

Coromandel Classic 2016

COURSE LEGS, SUPPORT CREW NOTES & OTHER INFORMATION

DAY 1 - Saturday

Leg 1: 16km MTB: Thames Racecourse, Parawai Road to Kauaeranga Road end (Multisport & Duathlon)

This leg commences from Thames Racecourse at 7.00am. Cyclists are controlled from the racecourse with a lead vehicle and tail end vehicle. Cyclists continue up Kaureranga Road to the road end where they will dismount and begin the run.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- You must depart for the road end by 6:40am (20mins before race start) as the drive will take some time and you may not be driving much quicker than the fastest competitors.
- Allow 40 minutes drive time.
- Please park as far off the road as possible at the road end.
- Follow the marshal's instructions.
- Beware of the lead and tail vehicles.
- All vehicles must remain at the transition until the last cyclist has arrived (you will be advised of this)
- First competitors expected 7:45am. Last competitors 8:20am.

Leg 2: 27km Mountain Run: Kauaeranga Road End to Coroglen Sale Yards Bridge (Multisport & Duathlon)

The 27km mountain run begins climbing almost immediately, following old kauri logging and packhorse trails, past the Pinnacles and on to the summit (race record to summit 1hr). There is then a steady descent down to the east, with several more, shorter climbs and a 9km section of 4WD track and gravel road to finish the run at Coroglen.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- Exit Kauaeranga Valley and drive back towards Kopu. Follow the signs at Kopu towards Tairua and from Tairua carry on past the Cooks Beach turn off towards Whitianga.

This is near the cnr of Rangihau Rd Tairua Whitianga Rd but no further than the bridge just before Coroglen on the Tairua side

- The transition is at the saleyards, immediately before the single lane bridge at Coroglen. (Pub)



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- Please park as directed by the marshals. Be alert for runners coming down the road to Transition.
- This drive takes at least 60 minutes. • Remember – if you go over a single lane bridge and find the Coroglen Pub, you've gone too far. If you get to Whitianga you've gone way too far! • Fastest time for the Mountain Run is 2hrs 18m

Leg 3: 17km Kayak down river, out through the harbour mouth and around to Cooks Beach (Multisport)

Into the kayak, there is one small rapid to negotiate before paddling 17km to Cooks Beach, via the Whitianga harbour mouth.

Safety boats are out on the course, placed along the Whitianga harbour and out to Cooks Beach. Marshals direct competitors through the finish of Leg 3.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- From Coroglen transition travel back in the direction you have come and follow the signs to Cooks Beach.
 - Marine Parade at the banks Road end
- Turn right at the Hall and follow your nose (200 meters left) to the beach.
- If the weather is rough and we shorten the kayak (to finish inside the harbour mouth), carry on straight ahead at the hall and drive approx 2 km to the road end.
- We will advise this at the end of the mountain run if applicable.
- Allow 20 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time for the kayak is 1hr 20min to Cooks Beach and 59mins for the shortened course option.

Leg 3: 50km Road Cycle Coroglen to Tairua (Duathlon)

The final Duathlon leg for the day is a 50km cycle leg from Coroglen to Tairua via Cooks Beach. Cyclists ride towards Cooks Beach from Coroglen. There are marshals on all corners leading to Cooks Beach. At Cooks Beach you will be required to punch your timing chip into the receiver before retracing your ride back from Cooks Beach and on towards Tairua. Once again, marshals will be at all corners leading to Tairua and the Finish Line.

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- Follow the main road back to Tairua.
- The finish line is at the Tairua Bowling Club, Hornsea Road coming from Cooks Beach turn left into **Cory Wright** and then left into Hornsea. Please park well clear of the finish line and **watch for cyclists**.
- Allow 30 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time for this leg is expected to be around 75 minutes

Leg 4: 28 km Road Cycle Cooks Beach to Tairua (Multisport)

The final leg for the day is a 28km cycle leg from Cooks Beach to Tairua. Competitors are spread out by this stage. Marshals are along the route to direct cyclists.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- Follow the main road back to Tairua.
- The finish line is at the Tairua Bowling Club, Hornsea Road. Coming from Cooks Beach turn left into Cory Wright Drive and then left into Hornsea. Please park well clear of the finish line and watch for cyclists.
- Allow 30 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time for this leg is 50 minutes. Important Notes:
- First finishers expected any time after midday.
- Massage will be available at the Tairua Bowling Club from 2 pm.
- The Tairua Bowling Club Bar will be open from 5 pm. • This is the venue for dinner as well. The meal will be from 6:30 pm.
- The briefing will be held during dinner at 7:30 pm.
- For those new to the race, it is tradition for us to decide what time we will start Day 2 at this briefing, so it is best not to miss it!

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DAY 2 - Sunday

Leg 1: 15 km Kayak from the Tairua Wharf to Hikuai (Multisport)

We start day 2 with a 15km kayak from Tairua Wharf to Hikuai. This is a deep water start, heading up the harbour and into the Tairua River for the final 10km of the journey.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- Starts at Tui Terrace (Wharf Road)
- Transition is at Hikuai Settlement Rd 50 meters from the cnr of SH25
- From Tairua drive south towards the Kopu/Hikuai hill. 10 km down the road you will cross a bridge at Hikuai. Turn left (it is the Pauanui turn off) **and park safely on the roadside.**
- PLEASE follow the marshal's direction if asked, this road is not wide. The road is **OPEN** to normal traffic including a few trucks which will pass by. So keep you eyes open and **DO NOT** put your kayak on the road.
- The transition is across a paddock at the back of a private residence, and the paddock is too wet for us to park in, so kayaks must be carried across the paddock to cars.
- Transition at your car or in the carpark.
- The landowners also own the petrol station nearby so please repay their kindness by fuelling up if you feel so inclined.
- Allow 15 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time for this leg is 50 minutes.

Duathlon

Leg 1: 40km Cycle Tairua to Whangamata School

Starting from the Tairua harbour, cyclists ride through to Hikuai and then **left** up over the hill to Whangamata, finishing at the southern end of Whangamata (on the main road) outside the school. Marshals are positioned to direct cyclists on the correct route, and additional signage is used as you approach Whangamata and the roundabout where you turn right down the main road.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- From Tairua drive south towards the Kopu/Hikuai hill. Turn left towards Whangamata.
- Drive all the way to Whangamata, turn right down the main street, and drive to the far end of town, where transition will be on the left hand side of the road, just after the school.
- Allow 30 minutes drive time.
- Expected time for this leg is 53 minutes!

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Leg 2: 30 km Cycle Hikuai to Whangamata School (Multisport)

Onto the 30km road bike and left up over the hill to Whangamata. Finishing at the southern end of Whangamata (on the main road) outside the school. Marshals are placed as per the TMP to direct cyclists on the correct route.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- From the transition turn left towards Kopu, then take the turn off (left) to Whangamata.
- Drive all the way to Whangamata, turn right down the main street, and drive to the far end of town, where transition will be on the left hand side of the road, just after the school.
- Ends at the cnr of SH25 and 202 Port Road
- Allow 30 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time for this leg is 43 minutes!!!!

Leg 3: 21 km Mountain run Whangamata School to Maratoto (Multisport & Duathlon)

Running alongside the main road for approx. 1km, then turning right into Wentworth Valley Rd, it is 4km along the gravel road to the bush tracks. Up the hill past the waterfall and onto the Maratoto Track. The descent is steady and fast for about 20 minutes to the carpark at the Maratoto ford. It is then a left turn, and 600 metres up to the transition on the main road. Total mountain run leg is 21km.

SUPPORT CREW NOTES:

- Retrace your route through Whangamata and back over the main hill towards Hikuai, then over the main Kopu/Hikuai Road to the Hauraki Plains. Turn left onto SH26 and drive through Puriri and Hikutaia. Turn left onto Maratoto Rd and travel about 5 km until a junction with access to the Wires Track. It finishes at the ford at the end of the road
- You may transition anywhere between this junction and the ford at the bottom of the road.
- The 400-metre stretch is gravel – some choose to ride it, and others prefer to run to the tar seal at the top.
- Allow 70 minutes drive time.
- Fastest time is 1 hr 35 mins so it is best not to waste time here.

Leg 4: 30 km Cycle Maratoto to Thames Racecourse (Multisport & Duathlon)

The final 30km cycle from Maratoto to Thames Racecourse is predominantly flat, but just like the Coast to Coast, beware of the head wind that sometimes greets you at the end of a hard weekend! Competitors come through the Finish gantry in the Racecourse next to where Registration took place.

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- Retrace your route towards Kopu then carry on straight ahead towards Thames turning right into Banks Street. Follow the road around to the Thames Racecourse.
- Fastest time for this leg 51 minutes. Allow 25 minutes drive time.
- First finisher is expected any time after 11 am.

Important Notes:

- When parking at the racecourse please park as directed. (Paddock as per Friday night)
- If parking on the road please do so as far to the left as possible.
- There is a BBQ available and the bar will be open at the finish.
- Prize giving is at 4.00 pm or earlier if everyone has finished. Contact Tom if

you require any further information: 021 1901 079

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