to 59 as of 13 Sept 2025
MASTERS	Women's	9:30AM	Female riders aged 50 to 59 as of 13 Sept 2025
GREAT GRAND MASTERS	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: 35.4kmElevation: 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

HARTLEY'S TO PORT REC RIDE



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 2nd 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.

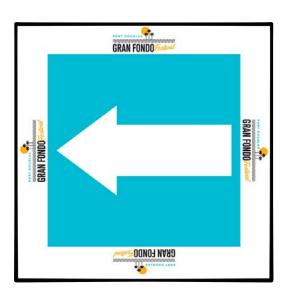
Once riders reach the bottom of the Bump Track they will make their way to Port Douglas via Mowbray, through the tunnel under Great Barrier Reef Drive and arrive on the beautiful Four Mile Beach for the final 4km dash along the sand.

SIGNAGE

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

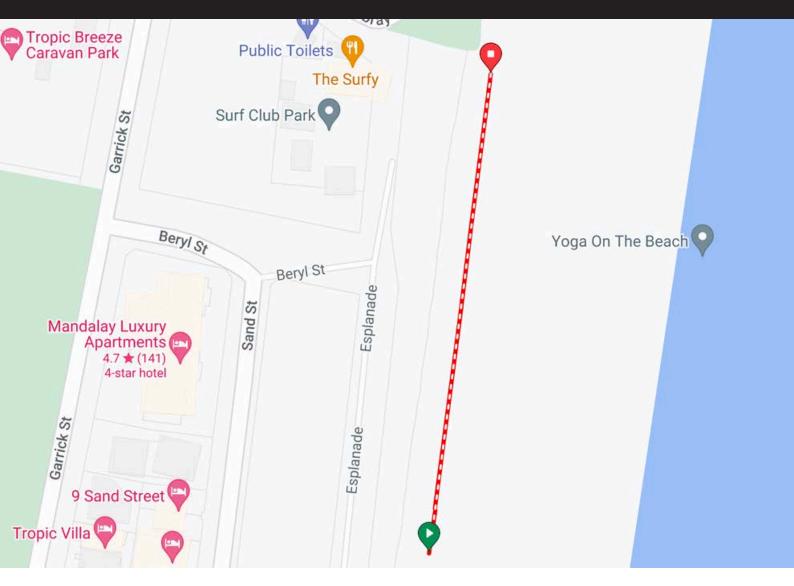






FOUR MILE BEACH MTB SPRINT RACE





KEY INFORMATION

• Date: Saturday, 13 September 2025

• Distance: 250m

MTB or Gravel bikes only

Start Time: 12:30pmFinish 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.



