



JOHNS RIVER ENDURANCE RIDE EVENT PROGRAM

OCTOBER 24TH - 25TH 2026

RIDE BASE: Johns River Village Reserve, 54-56 Johns River Road Johns River.

From South on M1: Take Johns River turn approx 35km north of Taree. Turn right at roundabout, over highway, follow signs to Ride Base which is 1 minute off M1. From North on M1: half way between Port Macquarie and Taree, take Johns River turn-off and follow signs to Ride Base which is 1 minute off M1.

ENTRIES @ aeraonline.com.au ENTRIES CLOSE 19th October

RIDE BASE OPENS: Friday 23rd 2.00pm. **RIDE BASE CLOSSES:** Monday 26th 10.00am.

Please have your Horse Health Declarations (Temperature Logs) ready before you enter the ride base.

Day Riders will have their own camping zone and there is a main camping area inside the Village Reserve for floats as well as the paddock to the left for Trucks or big Rigs. See Map on Page 3.

Entries will be on AERAonline. Camping (\$10 flat fee) is included in the entry fee for all events. If you are staying more than one night please take out the optional camping fee of \$10 per night. Vetting for all events must be done on Saturday, aside from 20km social riders on Sunday who are not camping over.

OFFICE:

OPENS: Saturday 24th 8:30am

Note: **No entries allowed on the weekend**, all entries must be via AERAonline before the event.

Riders for Saturday 20km will be prioritised on Saturday morning.

OPENS: Sunday 25th 7:30am

EVENTS:

Event 1: 20km Saturday: 1pm

Event 2: 80km Sunday: 5am

Event 3: 40km Sunday: 6am

Event 4: 20km Sunday: 9am

VETTING:

[Chris Dowey](#) (Head Vet), [Bruno Ros](#) & [Taree Vet Hospital](#)x1, Chief Stewards: [Marylou](#) & [Bob Locke](#)

SATURDAY: OPENS: 10:00am (for Saturday 20km riders), midday for Sunday 20/40/80km riders, closes 5.00pm.

SUNDAY: OPENS: 7:30am

All horses except for riders coming on Sunday for the 20km single ride and not camping over must be vetted on Saturday.

COMPULSORY PRE-RIDE TALKS/START TIMES/MIN-MAX TIMES:

Start Time: SATURDAY: 20km: 1:00pm.

SATURDAY 20KM: 12:15 out the front of the office. Minimum Time: 2 hours/Max Time: 3 Hours

PRESENTATION FOR SATURDAY RIDE: 5:00pm outside office.

PRE-RIDE TALK FOR SUNDAY RIDES: 40KM/80KM: 6pm outside office.

PRE-RIDE TALK FOR SUNDAY 20KM: 8:45 at start

Hegarty Zone 6 Raffle Draw of \$1000 Cash after Pre-ride. You must be in attendance to win.

MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TIMES: 40KM Minimum Time: 3 hours/Max Time: 5 Hours

MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TIMES: 80KM Minimum Time (Novices): 6 hours/Max Time (All): 8.5 Hours

(Important Note: 80km riders must complete the first 40km leg in a maximum of 4 hours. Any riders that take longer than 4 hours will not be able to commence the 2nd leg). This track has no large climbs or descents and is achievable in this time, even for novice horses.

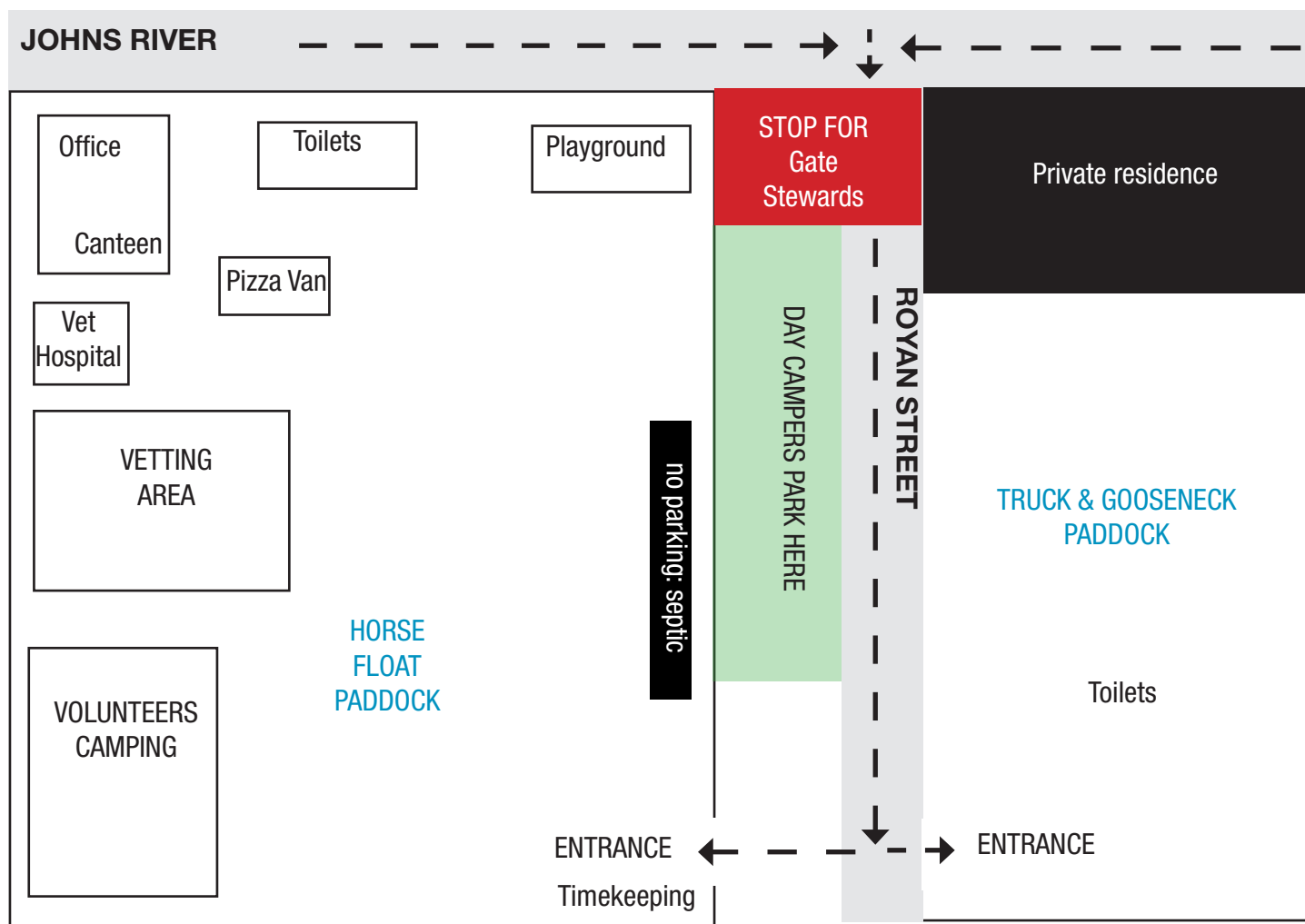
Start Times: SUNDAY: 80km: 5:00am. 40km: 6:00am. 20km: 9:00am

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Attendance at the pre-ride briefings is compulsory
- Bring enough horse water with you until Saturday (if you are arriving Friday).
- Catering: We have a local cafe across the road for lunch on Saturday and Sunday.
- The RFS have requested that we be very conscious of water use when strapping at the base.
- Please ensure your horse is used to having its temperature taken before you get to the ride.
- Animal Focus/Jo Arblaster is our official photographer.
- BIBS must be worn on the outside of any clothing so the numbers are visible at all times and they must be returned to the office when you collect your paperwork after completion.
- Practice sensible biosecurity - don't share feed buckets and don't let your horse touch nose to nose with other horses.
- Please collect your manure and bag it up. It will be collected by the local school.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads at all times.
- Fires are permitted - in firepits on the Village Reserve, and on the ground in the Big Rig Paddock. BYO Firewood.
- If you need to come to the ride base on Friday before 1pm can you please call Peter Kelly 0448 143 682 beforehand to organise access.
- The tracks are fairly flat and good novice horse tracks, coastal forest trails, some gravel roads. The 80km is the same 40km leg twice.
- If you wish to leave on Sunday before the presentation please bear in mind our ride does not have the Electronic Timing System that other events have so our office volunteers need to manually enter all the ride data. We will do our best to accommodate you but it will interrupt our finalising the event data on aeraspace and will make our presentation and all other riders departure run late so please give us some notice.
- We have hay (supplied by Dillon Rural) and snakes on track
- **All horse containment yards must comply with [AERA guidelines](#).**

FROM SOUTH

FROM NORTH



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

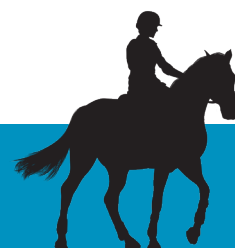
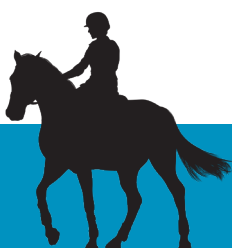
All volunteers are asked to sign the Registration form at the Office upon arrival. We will then show you where the volunteer kitchen is and where /who your co-ordinator is.

CATERING:

SATURDAY Daytime: Cafe across the road.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER: TBC

SUNDAY Breakfast/Lunch: Cafe across the road.



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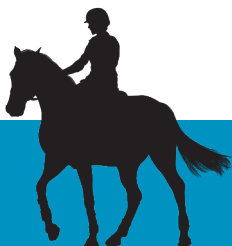
CONTACTS:

Ride Secretary: For Ride Booking information:

Linda Henley at lhenleydesign@bigpond.com or 0417 685 244

Course Director: For Track & Ride Base Info:

Peter Kelly 0448 143 682



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