



RIDER GUIDE

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2025

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WELCOME FROM THE CLASSICS FOUNDER

It's a pleasure to welcome you to the beautiful Southern Highlands for the 9th edition of our flagship event.

I'd like to acknowledge the Gundungurra and Tharawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we ride, and pay my respects to Elders past and present.

After last year's disappointment, we're especially grateful to see so many riders back with us in 2025. We can't wait to deliver the event you've been looking forward to and appreciate the ongoing support.

This year's Bowral Classic once again showcases the best of the region, with courses winding through charming villages, rolling farmland, and the iconic Highlands scenery that makes this ride so special. Whether you're here to conquer the climbs, enjoy a social spin with friends, or simply soak up the atmosphere, we're delighted you're part of the journey.

Events like this are only possible through strong community and partner support. A special thanks to our funding partner, Destination NSW, Wingecarribee Shire Council for their ongoing assistance, and to our valued sponsors who believe in the power of cycling to bring people together.

On behalf of the entire Bowral Classic team, I wish you a safe, memorable, and enjoyable ride. I can't wait to see you at the Start Line!

Sincerely,

James Yaffa
Classics Founder



MEET THE TEAM

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The Classics Founder

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Manager

MESSAGE FROM THE RIDE DIRECTOR



Welcome to the 2025 Bowral Classic! Whether you're tackling your first Gran Fondo or returning for another challenge, we're thrilled to have you join us in the stunning Southern Highlands.

This year, we're shifting gears with a new Traffic Management partner, Lack Group — a team we know will keep your ride rolling smoothly. Our largest Classic yet promises scenic routes, dedicated support, and that unique Bowral atmosphere.

We're excited to offer the Challenge Classic an upgrade in 2025: the Oxley Hill Rd climb, previously exclusive to Maxi riders. It's short, sharp, and rewards you with panoramic views over Bowral at the top.

On course, you'll find full support — from mechanical assistance and hydration stops to our amazing volunteers. Please remember, roads remain open to traffic. For your safety and others', keep left, ride no more than two abreast, and follow road rules and marshal directions.

Most importantly, ride within your limits and enjoy the journey. The Bowral Classic is a Gran Fondo ride, not a race. Your safety is our top priority. Stay alert, look out for fellow riders, and continue calling out hazards like potholes and bumps to keep all riders safe.

Thank you for being part of the 2025 Bowral Classic. We can't wait to cheer you on at the Start Line and celebrate with you at the finish.

Happy riding,

David Kemp,
Ride Director



FEEL TIME

STAND
STILL

📍 Gibraltar Range

WELCOME FROM THE NSW GOVERNMENT

Welcome to the Southern Highlands for the Bowral Classic, supported proudly by the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

The Bowral Classic is a staple fixture on the Australian cycling calendar, attracting passionate road cyclists from near and far every year to take on the challenging but one of the most picturesque cycling routes for an unforgettable riding experience.

Events like the Bowral Classic also provide a significant boost to the local visitor economy with thousands of competitors, supporters and officials converging on the region, who stay in local hotels, dine in restaurants, pubs and cafes and visit nearby attractions, supporting jobs and small businesses throughout the Southern Highlands.

Best of luck to all participants. Enjoy the scenic journey and take some time outside the event to explore the many and varied visitor attractions, warm hospitality and stunning natural scenery of the Southern Highlands waiting to be discovered at visitnsw.com.

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ROAD CONDITIONS

While ongoing road works have been taking place around the Southern Highlands, roads will still present potholes, rough sections, road heaves (ground movement under the road causing it to rise), possible loose gravel sections, and road drop offs on the edge of the road.

Signage on course aims to bring your attention to these areas and we will spray paint the roads the day prior to highlight any hazards, look out for this signage.

Our recent course inspection has shown multiple sections where extra care should be taken. Through these sections ride single file and point out road conditions to your fellow riders.

- **Centennial Rd** – take care and do not cross the centre line to avoid hazards as riders will be traveling in both directions.
- **Greenhills Rd/Wombeyan Caves Rd** – watch for potholes of various sizes. Multiple sections have been repaired however there may still be loose gravel through these sections
- **Oxleys Hill Rd** – multiple sections have been repaired however there may still be loose gravel through these sections.
- **Kangaloon Rd** – watch for potholes of various sizes. Multiple sections have been repaired but there may still be loose gravel through these sections.

Also, remain vigilant about riders to your left or right, particularly if you make sudden line changes due to rough sections of road.



PREPARING FOR COUNTRY ROADS

Riding rough country roads requires a vastly different approach to a regular bunchride and proper bike preparation! Prior to the 2025 Bowral Classic we strongly suggest you check the following:

- **Bar Tape** – take a close look at the bar tape on your bike, the Bowral Classic could be the perfect time to renew it! Look for slightly thicker and more shock absorbing tape that will allow for better comfort and control.
- **Gloves** – we would suggest quality gloves that grip well and have a properly padded palm.
- **Bidons and Cages** – bidons often bounce out of cages on rough roads and can lead to a crash. Ensure your bottles and cages are compatible – and correctly matched with the bottle fitting snugly in the cage. As for the two-bottle cage mounting screws, be sure to check and tension them before the event!
- **GPS/Computer bracket** – again, ensure this is tight on the bars! There's nothing worse than a slipping GPS mount.
- **Gear & Helmet** – Like preparing for any cycling trip, we'd suggest making a checklist and laying out the gear and equipment you are taking to the event. Kit, jersey, gloves, spare tubes, sunglasses, shoes, socks and of course your helmet.
- **Regarding your helmet** – has it been crashed, dropped, or sustained any significant impact in its lifetime? It's worth noting helmets should be regularly inspected and replaced if necessary. And always ensure you are riding a quality lid with the Australian Standard label and manufacture date decal inside.

If riding with a group, we'd suggest you slow down and leave more of a gap between yourself and the rider in front. You need to be able to see bumps, imperfections, and potholes – if you're too close to the rider in front you'll have less response time.

TYRE TIPS

With thanks to 

The quality and width of your tyres for this year's event will be very important. Locals have said 28mm is the minimum they'd ride. So far as width goes, Guy McCausland of Schwalbe Australia offered this advice:

“We've seen tyres of 23mm go to 25 then 28 then 30's and now 32's are ... the worse the road the bigger the tyre should be. On bumpier roads you want to roll over obstacles rather than be deflected and ultimately lose energy from them. You want your axles to remain at a constant level above the road to help overall efficiency.”



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2025

10:00am – 4:00pm Event Village, Loseby Park, Bowral

Event Village open: Rider Registration & Information, exhibitor stalls, bars, coffee, mechanics

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2025

5:30am – 7:30am Event Village, Loseby Park, Bowral

Registration Kit collection

6:00am Start Line, Bong Bong St, Bowral

Mechanical assistance and Bag Drop open

Arrival times Start Line, Bong Bong St, Bowral

- **6:15am** Highlanders arrival time – 6:30am departure
- **6:15am** 150km Maxi arrival time – 6:30am departure
- **7:00am** 120km Challenge arrival time – 7:15am departure
- **7:45am** 85km Rouleurs arrival time – 8:00am departure

10:00am – 4:00pm Event Village, Loseby Park, Bowral

Event Village open: gourmet food trucks, local beer, wine & gin bars, live music, cycling exhibitor stalls, children's activities and more!



REGISTRATION KIT

All riders will be allocated a registration kit which contains your Rider Identification Assets, key event information, event jersey if ordered, and a token for a free beer, wine or soft drink which can be redeemed in the Event Village on the event weekend.

Riders who paid for postage will have their registration kits and any merchandise ordered mailed out early September. No further action is required if you receive your kit in the mail. Just come to the Start Line with your timing assets secured on your bike and body.

All other riders are required to collect their kit and ordered jersey from the Event Village, at either time below:

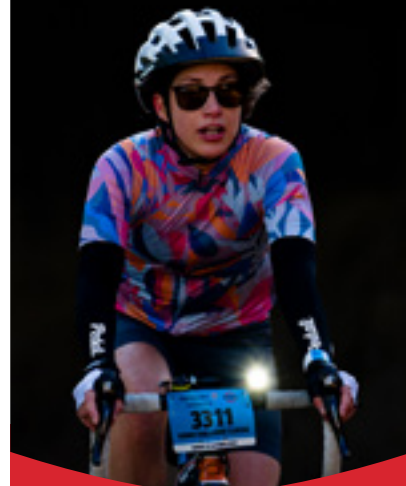
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Rider Registration

SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2025

5:30am - 7:30am Event Village, Loseby Park, Bowral
Rider Registration

If there are any issues with your registration, or if you have event related questions, please visit the Registration Tent within the above times.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please make sure the following numbers are saved in your mobile phone. They are also listed on your seat post sticker.

EVENT EMERGENCY NUMBER:
0447 182 425

Police & medical emergencies only

EVENT HOTLINE:
0447 463 614

General enquiries & mechanical assistance



Download the EMERGENCY+ app to assist with sharing your location in the event of an incident.

REGISTRATION ASSETS

SEAT POST STICKER

Your Seat Post Sticker clearly displays your unique Rider Identification Number and includes a silver timing chip. Place this around your seat post – without it you will not have access to the Start/Finish areas or on course support. Your personal details are recorded with this number and it will be used for identification if medical attention is required.

You will also find a Tube Sticker which identifies key points on the course such as rest stops.

WRISTBAND

All riders will receive a wristband with their Rider Identification Number. Please wear this on the event day.

FRONT PLATE & CABLE TIES

The Front Plate is colour specific to the course you have registered for. It will be used for marshalling identification on course. Attach securely to your bike's front plates with the cable ties provided.



It is compulsory that your Seat Post Sticker and Front Plate are securely attached to your bike during the event. Please do not alter, cut, or fold your sticker.

If driving, please do not put the seat post sticker or front plate on your bike before arriving to the event. Going along the freeway at 110km/h is not advised for these as they will deteriorate and become ineffective.

If you received your registration kit in the mail and are missing any of the listed timing assets, please visit the Registration Tent on the event weekend.

REGISTRATION FAQs

CAN I CHANGE COURSE CATEGORIES?

Riders can upgrade or downgrade their course distance at the Registration Tent. If you received your registration kit in the mail, bring along your bring along your Rider Identification Assets. These will be swapped to match the course you are changing into.

No refunds will be made for downgrading courses and the difference in category prices will be charged if upgrading. If you received your registration kit in the mail, changes must be done on the event weekend.

I LEFT MY REGISTRATION KIT AT HOME, MY TIMING ASSETS ARE DAMAGED, OR MY REGISTRATION KIT WAS RETURNED TO SENDER.

Visit the Registration Tent and we will issue you with new Rider Identification Assets.

CAN I SWAP MY EVENT JERSEY FOR ANOTHER SIZE?

Visit the Merchandise Tent at the Event Village. If your jersey is unworn, with original tags and packaging, we can swap it for a different size – stock permitting.

Merchandise swaps must be done on the event weekend. We cannot hold stock or process the exchanges in advance.

I CAN NO LONGER ATTEND THE EVENT.

Riders that purchase Enhanced Refund Protection at the time of registration will be eligible for a refund. This cannot be added retrospectively after registering. Enhanced Refund Protection is offered through a third-party, PROTECHT. All refund requests must be submitted via the PROTECHT portal. For more information, [click here](#).

For riders who do not purchase Enhanced Refund Protection, cancellations that are received by 31 August 2025 will be offered a deferral to Bowral Classic 2026. No refunds or deferrals will be offered for cancellations received after 1 August 2025 without Enhanced Refund Protection.

Refer to the event [Terms & Conditions](#) for more detail.



REGISTRATION TENT

Location:
Loseby Park, Bowral

Opening Hours:

Saturday, 18 October 2025
10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, 19 October 2025
5:30am - 7:30am

MERCHANDISE TENT

Location:
Loseby Park, Bowral

Opening Hours:

Saturday, 18 October 2025
10:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, 19 October 2025
5:30am - 4:00pm

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

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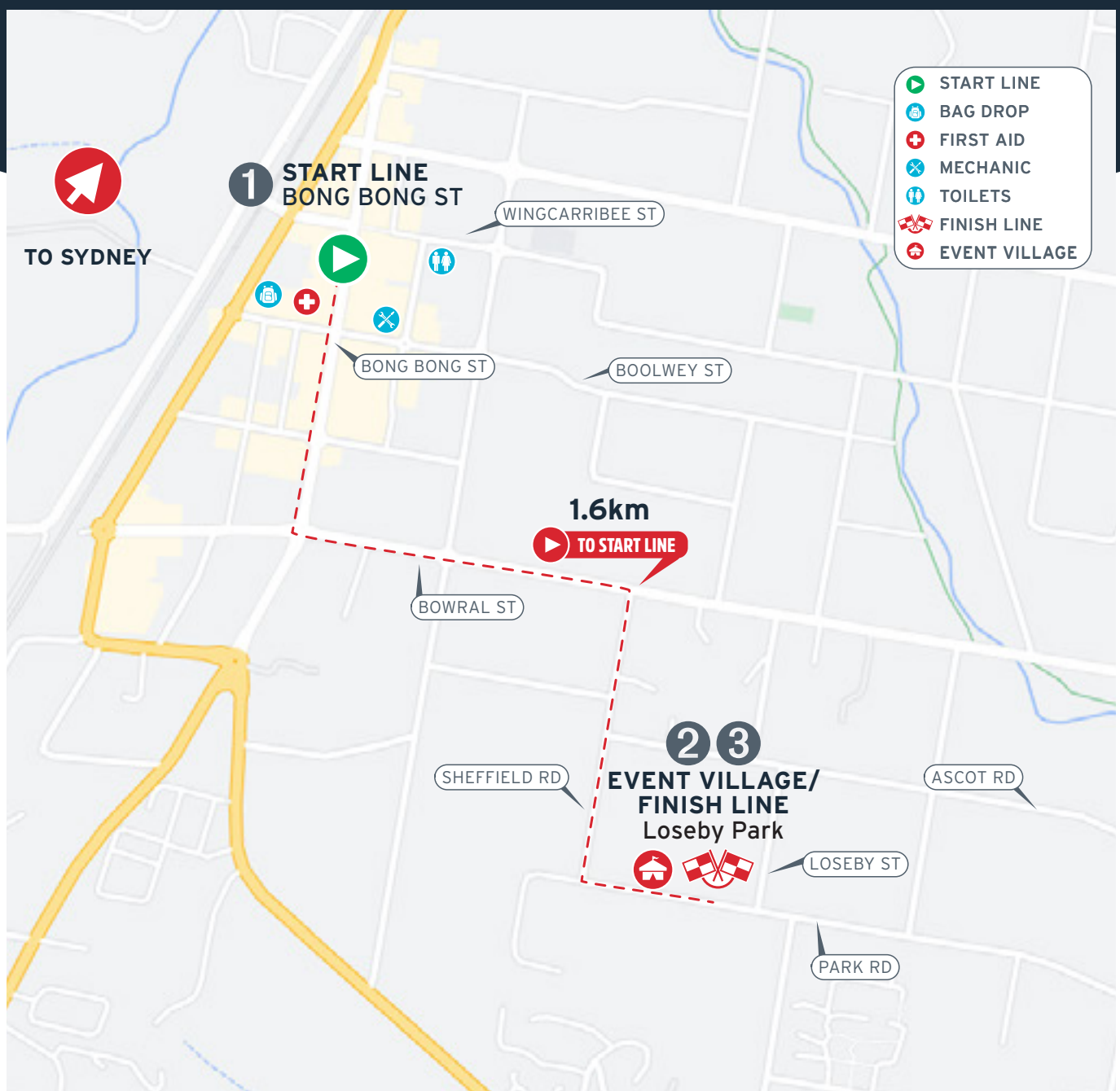


EVENT WEEKEND KEY AREAS

Bowral Classic Event Village open times

Saturday, 18 October 10:00am-4:00pm

Sunday, 19 October 10:00am-4:00pm



START LINE MAP

The following roads will be closed around Bowral CBD on Sunday, 19 October between 4:00am-9:00am.

Bong Bong St between Banyette St and Merrigang St in both directions

Wingecarribee St between Bong Bong St and Kirkham Rd in both directions

Station St between Banyette St and Merrigang St in both directions

Wingecarribee St between Kirkham Rd and Station St

ARRIVAL TIMES

6:15am: Highlanders & 150km Maxi Classic Riders

7:00am: 120km Challenge Classic Riders

7:45am: 85km Rouleurs Classic Riders

ROULEURS CLASSIC RIDERS ENTER HERE

ROULEURS ASSEMBLY

CHALLENGE ASSEMBLY

CHALLENGE CLASSIC RIDERS ENTER HERE

EVENT VILLAGE
Loseby Park,
Bowral(1.5km)

CAFES OPEN FROM 5:30AM

Gumnut Patisserie: Shop 7, Grand Arcade, Bong Bong St

Janek's: Corbett Plaza, Shop 4/14 Wingecarribee St

Nick's: 343 Bong Bong St

Primary Espresso: 23 Boolwey St

FINISH LINE/EVENT VILLAGE

The Finish Line and Event Village are located at Loseby Park, Park Rd, Bowral.

Parking is available in the surrounding streets of Loseby Park and the Start Line on Bong Bong St is a short 1.5km ride.

The Event Village will be a hub of live music, gourmet food stalls, local beer, gin and wine bars, and cycling exhibitor stalls.

FINISHER MEDAL

All riders will be rewarded with a Bowral Classic Cervelo Finisher Medal when they finish the ride. Please visit the Merchandise tent at the Event Village once you pass through the Finish Line to collect.



EVENT VILLAGE OPENING HOURS

Saturday, 18 October 2025 10:00am - 4:00pm

Rider registration & information, merchandise, live music, coffee, bars & cycling exhibitors

Sunday, 19 October 2025 5:30am - 7:30am

Rider registration

Sunday, 19 October 2025 10:00am - 4:00pm

Event Village & Finish Line: merchandise, live music, coffee, bars, food, cycling exhibitors & collect your rider medal



VILLAGE MAP

Bowral Classic Event Village open times

Saturday, 18 October 10:00am-4:00pm

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PACKING LIST

Please be aware phone reception is limited throughout the course.

○ BIKE

○ HELMET

○ PHOTO ID

○ GLASSES

○ NUTRITION

○ PUMP

One on the bike and a track pump in the car for the pre-ride top up. There will be pumps available at the start but there may be a line-up.

○ CYCLE SHOES

○ CYCLING KIT

Suitable for the days condition – socks, knicks, jersey, gloves, under shirt.

○ FRONT AND REAR BIKE LIGHTS

○ WEATHER APPROPRIATE CYCLING GEAR

○ 2× INNER TUBES

Riders should be able to change tubes by themselves, it would be a good idea to practice before the event.

○ CO₂ CANISTER AND CARTRIDGES

○ TYRE LEVERS

○ CHAMOIS CREAM

○ SUN CREAM

○ MULTI-TOOL

○ 2× WATER BOTTLES – FILLED



MERCHANDISE

Visit the Merchandise Tent to shop a range of Bowral Classic and *Bicycling Australia* kit.



**BOWRAL CLASSIC
2025 JERSEY**
\$125



**BA PREMIUM
JERSEY \$125**
BIB SHORTS \$165



**BLACK SHEEP ×
CLASSICS JERSEY**
\$175

BOWRAL CLASSIC 2024 JERSEY **\$45**

BOWRAL CLASSIC T-SHIRT **\$30**

BOWRAL CLASSIC CAP **\$25**

BOWRAL CLASSIC SOCKS **\$25**

WATER BOTTLE **\$25**

ARM/LEG WARMERS **\$40**

GLOVES **\$40**

BICYCLING AUSTRALIA
NECK WARMERS **\$5**

CYCLING MUSETTE **\$25**

PHONE POUCH **\$35**

BICYCLING AUSTRALIA
MAGAZINE **\$5**

ROAD CLOSURES

There will be limited road closures in the Bowral CBD area on Sunday, 19 October.

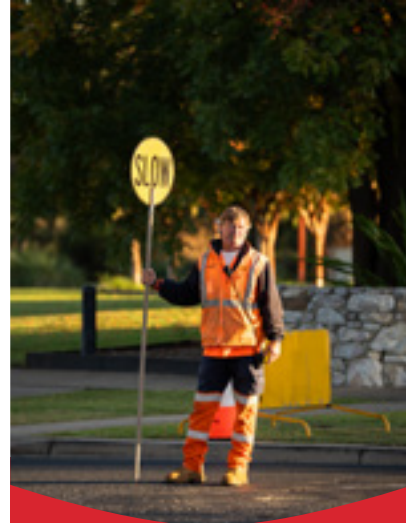
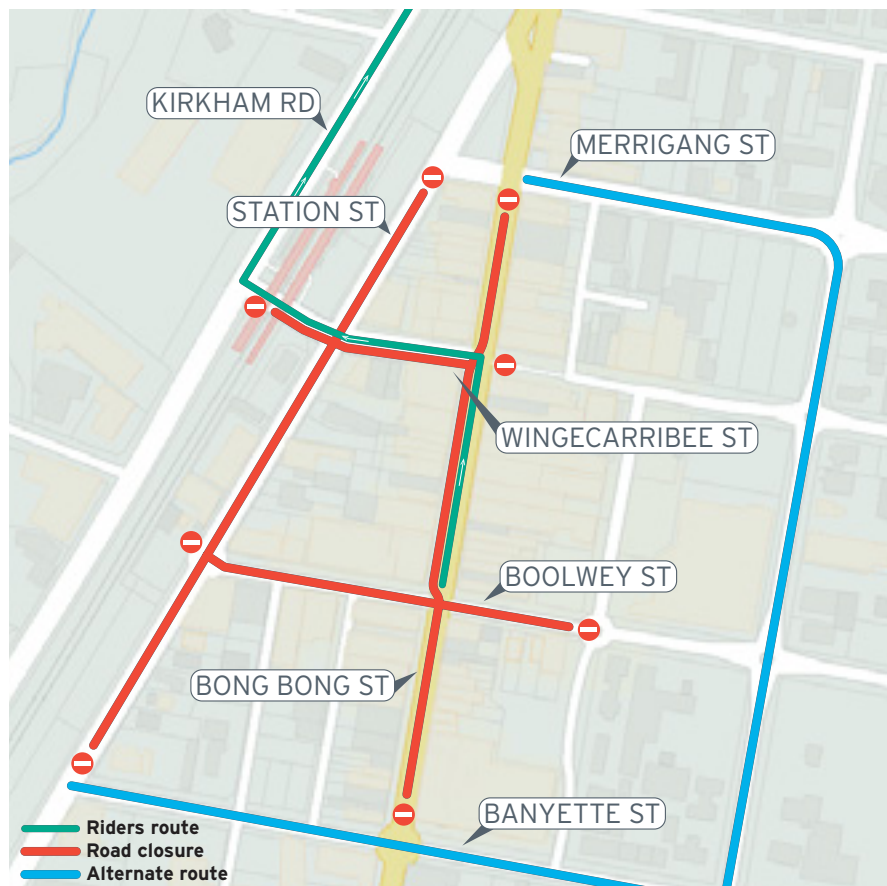
Please allow extra time to get to the Start Line.

BOWRAL CBD ROAD CLOSURES

The following roads will be closed on Sunday, 19 October between 4:00am to 9:00am.

- Bong Bong St between Banyette St and Merrigang St in both directions
- Station St between Banyette St and Merrigang St in both directions
- Wingecarribee St between Bong Bong St and Kirkham Rd in both directions
- Wingecarribee St between Kirkham Rd and Station St from 4:00am to 10:00am

Detours in place, please follow Traffic Management directions.

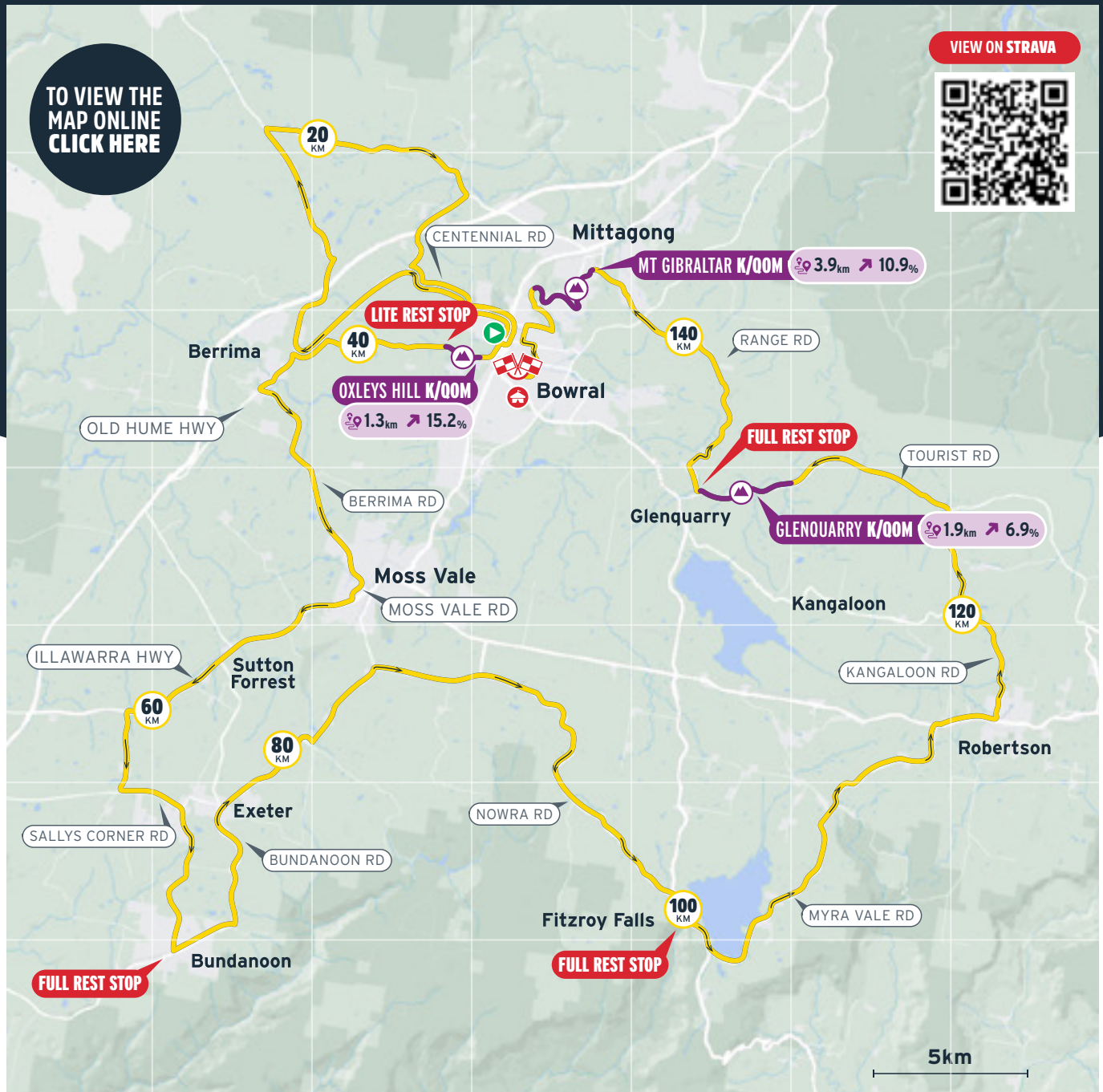


There are additional road closures throughout the Southern Highlands on Sunday, 19 October.

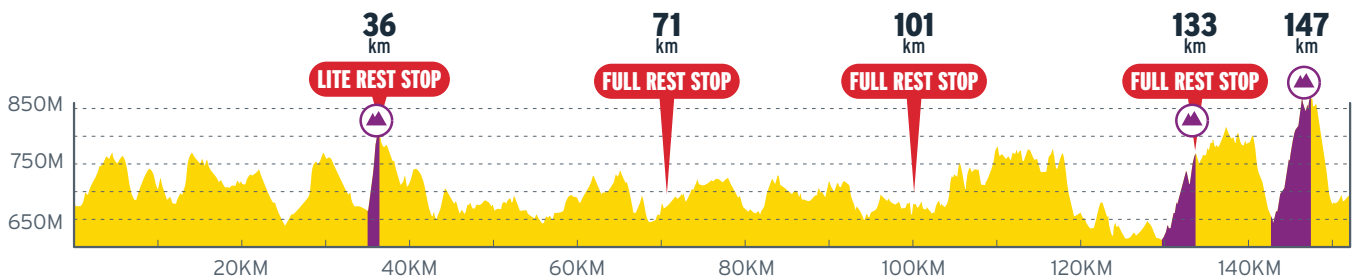
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150KM MAXI CLASSIC COURSE MAP

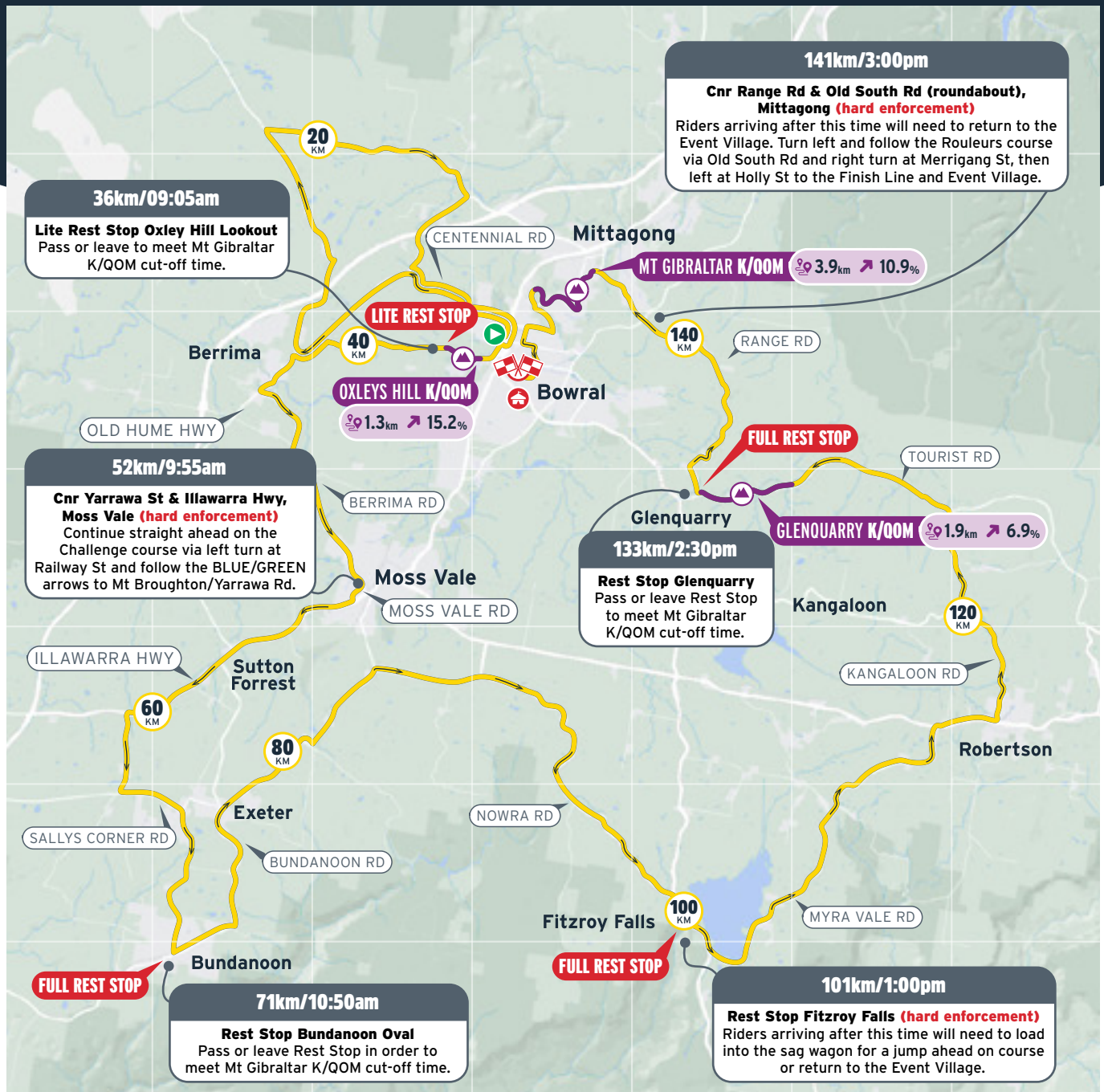


ELEVATION GAIN: 2,393M MAX GRADIENT: 15.2%



150KM MAXI CLASSIC CUT-OFF TIMES

Maxi cut-off times are based on a 19km/h average speed with an allowance to stop for no longer than 30min across all rest stops.



150KM MAXI CLASSIC COURSE WARNINGS

The kilometres listed below are approximate and may vary slightly due to GPS devices. ALL RIDERS are to abide by all road rules AT ALL TIMES.

0KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Road Conditions may be poor with recent rain. Please look out for any potholes that have opened and/or bumps that have risen in the road.

CAUTION road condition poor that may lead to an incident

RISK RATING: 5/5

9KM

Fast right-hand turn/course split – riders coming down the hill on Old Hume Hwy and turning RIGHT onto Greenhills Rd.

CAUTION right turn

RISK RATING: 3/5

29KM-33KM

Centennial and Kirkham Rd – cyclists will be riding on both sides of the road.

CAUTION keep left

RISK RATING: 2/5

34KM

Intersection of Kirkham and Wingecarribee Rd.

CAUTION busy intersection rider crossover

RISK RATING: 3/5

35KM-36.4KM

K/QOM #1 Oxleys Hill Rd.

CAUTION steep section – keep left

RISK RATING: 2/5

40KM

Left-hand turn – riders turning left onto Old Hume Hwy and heading towards Berrima. There could be other riders coming down Old Hume Hwy.

CAUTION busy intersection

RISK RATING: 2/5

CAUTION other riders on course who will be faster or slower

RISK RATING: 3/5

42KM-43KM

Riding through Berrima – SLOW DOWN due to pedestrians and traffic.

CAUTION pedestrians & traffic

RISK RATING: 4/5

46KM

Railway crossing/train tracks – riders will cross over a set of train tracks without boom gates, look for trains.

CAUTION train tracks

RISK RATING: 2/5

47KM

Change of course (from previous years) – continue straight ahead on Berrima Rd, passing Douglas Rd. Follow signage & volunteers' direction.

CAUTION change of course

RISK RATING: 2/5

51KM

Course Split at Yarrawa St and Illawarra Hwy – Maxi riders turn right.

CAUTION course split, turn right

RISK RATING: 4/5

51KM

Prepare to stop – riders may be asked to 'stop and hold' under the approved traffic management plan. ALL RIDERS are to follow Event Traffic Controllers' directions.

CAUTION busy intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5

51KM-60KM

Riding on Illawarra Hwy (Traffic) – keep left at all times, ride no more than two abreast. There is an uneven section of the road where the new road is laid. This section will be heavily monitored and enforced by Event Motos and NSW Police.

CAUTION busy and dangerous road – keep left

RISK RATING: 5/5

66.7KM

On Ellsmore Rd riders will cross Reedy Creek – road narrows to one lane road.

CAUTION narrow road

RISK RATING: 2/5

71KM

Rest Stop #1 Bundanoon – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

84KM

Intersection of Yarrawa and Mount Broughton Rd.

CAUTION busy intersection, dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 4/5

84KM TO FINISH

Courses join and riders will be overtaking other riders at different points on course.

CAUTION other riders on course who will be faster or slower

RISK RATING: 3/5

84KM-101KM

Riding along Nowra Rd – traffic and other cyclists.

CAUTION busy road – keep left

RISK RATING: 3/5

100KM

Rest Stop #2 Fitzroy Falls – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

113KM

Turning right onto Illawarra Hwy – ALL RIDERS are to abide by Event Traffic Controllers' instructions when turning from Pearsons Ln onto Illawarra Hwy.

CAUTION busy road – keep left

RISK RATING: 2/5

118KM

On Illawarra Hwy steep dangerous descent – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd with some blind corners.

CAUTION fast descent – slow down

RISK RATING: 5/5

120KM

Fast right-hand turn – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd and then turning 90 degrees right on Kirkland Rd.

CAUTION fast right turn – slow down

RISK RATING: 4/5

123.6KM

Fast left-hand turn – keep LEFT and slow down through corner.

CAUTION fast left turn – slow down

RISK RATING: 4/5

132KM

Rest Stop #3 Glenquarry Memorial Hall – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

141KM

Intersection of Range Rd and Old South Rd. Course split with riders turning left onto Old South Rd and the K/QOM climb to continue straight on Range Rd.

CAUTION roundabout – high speed

CAUTION dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5

143.4 –147KM

K/QOM Section on Gibraltar climb. Keep as far left as possible and ride single file, unless overtaking.

CAUTION busy road – keep left

RISK RATING: 4/5

147KM-149.6KM

Fast descent off Gibraltar climb with a sharp right-hand turn @ approx. 148km point. SLOW DOWN.

CAUTION right hand turn

CAUTION dangerous descent

RISK RATING: 5/5

149.6KM

Intersection of Rose St and Oxley Dr. SLOW DOWN and KEEP LEFT through corner.

CAUTION left hand turn

CAUTION fast dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 4/5

149.6KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Bowral to Finish and Event Village – take caution riding through the back streets of Bowral. There will be an increased traffic level on the roads. Remember the roads are still open to traffic.

CAUTION suburban area. Ride safe to the finish and Event Village

RISK RATING: 3/5



HIGHLANDERS

In 2025 we are offering an 'elite group' for the Bowral Classic. This is a self-nominated group, called the Highlanders, and will consist of a maximum of 75 riders.

Riders must be over the age of 18 and have an AusCycling Race Licence to participate in the Highlanders group. These details are to be provided upon registration and on the event day at the Start Line.

Even though this event is not a race, this first group will be riding in an envelope with official event vehicles front and back for safety. Participants will be riding on open roads with traffic. Riders must obey all traffic rules and regulations, especially Police instructions.

Police and Event Staff will have a separate briefing before the Highlanders depart from the Start Line.

CHECK-IN

All Highlander riders must sign in prior to starting of the event. Rider's names will be on a list and they must check-in with Bowral Classic staff near the starting arch on Bong Bong St, Bowral.

START TIME

Highlander riders will depart sharply at 6:30am from the Start Line – it is recommended that riders arrive by 6:00am to check-in and place their bag in the support vehicle.

Participants will be individually checked off at the start line. If Highlanders miss the 6:30am sharp start time, they will not be included in the group.

Timing will start soon after riders leave Bowral, once the first rider from the bunch goes through the timing section, the timing for all 75 riders will then begin.

REST STOP & BAG DROP

Riders in this group will have ONE designated 'quick' stop when in Fitzroy Falls at ~101km.

Riders can drop off a backpack or musette with gear which they want to access at this 'quick' stop. The drop point for this is at the Start Line on Sunday morning. This needs to be dropped off before riders depart – the vehicle will be ready from 6:00am to 6:25am. It is suggested that riders mark the bag clearly so that riders can see and access it quickly.

If a rider has fallen off the back of the Highlanders group, those riders **WILL NOT** be able to access their bag at the Fitzroy Falls rest stop. All bags will be taken from Fitzroy Falls to the Info Point at the Event Village at Loseby Park, Bowral. Riders should collect these when they arrive to Loseby Park.

If a rider has fallen off the back of the Highlanders group, they are allowed to stop at any of the designated Rest Stops on course.

ON COURSE RULES & SUPPORT

The Highlanders will be lead by two police motorbikes, with one mechanic (rear).

Event vehicles from the organisation WILL limit the speed of the riders at some points during the ride. In this case, the riders are forbidden to overtake the organisation vehicles. Any rider who violates this rule, will be disqualified from the event, resulting in a DNF.

A mechanical vehicle will be there to assist as best as possible the riders in that group. Note that the mechanic vehicle will

not be carrying any spare bikes. Your own spare wheels can be dropped to the mechanic at the start line. They must be clearly labeled with your name & rider number. The mechanic vehicle is there in a support capacity for minor repairs.

If riders use mechanical assistance, they will have an opportunity to re-join the group if they pace themselves back to the group.

If the medical team diagnose that any rider is unable to continue, the rider will be forbidden to continue in the event.

The course vehicles will be supporting the lead riders and main group. At no time is any rider permitted to draft any of the support vehicles.

All riders must inform the organisation in writing of any medical information that may be necessary and important in a medical emergency during the event.

Once riders fall behind the main group by 1 minute the trail vehicles will overtake them and they will be out of the envelope.

Outside assistance/support from persons on the course is forbidden. No support vehicles are allowed on course. It is forbidden for support vehicles to circulate near the cyclists during the event. Riders will be disqualified if there is any outside support for on course vehicles.

Individual riders within the envelope may exchange food, drink and/or spares during the ride. Riders should be fully prepared and carry their own food, drink and mechanical needs i.e. tubes/canisters etc.

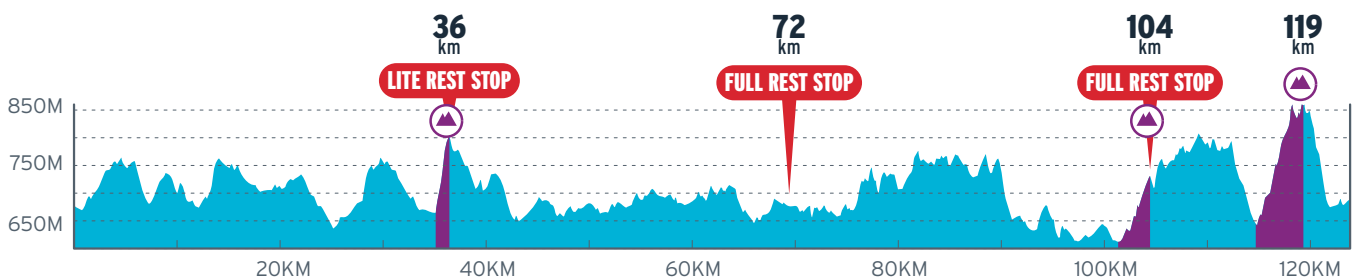
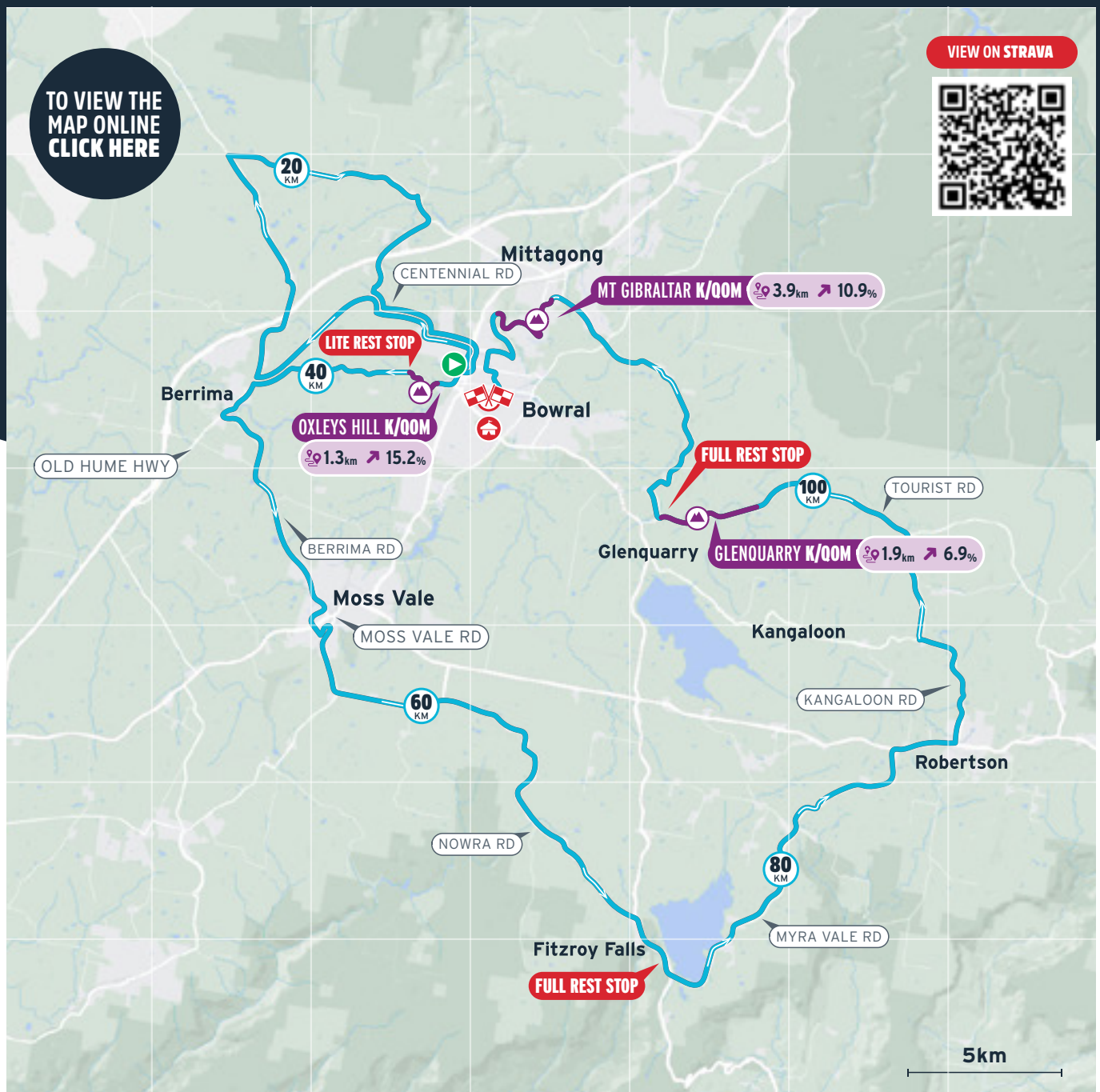
Riders cannot push each other in any fashion i.e. 'hand from God'.

Riders must follow all other 'rules' from the Rider Guide.

At some point during the event, riders will overtake other riders from other courses who are doing shorter courses. Riders **MUST** do this in a safe and orderly fashion.

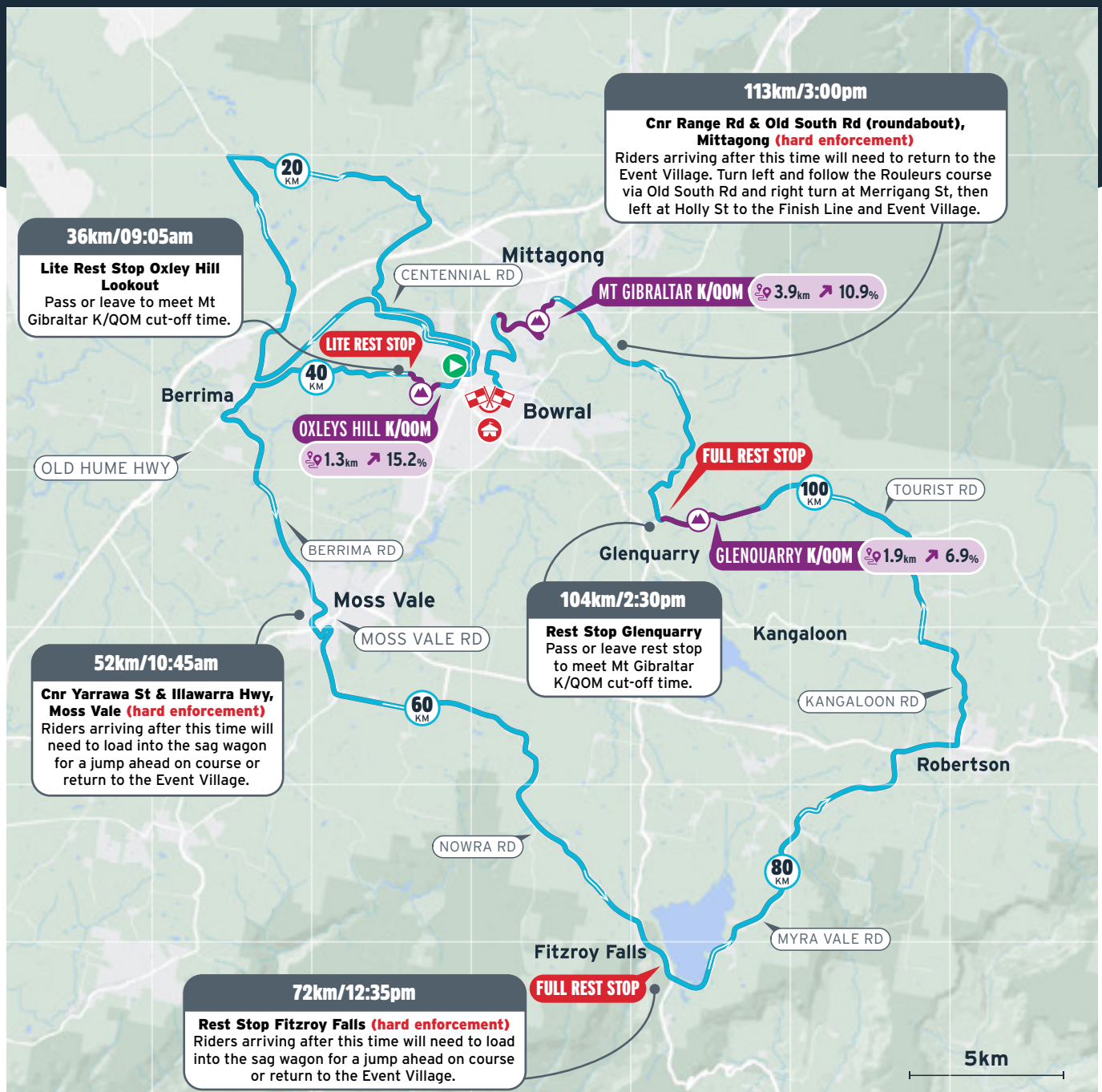
Any rider who does not respect the rules listed above and from the event will be disqualified from the event, resulting in a DNF. By registering riders acknowledge that you have read and accepted the rules of the event and declare to know and assume the risks of participating in a cycling event.

120KM CHALLENGE CLASSIC COURSE MAP



120KM CHALLENGE CLASSIC CUT-OFF TIMES

Challenge cut-off times are based on a 17km/h average speed with an allowance to stop for no longer than 45min across all rest stops.



120KM CHALLENGE CLASSIC COURSE WARNINGS

The kilometres listed below are approximate and may vary slightly due to GPS devices. ALL RIDERS are to abide by all road rules AT ALL TIMES.

0KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Road conditions may be poor with recent rain. Please look out for any potholes that have opened and/or bumps that have risen in the road.

CAUTION road condition poor that may lead to an incident

RISK RATING: 5/5

9KM

Fast right-hand turn/COURSE SPLIT – riders coming down the hill on Old Hume Hwy and turning RIGHT onto Greenhills Rd.

CAUTION right turn

RISK RATING: 3/5

29-33KM

Centennial and Kirkham Rd – cyclists will be riding on both sides of the road.

CAUTION keep left

RISK RATING: 2/5

34KM

Intersection of Kirkham and Wingecarribee Rd.

CAUTION busy intersection rider crossover

RISK RATING: 3/5

35-36.4KM

K/QOM #1 Oxleys Hill Rd.

CAUTION steep section – keep left

RISK RATING: 2/5

40KM

Left-hand turn – riders turning left onto Old Hume Hwy and heading towards Berrima. There could be other riders coming down Old Hume Hwy.

CAUTION busy intersection

RISK RATING: 2/5

CAUTION other riders on course who will be faster or slower

RISK RATING: 3/5

42-43KM

Riding through Berrima – SLOW DOWN due to pedestrians and traffic.

CAUTION pedestrians & traffic

RISK RATING: 4/5

46KM

Railway crossing/train tracks – riders will cross over a set of train tracks without boom gates, look for trains.

CAUTION train tracks

RISK RATING: 2/5

47KM

Change of course (from previous years) – continue straight ahead on Berrima Rd, passing Douglas Rd. Follow signage & volunteers' direction.

CAUTION change of course

RISK RATING: 2/5

51KM

Course split at Yarrawa St and Illawarra Hwy – Maxi riders turn right.

CAUTION course split, continue straight

RISK RATING: 4/5

51KM

Prepare to stop – riders may be asked to 'stop and hold' under the approved traffic management plan. ALL RIDERS are to follow Event Traffic Controllers' directions.

CAUTION busy intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5

56KM

Intersection of Yarrawa and Mount Broughton Rd.

CAUTION busy intersection

CAUTION dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 4/5

56-73KM

Riding along Nowra Rd – traffic and other cyclists.

CAUTION busy road – keep left

RISK RATING: 3/5

72.4KM

Rest Stop #2 Fitzroy Falls – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

85.6KM

Turning right onto Illawarra Hwy – ALL RIDERS are to abide by Event Traffic Controllers' instructions when turning from Pearsons Ln onto Illawarra Hwy.

CAUTION busy road – keep left on illawarra hwy

RISK RATING: 2/5

89.5KM

STEEP DANGEROUS DESCENT – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd with some blind corners.

CAUTION fast descent – slow down

RISK RATING: 5/5

91.8KM

Fast right-hand turn – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd and then turning 90 degrees right on Kirkland Rd.

CAUTION fast right turn – slow down

RISK RATING: 3/5

95.4KM

Fast left-hand turn – keep LEFT and slow down through corner.

CAUTION fast left turn – slow down

RISK RATING: 4/5

104.3KM

Rest Stop #2 Glenquarry Memorial Hall – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

112.8KM

Intersection of Range Rd and Old South Rd. Course split with riders turning left onto Old South Rd and the K/QOM climb to continue straight on Range Rd.

CAUTION roundabout – high speed

CAUTION dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5

115.4 – 119.2KM

K/QOM section on Gibraltar climb. Keep as far left as possible and ride single file, unless overtaking.

CAUTION busy road – keep left

RISK RATING: 4/5

119.2KM – 121.5KM

Fast descent off Gibraltar climb with a sharp right-hand turn @ approx. 148km point. SLOW DOWN.

CAUTION right hand turn

CAUTION dangerous descent

RISK RATING: 5/5

121.5KM

Intersection of Rose St and Oxley Dr SLOW DOWN and KEEP LEFT through corner.

CAUTION left hand turn caution fast dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 4/5

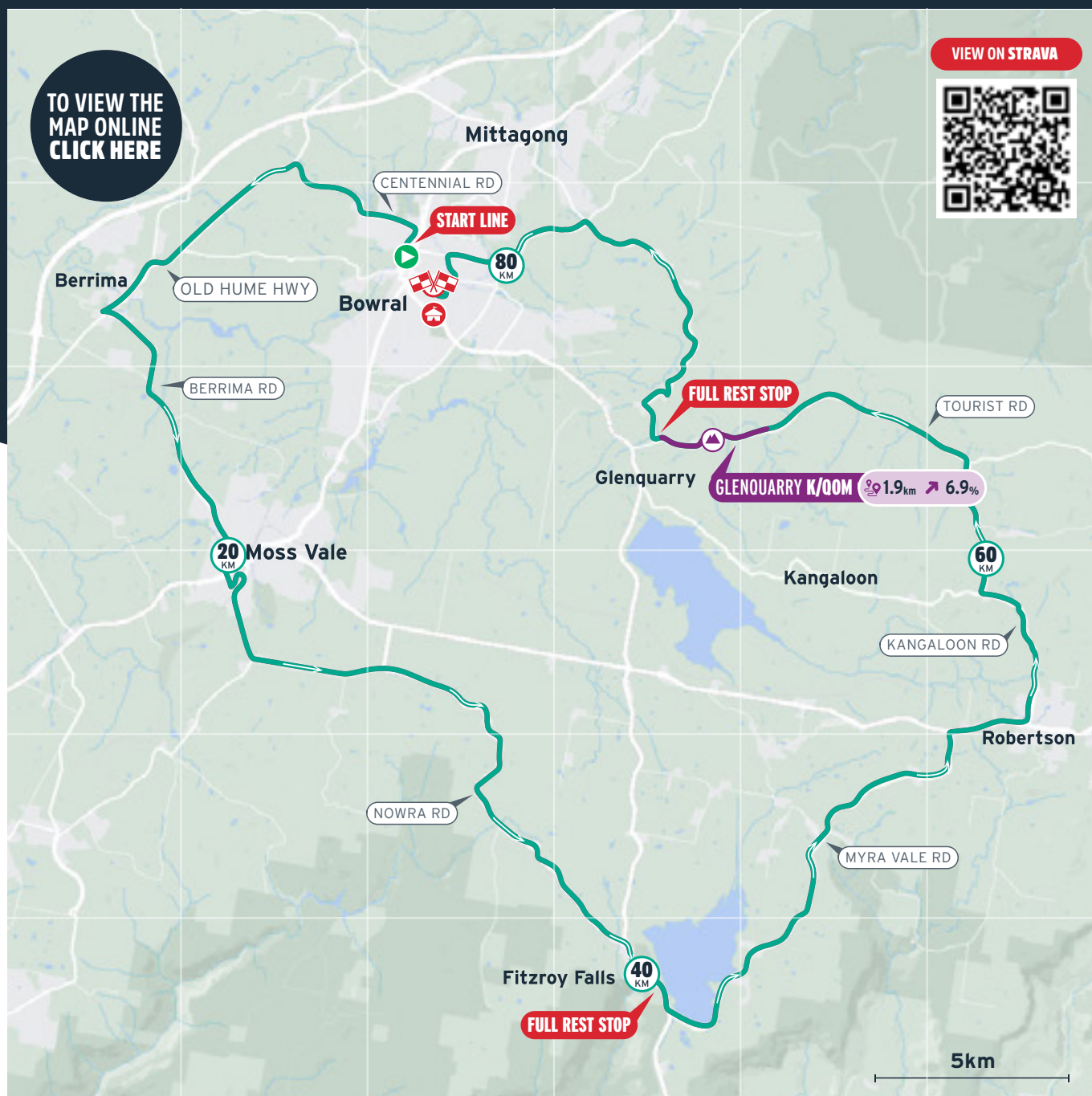
121.5KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Bowral to Finish and Event Village – take caution riding through the back streets of Bowral. There will be an increased traffic level on the roads. Remember the roads are still open to traffic.

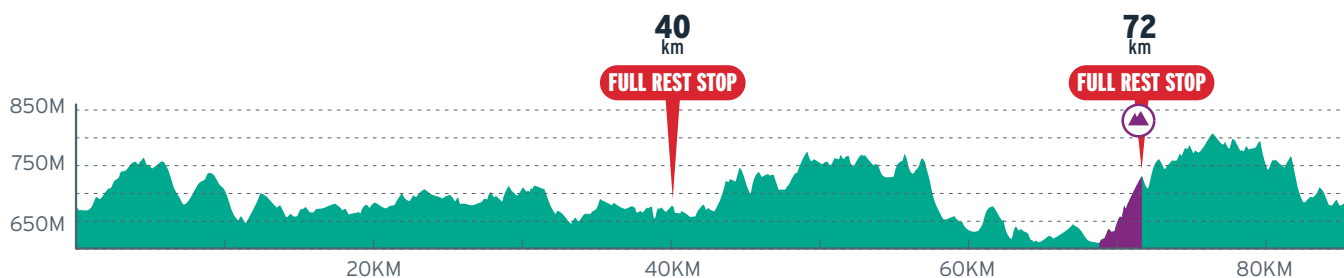
CAUTION suburban area. Ride safe to the finish and Event Village

RISK RATING: 3/5

85KM ROULEURS CLASSIC COURSE MAP

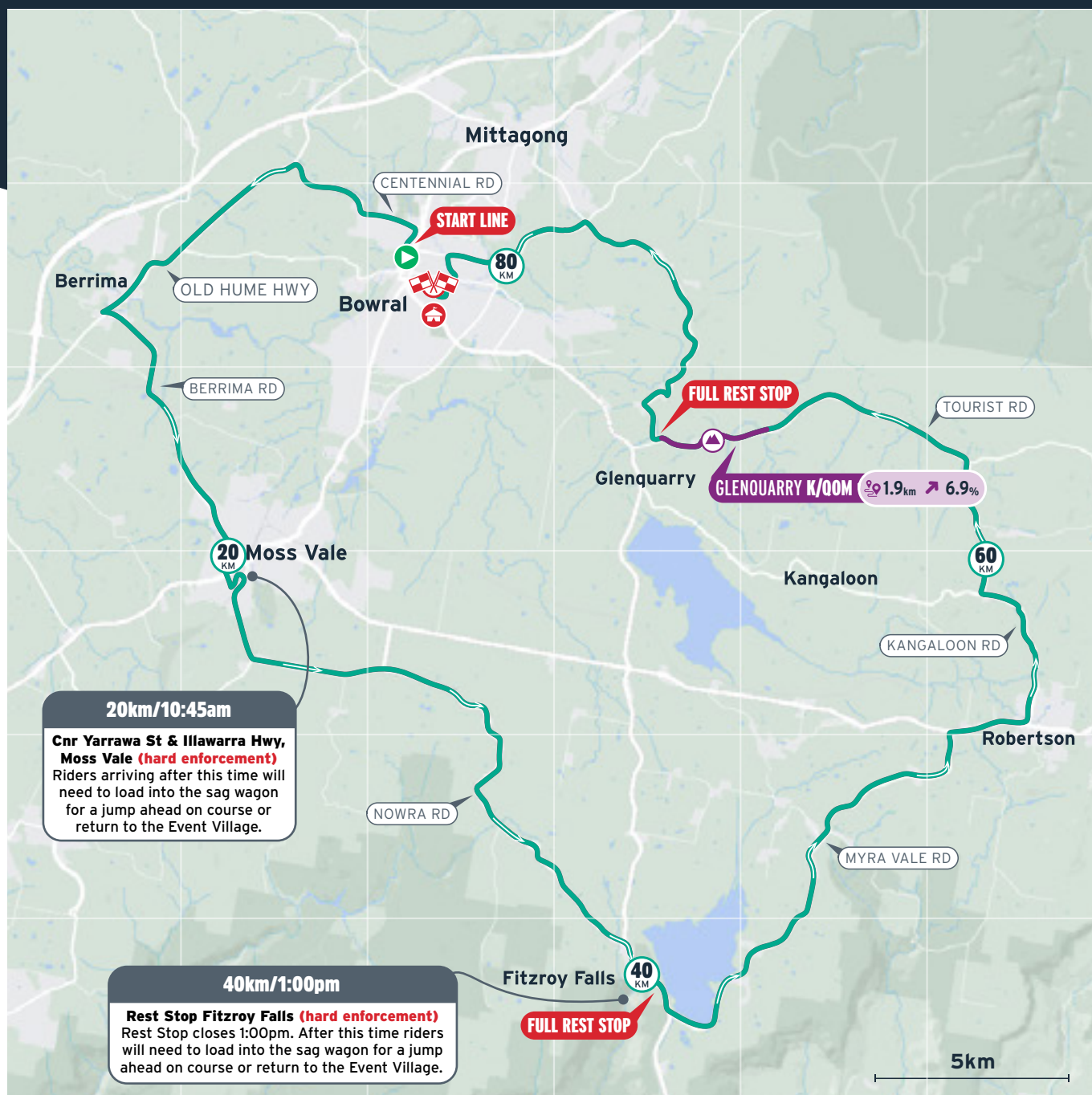


ELEVATION GAIN: 1,324M MAX GRADIENT: 11%



85KM ROULEURS CLASSIC CUT-OFF TIMES

Rouleurs riders need to maintain
above 15km/h average speed.



85KM ROULEURS CLASSIC COURSE WARNINGS

The kilometres listed below are approximate and may vary slightly due to GPS devices. ALL RIDERS are to abide by all road rules AT ALL TIMES.

0KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Road conditions may be poor with recent rain. Please look out for any potholes that have opened and/or bumps that have risen in the road.

CAUTION road condition poor that may lead to an incident

RISK RATING: 5/5

9-12KM

Riding through Berrima – SLOW DOWN due to pedestrians and traffic.

CAUTION pedestrians & traffic

RISK RATING: 4/5

14KM

Railway crossing/train tracks – riders will cross over a set of train tracks without boom gates, look for trains.

CAUTION train tracks

RISK RATING: 2/5

15KM

Change of course (from previous years) – continue straight ahead on Berrima Rd, passing Douglas Rd. Follow signage & volunteers' direction.

CAUTION change of course

RISK RATING: 2/5

20KM

Course split at Yarrawa St and Illawarra Hwy.

CAUTION course split, continue straight

RISK RATING: 2/5

20KM

Prepare to stop – riders may be asked to 'stop and hold' under the approved traffic management plan. ALL RIDERS are to follow Event Traffic Controllers' directions.

CAUTION busy intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5



23KM

Intersection of Yarrawa and Mount Broughton Rd.

CAUTION courses merge busy intersection look out for cyclists and cars

CAUTION dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 4/5

40KM

Rest Stop #1 Fitzroy Falls – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

53KM

Turning right onto Illawarra Hwy – ALL RIDERS are to abide by Event Traffic Controllers' instructions when turning from Pearsons Ln onto Illawarra Hwy.

CAUTION busy road – keep left on illawarra hwy

RISK RATING: 2/5

56KM

STEEP DANGEROUS DESCENT – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd with some blind corners.

CAUTION fast descent – slow down

RISK RATING: 5/5

58KM

Fast right-hand turn – riders descending with speed on Kangaloon Rd and then turning 90 degrees right on Kirkland Rd.

CAUTION fast right turn – slow down

RISK RATING: 4/5

72KM

Rest Stop #2 Glenquarry Memorial Hall – cyclists merging in and out of the Rest Stop.

CAUTION busy & traffic

RISK RATING: 3/5

80.1KM

Intersection of Range Rd and Old South Rd LEFT HAND TURN. Course Split with Rouleurs turning left onto Old South Rd and the other riders doing the K/QOM climb to continue straight on Range Rd.

CAUTION roundabout – high speed

CAUTION dangerous intersection

RISK RATING: 3/5

80.1KM TO 82.6KM

Old South Rd has rumble strip lines installed, avoid riding on lines and take care on descent.

CAUTION rumble strip lines – avoid lines

82.6KM TO FINISH AND EVENT VILLAGE

Bowral to Finish and Event Village – take caution riding through the back streets of Bowral. There will be an increased traffic level on the roads. Remember the roads are still open to traffic.

CAUTION suburban area. Ride safe to the finish and Event Village

RISK RATING: 3/5





REST STOPS

There will be four rest stops available on-course for Maxi Classic riders, three for Challenge Classic riders and two for Rouleurs Classic riders. In addition to toilets and water, each rest stop will provide:

	HYDRATION STATION: Oxley Hill Lookout	REST STOP: Bundanoon	REST STOP: Fitzroy Falls	REST STOP: Glenquarry
150km Maxi Classic	~36km	~71km	~101km	~133km
120km Challenge Classic	~36km	-	~72km	~104km
85km Rouleurs Classic	-	-	~40km	~72km
GU Electrolyte*	✓	✓	✓	✓
GU Gels*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Winners Energy Bars	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fruit Cake	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bananas	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lolly Snakes	✓	✓	✓	✓
Potato Chips	✓	✓	✓	✓
Vegemite & Jam Sandwiches		✓	✓	
Coca-Cola				✓
Mechanics		✓	✓	
Bag Drop		✓	✓	
Lions Sausage Sizzle (cash only)			✓	

The following **Gluten-Free options will be available:** GF Sandwiches, all lolly snakes are GF, Smith's Potato Chips and bananas. While we'll do our very best to avoid cross-contamination, we recommend that riders with severe allergies or specific dietary needs bring their own food, just to be safe.

*The number of GU Gels and Electrolytes out on course are limited and not guaranteed. If you require gels as part of your nutrition plan, we strongly recommend you carry your own supply.



BIKE RULES

TT (time trial) bars and Aero bars are not permitted in this event.

E-bikes must be standard, industry compliant pedal assist E-bikes. An E-bike is a bicycle operated with two energy sources, human pedal power and an electric engine, which only provides assistance when the rider is pedalling. E-bikes must adhere to these standards:

- Engine of maximum 250 watts
- Engine assistance up to 25km/h
- Pedalling assistance only, although a start-up assistance not exceeding 6km/h without pedalling is allowed.
- Bikes must be commercially available and of mid (crank) motor format only.

Any E-bikes that are deemed by event organisers or police to not adhere to these standards will result in immediate rider expulsion from event and/or reported to police who may issue an infringement notice for the operation of an illegal E-bike.

For further information please see the NSW Government [E-bike site](#).

ROAD SIGNAGE

COURSE DIRECTIONS

The Bowral Classic courses will be directed by fluoro yellow directional arrows placed on course at all turning points. Look out for these arrows.



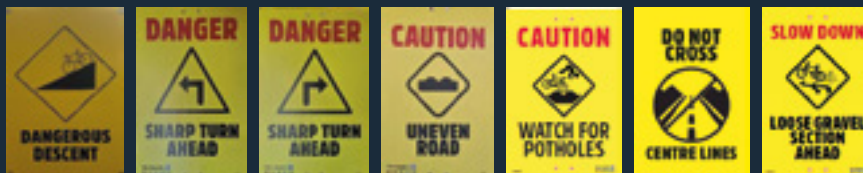
COURSE SPLIT

At Course Split locations look for your event colour. There will be pre-warning signs prior to the intersection advising a course split is ahead, with your event colour arrows at the intersection – yellow, blue or green.



COURSE WARNINGS

Our course warning signs are placed for rider awareness of an upcoming danger or hazard. Look for these signs, take note and extra care on course at these locations.



WRONG WAY

While you can get immersed in the ride, the scenery and chatter with friends if you see our “WRONG WAY” signs on course, stop immediately, turn around and go back – you have missed a turn!!

ON-COURSE SUPPORT

MECHANICS

If riders have a mechanical issue which they cannot fix themselves, they should call the Event Hotline on 0447 463 614 to report their location and await the service of a mobile mechanic to arrive. Remain safely on the side of the road in a location where the mechanics can safely assist you.

Mechanics will also be stationed at Bundanoon (150km & 120km riders) and Fitzroy Falls (all riders) Rest Stops.

BAG DROP

A Bag Drop service will be available at these locations:

- Start Line (Bong Bong St, Bowral – refer to the Start Line map)
- Registration Tent (Loseby Park, Bowral)
- Bundanoon Rest Stop (150km Maxi and 120km Challenge riders only)
- Fitzroy Falls Rest Stop (all riders)

All locations are a one-way service to the Event Village. Use this service if you have any extra clothes at the start due to keeping warm. Pack some flat shoes to walk around the Event Village, a towel, change of clothes, nutrition etc. Either supply your own bag, clearly labelled with your name and rider number, or use one of the bags available at the Bag Drop points.

Your wristband with unique rider number will need to be shown at the Bag Drop Collection tent upon collection. **Please note that the Event Management takes no responsibility for any valuables being transported.**

FIRST AID

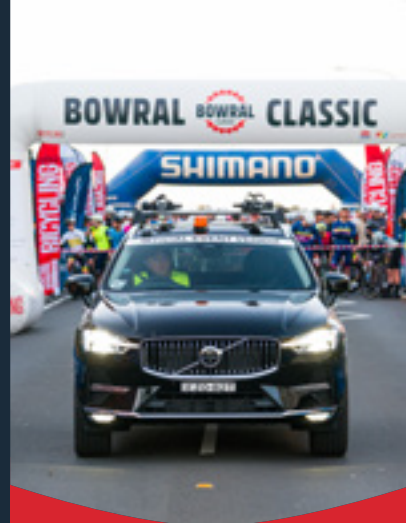
There will be designated First Aid vehicles roaming on-course. **If there is a major medical emergency CALL 000.** In the case of medical assistance please call the Event Emergency Number: 0447 182 425

SAG WAGON

There will be two sag wagons following the tail end of the events. Should you require a pickup call the Event Hotline. Remain safely on the side of the road in a location where the bus can safely pick you up.

DROPOUTS

Riders who drop out during the event must communicate to the organisers, in person or by phone: **EVENT HOTLINE: 0447 463 614.** Please store this number in your phone prior to the event day. In case of a rider's disappearance, rescue services will be advised. Any person who did not announce his or her withdrawal may pay the costs for the search and rescue.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Please make sure the following numbers are saved in your mobile phone.

EVENT EMERGENCY NUMBER:
0447 182 425

Police & medical emergencies only

EVENT HOTLINE:
0447 463 614

General enquiries & mechanical assistance



Download the EMERGENCY+ app to assist with sharing your location in the event of an incident.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WEATHER

The mornings may be as low as 12°C for the minimum, but the days will warm to mid 24°C and typically sunny and dry. However, there is always a chance of showers, so riders should be prepared.

Please ensure we have your correct contact phone number as any weather updates will be sent to all riders by text.

NUTRITION AND HYDRATION

This is a Sunday ride, but not like your usual hit out. Two factors cannot be underestimated:

- Even at 30km/h riders will be out for 5-plus hours on the bike.
- Riders should consume 1g of carbohydrate per kilogram of body weight per hour.

Every rider should carry some nutrition to start the ride e.g. gels, bananas, muesli bars. Also riders are encouraged to carry two 750 ml water biddons. Plan to drink all your fluids by the time you get to the next station. Do not wait to feel thirsty before you drink, by then it will be too late.

DROP RUBBISH ZONE

This is an environmentally friendly event. Please retain all rubbish (such as tubes, canisters, gel and food wrappers, etc) and discard in bins at the Rest Stops. Anyone caught littering will be removed from the event.

PHOTO RIGHTS

Upon registering for the event, the rider acknowledges the event organisers can freely use their images and footage for publicity and promotion of the event in all media (television, radio, press, internet, posters, cards, flyers, pictures and videos), without the right to receive any financial compensation from the event organisers.



E-BIKES & SPECIAL EXEMPTIONS

E-bikes must be unmodified and comply with Australian safety standards.

Time Trial (TT) bars and Aero Bars are not permitted in the Bowral Classic. Riders need to confirm with the event organisers to use special bikes such as Tandem/Hand Bikes, etc. Please also communicate with event organisers if you require assistance due to a disability. Please email info@cyclingclassics.com.au.

RULES & REGULATIONS FROM NSW POLICE

Any person participating in the event, must obey directions given by a member of the NSW Police Force or Ride Referee.

NSW Police have the authority to inspect, oversight, delay, halt or cancel the event at any stage in the interests of road safety or the safety of the community.

NSW Police mandate that participants are not permitted on a road during periods of poor visibility due to inclement weather or fog, or where there is insufficient daylight to render a person dressed in dark clothing to be discernible at a distance of 100 metres.

- **Ride on the left-hand side of the road, no more than 2 abreast.**

- Wear an Australian approved helmet at all times – no helmet = no ride.
- Riders suffering a puncture or mechanical failure should use the left-hand side of the road. There are mechanics roaming on-course
- Respect the signs which have been put in place by the event organisers.
- Respect all road rules.
- Respect all road users, bikes, pedestrians and vehicles.
- Each rider is required to respect the environment and the natural areas visited. There is a zero tolerance on littering including paper, plastic packaging etc on the event course. Any rider caught throwing waste on the event course will be disqualified.

- All bikes are to have a bell.
- It is NOT permissible for any rider to use a personal music device this includes ear-phones and/or speakers.
- At the Ride Referee's discretion, riders may be withdrawn from the event if they are outside the designated cut-off times and their safety cannot be reasonably ensured.
- 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.





RIDER BEHAVIOUR

For this event to be run to a high standard, particularly for safety, there will be Event Staff involved in the event. These supervisors will act as necessary to apply penalties for any rider who does not comply within the event rules.

The Bowral Classic is **not a race**. Safety is our first priority.

There is a high possibility that at some point during the event, riders will overtake other riders from other courses who are doing shorter courses. Riders **MUST** do this in a safe and orderly fashion.

KEEP LEFT, RIDE NO MORE THAN 2 ABREAST ON ALL ROADS AT ALL TIME.

SAFETY BRIEFINGS

A comprehensive Safety Briefing video will be emailed out to all riders. Please ensure you have reviewed this prior to the event day. It is also available to view online: bowralclassic.com.au/faqs.

EVENT TIMING

All courses are timed. This event is not a race, it is an opportunity for riders to set a time which you can improve on in future years. If you believe your timing is incorrect, please visit the Tomato Timing tent at the Event Village or email results@tomatotiming.com.au.



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FREE RIDER PHOTO

All riders will receive a discount code from NorthSouth Live via SMS to redeem a free rider photo. Additional photos can be purchased from NorthSouth Live's website post-event.



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THE BOWRAL HOTEL

412 Bong Bong St, Bowral

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BRADMAN MUSEUM, BOWRAL

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Interactive exhibitions commemorating Sir Donal Bradman and other great players of Australian cricket.

RIDER OFFER: Show your Bowral Classic confirmation at the counter for 20% off your entry.

BIKE SHOP

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Unit 3/44-48 Bowral St, Bowral

The Fixed Wheel has your last-minute cycling needs covered! They offer a comprehensive range of bikes, broad range of bicycle parts and accessories, and they service all makes and models of bikes.

MORE INFO

For more information on what to do and where to stay, head to www.visitsouthernhighlands.com.au or give Destination Southern Highlands a call on 02 4871 2888.

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Event organisers would like to acknowledge and thank the support from local community groups including:

- Bowral-Mittagong Rotary Club
- Bowral Public School
- Bundanoon Men's Shed
- Bundanoon Public School
- Mittagong Girl Guides
- Moss Vale Evening CWA
- Moss Vale Lions
- Moss Vale Men's Shed
- Oxley College
- OzHarvest
- Robertson Men's & Women's Shed
- Tudor House

And many local individuals.

A further thank you to the following who have made the event possible:

- Destination NSW
- Wingecarribee Shire Council
- Destination Southern Highlands
- NSW Police
- Bowral Tennis Club
- Bradman Museum

FUNDRAISING

This event offers a refreshing approach to event fundraising. Our mission is to provide both individual riders and teams the opportunity to fundraise for whichever charity they wish to support.

We are giving the power back to riders. You choose a cause you are passionate about.

Since the inaugural Bowral Classic event in 2016, The Classics events have raised over \$600,000 for charities across Australia.

Visit bowralclassic.com.au/charity to start fundraising.



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