



KIARRAK ENDURANCE RIDE EVENT PROGRAM

8th - 9th AUGUST 2026

 **Kiarrak Endurance Ride August 26**

The Kiarrak Endurance Ride Committee welcome all new and experienced endurance riders to join us for our 2026 ride. The committee is very happy to be able to bring the event to fruition after the recent flood event locally caused quite a few hiccups. We thank our lovely ride base hosts, the Forsayth family. Please respect their property so we get invited back.

We have a great weekend of riding planned, a Sausage Sizzle Friday night, great local catering, a monsta raffle with a ton of prizes to giveaway, including the Hegarty Windfall \$200 cash draw, and a fun social gathering around a communal fire so you can network and meet other local riders or just catch up with old friends.

Don't forget to sign up for Zone 6 membership for \$10 to get tickets in our end of year \$1000 Cash Draw. See Wayne or Linda to join up.

RIDE BASE: PROPERTY PIC# NE266473

133 Careys Road Hillville (near Taree). Follow Google Maps from nswera ride calendar (nswera.asn.au) or Apple Maps etc - the roads are all bitumen except for a short section on Careys Road. We recommend those towing take the Taree turn-off from M1, follow the sign to Bucketts Way (Wingham direction) and then turn left into Hillville Road and right into Careys Road. The road from Possum Brush is not tarred and is hilly so suitable for 4WD cars only.

ENTRIES WILL OPEN ON AERAAONLINE from 9th-28th July. No entries can be processed on the weekend.

Saturday: Individual 20km and 40km rides.

Saturday Start Times: 11am 40km and midday 20km.

Sunday: Start Times: 5am 80km / 6am 40km / 9am 20km.

RIDE BASE OPENS: Friday 7th midday. **RIDE BASE CLOSES:** Monday 10th 10.00am.

We welcome riders to come on Friday and set up early. Wayne will be sponsoring a Sausage Sizzle and Happy hour on Friday night. We will be holding the Hegarty Zone 6 Raffle Draw on Saturday night after pre-ride.

Please have your Horse Health Declarations ready before you enter the ride base as the Gate Steward will check them before allowing you onto the Ride Base. Do not hand them over - bring them to the office.

Day Riders will have their own camping zone close to the entrance/exit. See Map on Page 3.

Camping (\$10 fee per night). Saturday riders have a choice to camp over or go home.

All vetting must be done on Saturday.

TRACK:

The 40/80km tracks all start and end with approx 3km of lovely forest track. There are short sections on this track that have deep ruts from 4WDs. Ride steadily in single file and obey all caution signs and walk zones. 80km riders who will be starting in the dark must take care when navigating this stretch of track.

Once off this track it is mainly open forestry roads which are wider and in great condition. We have reduced the normal Kiarrak 42km leg to 40km, so eliminated 4km of steep work from the 80km event, and 2km from the 40km event. The tracks are undulating. Boots or shoes are recommended although there are limited rocky sections and gravel roads have had some rain to soften the top layer.

The 20km ride is a loop and is the same as above. Approx 8km to the checkpoint#1 and then you will be directed to the 12km trail back to base. There are three water points, and two (double) checkpoints.

OFFICE:

Saturday: 8:30am: Riders for Saturday 40km, then 20km will be prioritised on Saturday morning.

Sunday riders please wait till after our 20km riders have ridden out on Saturday before coming to office.

Sunday: 8:00am

RIDER INFORMATION:

VETTING TEAM: Chris Dowey (Head Vet), Bruno Ros & Evie Millar, Chief Steward: Phil Coleman

PRE-RIDE TALKS: COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE - UNMOUNTED

SATURDAY 40KM: 10:45 near timekeeper tent.

SATURDAY 20KM: 11:45 near timekeeper tent.

PRESENTATION FOR SATURDAY RIDES: 5:00pm at communal fire area - along with nibbles around the fire, and the monster raffle draw, before pre-ride at 6pm and the \$200 Hegarty Cash Draw.

PRE-RIDE TALK FOR SUNDAY RIDES 20KM/40KM/80KM: 6pm at communal fire. **COMPULSORY.**

MINIMUM/MAXIMUM TIMES:

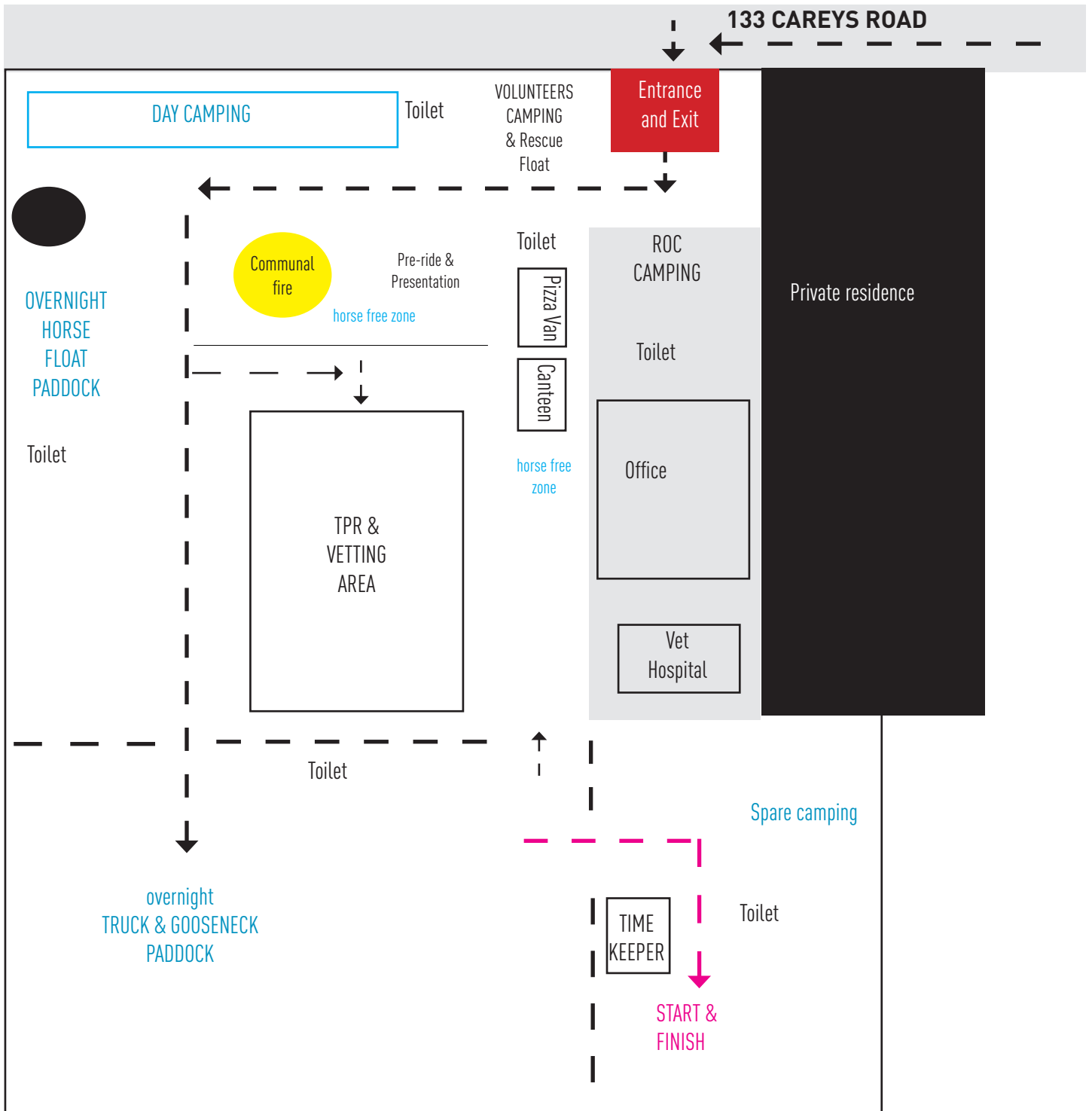
20KM Minimum Time: 2 hours/Max Time: 3 hours

40KM Minimum Time: 3 hours/Max Time: 5 hours

80KM Minimum Time (Novices): 6 hours/Max Time (All): 9 hours

GENERAL RIDER INFO:

- **Attendance at pre-ride briefings is compulsory for all riders**
- **The \$200 Zone 6 Membership draw will take place after pre-ride Saturday evening. To be in the end of year draw for \$1000 cash from Hegartys Windfall sign up for Zone 6 membership with Wayne Hegarty for \$10 on the weekend.**
- There is a non-smoking zone around the office/vetting ring and anywhere near our hosts property. Please restrict smoking to your own campsite.
- Please bring enough horse water with you until Saturday if you are arriving Friday.
- Catering will commence from Saturday 10am so if arriving early BYO food. There are no close local options.
- Please ensure your horse is used to having its temperature taken before you get to the ride.
- 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 logbook/day cards 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.
- Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads at all times and cannot enter the vetting area.
- Fires are permitted - in firepits or drums. BYO firewood. We will be having a communal fire.
- All horse containment yards must comply with [AERA guidelines](#).
- 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 and be patient.
- Animal Focus/Jo Arblaster is our official photographer. Jo will award the Spirit of Endurance Award.



EVENT BREAKDOWN - IN ORDER OF START TIMES

SATURDAY

- Event 1: 40km single event
- Event 2: 20km single ride

SUNDAY

- Event 3: 80km endurance ride
- Event 4: 40km single ride
- Event 5: 20km single ride

CATERING:

CANTEEN: Wild Fig coffee / cake / toastie van confirmed for Saturday and Sunday. Times TBA.

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Everyone is welcome to join the communal bonfire for nibbles and bevies (BYO drinks & Chair) before pre-ride and dinner each night.

Catering for Saturday night to be confirmed.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Please check in at the office when you arrive and make sure you complete our Volunteer Register.

The Office will brief you upon arrival.

We thank our crew of old and new volunteers and welcome more to help out over the weekend.

Please let us know if you or your strapper can assist for a few hours.

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ZONE 6 ENDURANCE

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EQUINE KING - 1ST 80KM PLAQUE



CONTACTS:

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