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Welcome

From the Minister

It is a pleasure to welcome riders, fans and visitors to the 2026 Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, one of Australia's most celebrated cycling events.

Each summer, this world-class event brings the excitement of elite international cycling to Geelong and the Great Ocean Road, showcasing the region on a global stage. Since its inception, it has attracted the world's best riders to compete across a spectacular coastal course that is as challenging as it is scenic.

Beyond elite UCI-sanctioned races, the event continues to inspire participation at every level. The TAC People's Ride and GeelongPort Family Ride give cyclists of all ages the opportunity to experience the same roads as their heroes, making it a true celebration of cycling for the whole community.

The Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race also draws tens of thousands of visitors to regional Victoria each year. Whether people are competing or cheering from the sidelines, visitors contribute to a vibrant festival that boosts local businesses and tourism operators across the region.

The Victorian Government is proud to support events like the Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race through our \$38 million Regional Events Fund, because they strengthen our visitor economy and showcase the best of Victoria to audiences around the world.

Thank you to the volunteers who make this event possible, and to the Geelong and Surf Coast communities for their continued support and enthusiasm.

I wish all riders, whether taking part for the first time or competing at the elite level, a safe and memorable Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race.

Steve Dimopoulos
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

From the Race Director

Welcome to the 10th Edition of the Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race (MCEGORR). It is a pleasure to once again welcome teams, participants, partners, and spectators to our event.

The Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race proudly maintains its place on the UCI WorldTour calendar for another three years, and in 2026 we are pleased to welcome the Surf Coast Classic as a UCI ProSeries event. This year's edition brings the strongest field of women's and men's teams we have hosted to date, with riders training and racing across the Greater Geelong and Surf Coast regions throughout the week.

I would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to our volunteers, officials, Victorian Police, and the state and regional emergency and health services. Your work is essential to delivering this event safely and smoothly.

Very special thanks go to Visit Victoria and the Victorian Government, as owners and primary funders of this event, for their indispensable support and long-term vision. Their commitment has been truly invaluable—not only to MCEGORR, but to the broader cycling community. We also acknowledge the City of Greater Geelong and the Surf Coast Shire for their partnership, passion, and ongoing support—each playing an essential role in bringing this event to life.

We will all be looking forward to world-class racing on the UCI WorldTour stage, alongside thousands of riders participating in the TAC People's Ride—together creating a memorable celebration of cycling.

I wish all riders and teams a successful and enjoyable week.

Let the races begin.

Scott Sunderland
Race Director

Welcome from Cadel

Welcome one and all to the 2026 Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, also incorporating the Surf Coast Classics. It is extremely exciting to be hosting you all once again and especially so for those teams participating for the first time.

With 33 Men's & Women's teams here in Geelong and the Surf Coast it promises to be an exceptional week of racing for Australian cycling fans and also for those following from afar back in Europe and elsewhere around the world. With Australia being the first stop on the respective UCI World Tour calendars, we take our role very seriously in trying to provide all teams and riders the best possible experience and platform to launch your 2026 seasons.

I would like to acknowledge the careers of two champion Australian cyclists, Simon Clarke and Amanda Spratt. They are both retiring in 2026, Simon immediately after our race while Amanda will do so at the conclusion of 2026. Both are not only incredible riders, they are incredible people who should be so proud of their achievements and the way they have represented themselves, their teams and the sport of cycling. Congratulations to you both.

As always we encourage you to explore the region as much as your schedule permits and try the local cafes and their super baristas, the restaurants, local wines (post-event) and so many other attractions & activities that are easily accessible to your hotels. And if you could share your experiences here in Geelong and on the Surf Coast with your audience and tag @cadelroadrace while doing so, we'd be very appreciative.

But of course, you're here to race! And we're here to support you in whatever way we can to make sure you get the most out of your time here on and off the bike.

So now it's over to you, the stars of the show. I wish everyone, teams and riders, the very best of luck for the week ahead and more broadly for your 2026 seasons.



Previous Mapei Cadel Evans Women's Great Ocean Road Race Winners

2025 Ally WOLLASTON (NZL)	FDJ Suez
2024 Rosita REIJNHOUT (NED)	Team Visma Lease a Bike
2023 Loes ADEGEEST (NED)	FDJ Suez
2020 Liane LIPPERT (GER)	Team Sunweb
2019 Arlenis SIERRA (CUB)	Astana Women's Team

2018 Chloe HOSKING (AUS)	Alé-Cipollini
2017 Annemiek VAN VLEUTEN (NED)	Orica-SCOTT
2016 Amanda SPRATT (AUS)	Orica-GreenEdge
2015 Rachel NEYLAN (AUS)	Building Champions Squad

Race Summary Women's



DATE	Saturday 31 January, 2026
START TIME	12:40
NEUTRAL RACE CONTROL	3.8km to Official Start
DISTANCE	141.3km from 0km Official Start including 1.5 laps of the Geelong Circuit
START LOCATION	Steampacket Gardens, Eastern Beach Road, Geelong
TEAM SUPPORT PARKING	Brougham Street, Geelong (refer to venue map for full parking details)
TEAM PRESENTATION & SIGN-ON	11.30 - 12.30
CONVOY ASSEMBLY TIME	12:25
CONVOY ASSEMBLY LOCATION	Adjacent to Steampacket Gardens, Geelong (access via Moorabool Street)
QOM #1	111.6km – Challambra Crescent, Geelong (1st Ascent)
QOM #2	132.3km – Challambra Crescent, Geelong (2nd Ascent)
FEED ZONES	77.2km - 78.3km - Hendy Main Road (in Moriac) 121.0km - 121.4km - Upper Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong
BOTTLE ZONE	39.1 km > 40.7 km - Breamlea Road (near Torquay Airport) 56.2 km > 57.2 km - Jarosite Road (after Bells Beach) 103.3 km > 104.3 km - Barrabool Road (at Ceres) 111.6 km > 111.7 km - top of Challambra Climb on The Ridge 132.2 km > 132.3 km - top of Challambra Climb on The Ridge
LITTER ZONE	77.1 km - 78.4 km Hendy Main Road (in Moriac) 120.9 km - 121.5 km - Upper Eastern Beach Road, Geelong 137.5 km > 137.9 km - Church Street
FINISH	Steampacket Gardens, Eastern Beach Road, Geelong
FINISH ETA	16:41
CONVOY DEVIATION	Right turn onto Gheringhap Street (400m before finish line)

Contacts

RACE DIRECTOR

Scott Sunderland

RACE TECHNICAL TEAM

Safety Manager	Rik McCaig
Race Regulator	Kimberly Conte
Race Regulator	Jelle Wallays
Moto Marshal Coordinator	Chris Green

OPERATIONS

Event Director	Kane Osler
Sport Operations Manager	Louis Coad
Course Manager	David Smith
Venue Operations Manager	James Saliakos
Sport Presentation Manager	Blake Carpinteri

COMMISSAIRES/OFFICIALS

UCI President of the Commissaire Panel (PCP)	Alain Koszyczarz
UCI Commissaire	Rafael Coca San Jose
UCI Commissaire	Wayne Pomario
UCI Commissaire	Karen O'Callaghan
Commissaire	Annina Gallagher
Moto Commissaire	Greg Nunn
Moto Commissaire	Steve Michetti
Chief Judge	Francis Ryan
Judge	David Danson
Judge	Oskar Pearce
Judge	Bradley Higgins



Athlete Information

ATHLETE SERVICES

Athlete Services will offer both event and general information to Athletes and Teams. Athlete Services Staff will be present during breakfast and dinner service times. All other times they will be available. A WhatsApp group with all Athlete Services and Team staff will be created prior to the Event for all communication.

RIDING IN AUSTRALIA: ROAD RULES

All riders must follow all Australian road rules, including while training. This is for your own safety and for the safety of the members of the public and other road users.

It is compulsory to wear a helmet when cycling on Australian roads both during the race and during any training rides.

Ensure you are giving way on the one-way bridge at Queens Park Road, staying to the signed speed limit and riding on the correct side of the road (left hand side).

Police will be out enforcing road rules across the week (especially with the Australia Day Public Holiday). If you are caught there will be heavy fines for riders and the teams for the safety of riders and reputation of the event.



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Event Schedule Key Timings



MONDAY 26 JANUARY

10:10 - 11:55	QF 678 ADL > MEL (Teams Flight)
10:10 - 12:00	VA 212 ADL > MEL (Teams Flight)
10:40 - 12:30	VA 216 ADL > MEL (Teams Flight)
12:30 - 14:00	Team Transfers from Melbourne Airport to Geelong
14:00	Team Arrival at Hotels

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

13:00 - 14:15	Surf Coast Classic - Women Registration and Licence Control
14:30 - 15:00	Surf Coast Classic - Women Sport Directors Meeting
15:15 - 16:45	Surf Coast Classic - Men Registration and Licence Control
17:00 - 17:30	Surf Coast Classic - Men Sport Directors Meeting

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

9:50 - 10:50	Surf Coast Classic - Women, Sign On
11:00 - 14:00	Surf Coast Classic - Women
14:00 - 14:30	Surf Coast Classic - Women, Podium Ceremony

THURSDAY 29 JANUARY

9:50 - 10:50	Surf Coast Classic - Men, Sign On
11:00 - 14:17	Surf Coast Classic - Men
14:17 - 14:45	Surf Coast Classic - Men, Podium Ceremony
17:00 - 21:00	Welcome Wave Dinner (Women's Teams) at Jan Juc

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

13:00 - 14:15	Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women Registration and Licence Control
14:30 - 15:00	Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women Sport Directors Meeting

15:15 - 16:45

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Men
Registration and Licence Control

16:00 - 20:00

Event Village Open

16:00 - 18:00

GeelongPort Family Ride
Registration Open

16:00 - 19:45

TAC People's Ride Registration Open

17:00 - 17:30

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Men
Sport Directors Meeting

17:30 - 19:00

GeelongPort Family Ride

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

5:30 - 9:00

TAC People's Ride Essentials Open

5:30 - 7:30

TAC People's Ride Registration Open

7:00 - 14:25*

TAC People's Ride Long Course

7:30 - 11:15*

TAC People's Ride Short Course

9:00 - 17:30

Event Village Open

11:30 - 17:00

Challambra Live Site Open

11:30 - 12:30

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Women, Sign On

12:40 - 16:40*

**Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Women**

16:40 - 17:10

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road
Race - Women, Podium Ceremony

SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY

9:00 - 17:30

Event Village Open

10:00 - 16:00

Challambra Live Site Open

10:00 - 11:00

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Men, Sign On

11:10 - 15:35*

**Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean
Road Race - Men**

15:35 - 16:05

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road
Race - Men, Podium Ceremony

*approx finish time

Race Information

Sports Meeting Schedule

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY Pre-event week meetings

Women's Team Transfers Meeting

Time	17:30
Location	Hilton Adelaide
Attendees	Race Director Sport Manager Event Director Director Sportifs

FRIDAY 30 JANUARY

Commissaires Meeting

Time	8:30 - 9:15
Location	Novotel Dining Room
Attendees	Président Commissaires Panel (PCP) Commissaires

Media Briefing

Time	10:00 - 10:45
Location	Race Headquarters
Attendees	Press Photographers TV Broadcast Media Race Director Président Commissaires Panel (PCP)

Registration And Licence Control

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women

Time	13:00 - 14:15
Location	Race Headquarters
Attendees	Sport Directors - Elite Women's Teams Président Commissaires Panel (PCP) Commissaires Sport Manager

Sport Directors Meeting

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women

Time	14:30 - 15:00
Location	Race Headquarters
Attendees	Sport Directors - Elite Women's Teams Race Director Président Commissaires Panel (PCP) Commissaires Event Director Sport Manager

Drivers and Motos Briefing

Time	20:00 - 20:45
Location	Novotel Dining Room
Attendees	Race Director Président Commissaires Panel (PCP) Moto Marshals Drivers Moto Pilots Sport Manager Event Director

Race Information

Sports Meeting Schedule

SATURDAY 31 JANUARY

Drivers & Pilots Briefing

Time	120 mins Pre Start (9:10)
Location	Yarra Street / Transvaal Square
Attendees	Race Director All Drivers All Moto-Pilots Event Director

Vic Pol Briefing

Time	75 mins Pre Start (11:25)
Location	Yarra Street / Transvaal Square
Attendees	Vic Pol Race Director Event Director

Sign On

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women

Time	70 mins Pre Start (11:30)
Location	On Stage - Event Village

Medical Team Briefing

Time	45mins Pre Start (11:55)
Location	Yarra Street / Transvaal Square
Attendees	AV Medical Edge Event Director Race Director

Race

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women

Time	12:35 to approx 16:40
Location	Start Line
Attendees	Race Director Athletes

Podium Ceremony

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women

Time	Approx 16:40
Location	On Stage - Event Village

UCI Commissaires Post Race Debrief

Time	30 mins Post Race
Location	Ad hoc
Attendees	Race Director Commissaires

Vic Pol Post Race Debrief

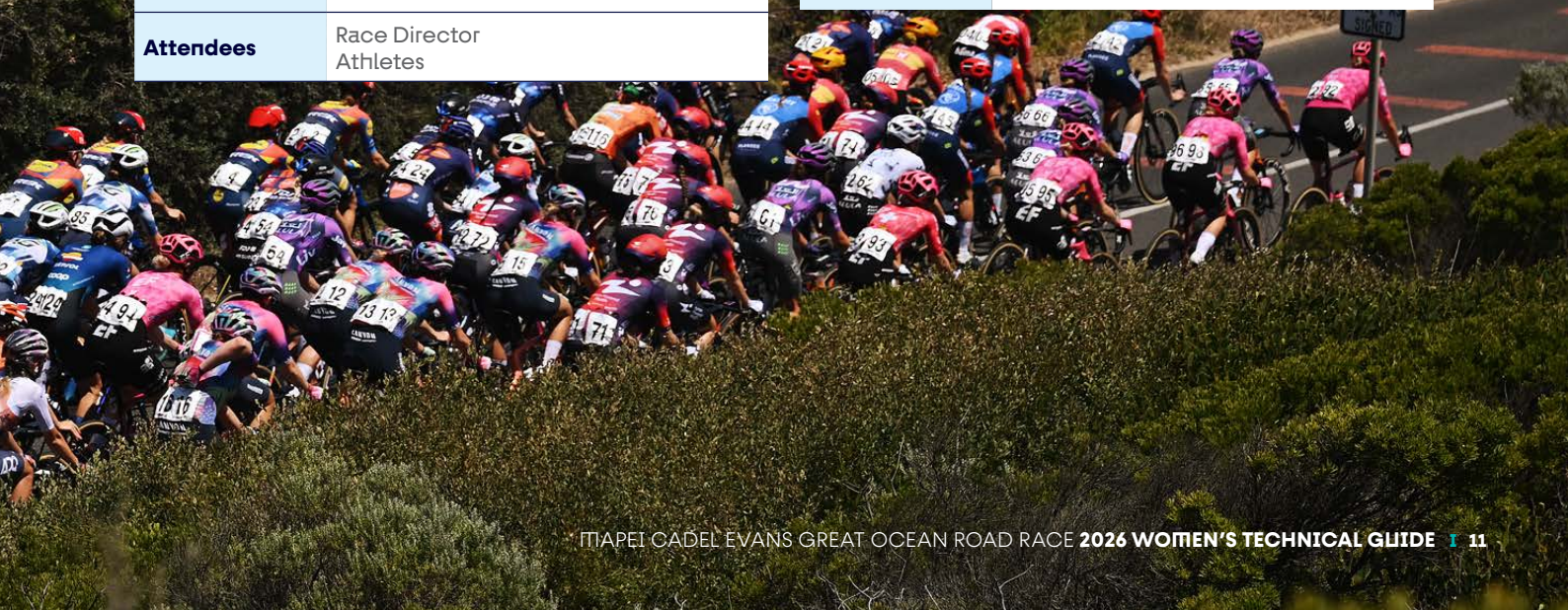
Time	45 mins Post Race
Location	Ad hoc
Attendees	VicPol Event Director Race Director

Convoy Post Race Debrief

Time	60 mins Post Race
Location	Ad hoc
Attendees	Event Director Race Director Sports Manager Course Manager Venue Manager

Organisers Post Race Debrief

Time	90 mins Post Race
Location	Ad hoc
Attendees	Event Director Race Director Sports Manager Course Manager Venue Manager



General Race Regulations and Information



RACE HEADQUARTERS

The race headquarters is open on Tuesday 27 January and Friday 30 January. It is located at the Race Headquarters. The Sport Directors meeting, organised according to article 2.2.093 of the UCI-regulation, will take place in the presence of the commissaires at the race headquarters. As per UCI-regulation this meeting is compulsory for all Sport Directors.

FEED ZONES

Feeding, from team vehicles with permission from Chief Commissaire, will be allowed after 30km from the start and up to 20km to go.

There are two designated feed zones and five bottle zones, see locations on respective course maps.

Feeding will occur from the Right hand side only.

LITTERING

A designated Litter Zone is located after each of the feed zones where riders can discard litter. Any other moment in the race, teams must take responsibility for their own litter and return it to the team vehicle. Any rider/ team witnessed littering during the race might be fined by authorities in addition to any penalties applied by the commissaires. Litter Zones are available at 77.1km, 120.9km, and 137.5km.

TOILET BEHAVIOUR

Riders are reminded that it is an offence to urinate in public. Riders requiring a stop to urinate are asked to use discretion and avoid being in sight of the general public. Penalties will be imposed on those who choose to ignore this law.

RACE NUMBERS AND TRANSPONDERS

During the race riders must have

- » a transponder attached to their bikes;
- » two body numbers pinned to outside of clothing;
- » and display a frame number fixed to the rear brake bridge, or base of the seat post.

Numbers must not be cut, folded or modified in any way.

The transponders are to be returned after the race to the Athlete Services Information Desks at the hotel.

If transponders are not returned at the end of the event you will be charged a A\$50 administration fee.

If the transponder is lost, teams will be charged \$150 for the replacement.

Note: Separate transponders, body and frame plates will be issued for SCC and CEGORR

General Race Regulations and Information



RADIO TOUR

Australian Law does not allow the use of international race radios at any time during the event unless they are registered before the event with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), <http://www.acma.gov.au/>. Each approved convoy vehicle will be issued with a radio to receive information via Radio Tour. The mobile in car unit will be installed in the team-allocated race convoy vehicles.

NEUTRAL SUPPORT

The neutral support will be provided by Shimano. The neutral support will consist of 3 neutral cars and 1 neutral motorcycle. Servicing must take place on the left side of the road (Australia Only).

TIME LIMITATION

In the interest of rider safety and recognising the traffic and police management pressures, particularly on the Geelong finishing circuit, commissaires will enforce a cut off time limit of 10 minutes at each passage of the start / finish line. The time limit may in exceptional circumstances be increased by the commissaires panel in consultation with the organiser. The race officials and Victoria Police will have the ability to alter the time limit at their discretion. Riders abandoning the race or who are out of the race convoy are to take off their back numbers.

ANTI DOPING CONTROL

Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority and UCI anti-doping regulations apply for this event. It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure they are not required for testing prior to their departure from the venue. Doping control facilities will be located in easy walking distance from the finish line at each event. Riders will be taken to the doping control facilities if required, by a chaperone.

DISCIPLINE AND PROCEDURES

The UCI penalty scale will be applicable during the event.

SIGN ON

Competitors must sign-on and complete the "signature of the starting sheet". This will begin 70 minutes prior to race start and conclude 10 minutes prior to race start.

PRESENTATIONS

Riders will be escorted directly from race finish by event staff, to the podium preparation area. Soigneurs must accompany their rider to the podium preparation area to ensure presentations can commence and finish promptly.

MEDICAL

There will be 2 doctors' cars and a motorbike paramedic within the convoy, plus 3 ambulance vehicles following the race convoy. The doctor will be available for clinical presentations at Transvaal Square for up to 3 hours post race on race days. The doctor will be available prior to dinner for clinical presentations on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, from 1600-1900 at Transvaal Square.

The nearest hospital is Barwon Health on Bellerine St, Geelong VIC 3220.

Medical Edge Australia Clinician - 0488 863 342

Team Vehicle Requirements and Regulations



VEHICLE COLLECTION AND RETURN POINT

Westfield Car Park, 76 Brougham Street,
Geelong, Victoria 3220.

TEAM VEHICLES

Team convoy vehicles, with fitted roof racks and bike carriers, will be allocated as per the team's agreement with Visit Victoria. Those teams with allocated vehicles will need to collect and return the vehicle/s before and after the event to the vehicle collection and return point.

Each driver is required to complete an agreement form prior to receiving their allocated vehicles. Drivers of the vehicles must be over the age of 25 and have a full licence which is valid for the duration of their stay.

All drivers must ensure they have a full tank of fuel prior to race start and when returning vehicles.

Teams are each permitted a single race convoy vehicle to travel with the race, providing riders from their team remain in the race. Convoy order will be determined at the Sport Directors meeting and convoy numbers issued accordingly.

All vehicles should arrive at the start via the designated PPO.

A race envelope will be implemented by Victoria Police. If a rider or event vehicle off the back of the race is passed by the 'tail end' Police car it indicates that the rider or event vehicle is outside of the race envelope and is subject to normal Australian road rules.

DRIVER'S LICENCE REQUIREMENTS

If you are just visiting Australia, you can drive the same type of vehicle as your current licence allows, but you must drive according to the same conditions on your overseas licence. You must have:

- » A licence issued in another country that is written in English or;
- » An international driver's licence or;
- » A current licence with an English translation if necessary.

You must carry your licence documents at all times when driving and produce these and your passport to Police on request. You must not be disqualified from driving in any country. If your overseas licence expires while you are in Australia, you must get an Australian licence.

DRIVING SAFELY & LEGALLY IN AUSTRALIA

When driving in Australia make sure you're driving legally and safely by following these tips:

- » Drive on the left-hand side of the road in Australia.
- » The default speed limit in urban areas is 50km/h unless otherwise signed.
- » The speed limit on most Australian highways is 100km/h, only a few roads allow you to travel at a maximum speed of 110km/h. Police regularly conduct speed checks and penalties can be severe.
- » Wearing a seatbelt is a life or death matter for you and your passengers. Drivers are legally responsible for ensuring that they and any passengers wear a seatbelt or child restraint.
- » In Victoria, it is illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone at any time while driving, including when stopped at traffic lights.

OFFENCES, FINES AND PENALTIES

If you commit an offence whilst driving an event vehicle, you are responsible for the penalties.

- » It is the driver's responsibility to comply with Victorian road laws and a blood alcohol policy will be in place for drivers. Any infringements or vehicle damage incurred will be the sole responsibility of the driver, and may result in the provided vehicle being confiscated, demerit points, fines and expiations (including overdue fines) or disqualification from driving.
- » Melbourne's major road network has a number of toll points that are charged via an electronic E-Tag system. Should you choose to drive on a toll road you will be invoiced for these tolls.

TEAM VEHICLE DEPARTURE FROM START LINE

All convoy drivers (including team support van drivers) are encouraged to use their horns at start locations until they are completely clear of the spectator crowd upon departure. This is a safety measure for the benefit of spectators and vehicles. Team drivers must be in their vehicles and ready to depart no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled race start time.

Convoy Code of Conduct

The Convoy Code of Conduct applies to all vehicles involved in race convoy operations, whether involved with the conduct of the race itself or while performing a role that interfaces with the convoy operations and/or occurs within the race envelope:

- » Team Cars
- » Commissaire and Judge/Vehicles
- » Race Regulator
- » Media & Broadcast Cars
- » Photographer & Broadcast Motorcycles
- » Medical Cars
- » Race Director Vehicle
- » Technical Director Vehicle
- » Neutral Support Cars & Motorcycles
- » Police Cars & Motorcycles
- » Moto Scouts
- » Lead Alert Vehicle & Sag Wagon

COMPULSORY CONVOY BEHAVIOUR

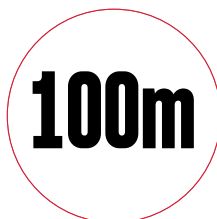
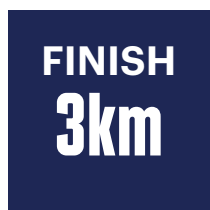
Note: the term 'vehicle' refers to both cars and motorcycles.

Note: the term 'driver' applies to both car drivers and motorcycles pilots.

1. All drivers must have a UCI Licence issued by a National Federation.
2. Drivers are responsible for their driving. If they fail to observe the regulations, they face significant financial penalties as well as suspensions of their UCI licence that allows them to drive in the race convoy. The sanctions related to driving in the race convoy are defined by Articles 2.2.038 of the UCI regulations.
3. All drivers must attend the Driver Briefing hosted before the race, to receive key instructions. Date and time is listed in the technical guide. If this meeting clashes with other activities, it is the responsibility of the driver to liaise with the Chief Commissaire and/or Race Director to receive these instructions separately. Sports Directors will receive their briefing at their meeting.
4. Failure to attend the Driver Briefing or actively seek out these instructions may result in disqualification from the race convoy.
5. Misconduct in the convoy will result in a warning being issued. Misconduct that breaches regulations will be disciplined by the Chief Commissaire. Misconduct that breaches overall race safety and integrity will be disciplined by the Race Director and/or Victoria Police as appropriate.
6. At the head of the convoy is the Victoria Police Lead Vehicle. Vehicles ahead of this vehicle are considered out of the convoy.
7. The tail of the convoy is the Victoria Police Tail Car. Vehicles behind this vehicle are considered out of the convoy.
8. Drivers (particularly cars) must again obtain permission to pass any group of riders from the commissaire behind that group.
9. Vehicles cannot pass the race during the last 10km of the race.
10. Convoy vehicles must have clear windows.
11. All vehicles must follow instructions of the Commissaire and/or Race Regulator. This includes gaining permission to pass through the convoy.
12. When passing through the convoy, vehicles must only travel marginally faster than the riders, and use short sharp toots of the horn to indicate passing. Drivers must check mirrors before deviating left or right.
13. Wherever possible vehicles should pass the riders on the right hand side of the riders as per normal Australian road rules. When passing on the left hand side (and only in extreme circumstances), drivers must use extreme care and ensure that the rider is fully aware of your intentions to take the inside line. Drivers must check mirrors before deviating left or right. Be aware that many European riders and drivers are used to passing on the left.
14. When travelling within the race envelope, you must not travel more than 20 km/h above the speed of the race. Due to high density foot and vehicle traffic, particularly around schools and shopping strips, safety is paramount. To travel any more than 20 km/h above the speed of the race is dangerous, unnecessary and unacceptable. Speeding will be severely dealt with by Victoria Police. If your vehicle is ahead of the race and there is a fast descent ahead please accelerate ahead well in advance of that descent so that you are not in a situation where you must speed dangerously to remain ahead of the chasing riders. Note: there are some descents where cyclists will descend faster than a vehicle.
15. When travelling outside the race envelope drivers must obey all normal road rules and posted speed limits. The Police Tail Car will endeavour to wait for any vehicle stopped (to service a rider, roadside repairs, call of nature). However, extended delays create the risk of leakage from other road users into the envelope, which in turn puts the entire convoy at risk. Extended delays cannot and will not be accommodated. Failure to obey road rules once outside the race envelope may result in infringement notices (fines) being issued by Victoria Police.
16. Vehicles must not overtake riders within the final 5km to a sprint, 2km to a QOM or 10km to the finish line.
17. All convoy cars must deviate at the designated deviation point at the finish line under the direction of the deviation supervisor. Exceptions to this rule are the Commissaires, Race Direction, Ambulances and All Medical Vehicles and Broom Wagon only.
18. Convoy vehicles must be less than 1.66 metres high.
19. Convoy vehicles must adhere to the Convoy Assembly Times & Locations as listed in the Technical Guide.
20. Vehicles must turn on headlights. Do not use hazard lights.
21. Drivers must have a 0% blood alcohol level at all times.
22. The driver is not allowed to use a mobile phone, including via Bluetooth or hands-free headset.
23. Convoy vehicles must be ready at the start area at least 10 minutes before the start.
24. The driver must ensure that the vehicle is always clean.
25. Use of indicators when changing lanes is compulsory.

On Course Signage

TO GO: 25KM, 20KM, 10KM, 5KM, 4KM, 3KM, 2KM, 1KM,
500M, 300M, 200M, 150M, 100M, 50M



QOM: 1KM, 500M, 200M,
100M, FINISH



30KM FEEDING
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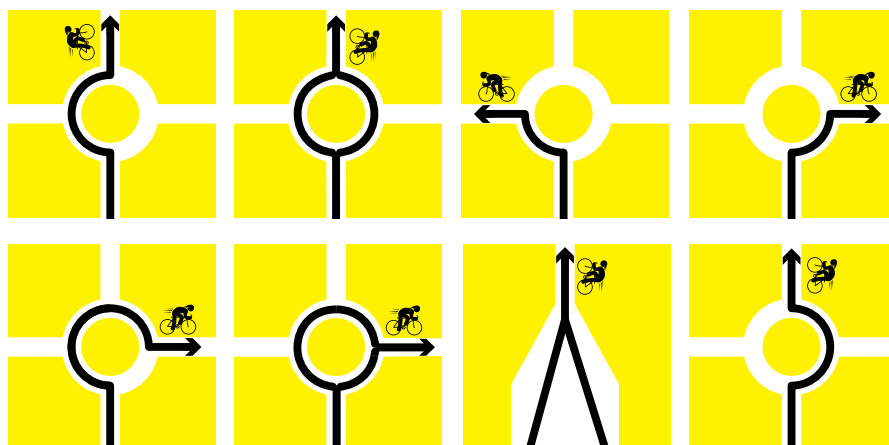


FEED ZONE
START AND FINISH



Technical Signage

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DIRECTIONAL ARROWS



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CAUTION



Women's Race Regulations & Information

THE RACE

The Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women will be conducted under the rules and regulations of the International Cycling Union UCI. The race will be held on Saturday 31 January, 2026.

RACE CATEGORY

The race is invitation only and open to Elite Women riders. The race is UCI WorldTour and the UCI points scale is applicable for this event.

Points will be attributed according to UCI article 2.10.017.

PARTICIPATION

In accordance with article 2.1.005 of the UCI regulations, the following teams can participate: UCI women's WorldTour teams, UCI women's Pro teams and one national team of the organising country. The number of cyclists per team is 6, in accordance with the article 2.2.003 of the UCI regulations.

AWARDS CEREMONIES

Start Ceremonies

Riders will be called to the start line 10 minutes prior to the start time. Some riders may be called to the line first, team managers will be notified in these cases.

A Welcome to Country will be performed nine minutes prior to the published start time. The National Anthem of Australia will be played at approximately three minutes prior to the published start time.

Finish Ceremonies

According to article 1.2.112 of the UCI regulation the following riders must attend the awards ceremony, which will take place immediately after the race on a strict schedule:

- » Winner & placings 2 & 3 of the race;
- » QOM Classification winner;
- » Young Rider Classification winner;
- » Most Combative Classification winner

Riders will be escorted directly from race finish by event staff, to the podium preparation area. Soigneurs must accompany their rider to the podium preparation area to ensure presentations can commence and finish promptly.

PRIZE CLASSIFICATIONS

Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women's Winner

The winner of the 2026 Mapei Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Women will be the first rider to cross the finish line.

Gerry Ryan Award for best young rider

The winner of the Gerry Ryan Award will be the best Young Rider (under 23 years of age). This will be determined through the finish classification.

Most Combative Classification

The most combative award is judged by the Race Director as the most combative rider overall during the race. A jersey will be awarded to the Most Combative Rider.

Queen of the Mountain Classification

The winner of the Queen of the Mountain Classification will be determined through two (2) Queen of the Mountain sprints during the race:

#1 CHALLAMBRA (111.6KM)		#2 CHALLAMBRA (132.2KM)	
1st	5	1st	5
2nd	3	2nd	3
3rd	1	3rd	1

A jersey will be awarded to the winner of the QOM Classification.

Note: The finish classification shall be used to separate tied riders in the QOM classification should it be required.

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money will be determined as per the UCI guidelines for Elite Women Class 1.WWT, and will be paid to those who placed 1 through to 20 and for the winners of the Most Combative and Queen of the Mountain classifications. Teams and riders may be subject to Australian taxes, duties or government charges payable in relation to prize money. Prize money will be paid via the Centralised Prize Money Platform as instructed by UCI no later than 45 days following the conclusion of the event, but will not be distributed without the pre-submission of tax forms and relevant invoices in-line with the Team Agreements. The prize money for the overall winner and the prize classifications is as follows:

WOMEN ELITE UCI PRIZE MONEY UCI 1.WT			
1st	€ 16,000	11th	€ 400
2nd	€ 8,000	12th	€ 400
3rd	€ 4,000	13th	€ 400
4th	€ 2,000	14th	€ 400
5th	€ 1,600	15th	€ 400
6th	€ 1,200	16th	€ 400
7th	€ 1,200	17th	€ 400
8th	€ 800	18th	€ 400
9th	€ 800	19th	€ 400
10th	€ 400	20th	€ 400
TOTAL €40,000			

QUEEN OF THE MOUNTAIN PRIZE MONEY UCI 1.WT			
QOM#1 Challambra 1st Ascent	1st	€ 1000	
QOM#2 Challambra 2nd Ascent	1st	€ 1000	

**QOM Overall Winner will receive a €2000 bonus.*

***QOM total prize pool is €4000.*

MOST COMBATIVE PRIZE MONEY UCI 1.WT	
MOST COMBATIVE	€ 3000

**Exclusive of mandatory UCI Taxes which will be paid by the event organiser in addition to above listed prize money*

Women's Course Mocka

FROM OKM	KM	TO GO	ACTION	DETAIL	COMMENTS	34.0	36.0	38.0
Neutral Zone (3.8 km)	0.0	Neutral Zone (3.8 km)		START Steampacket Gardens Eastern Beach Road	START (NEUTRAL START)	12:40:00 PM	12:40:00 PM	12:40:00 PM
	0.1		RIGHT	Yarra St		12:40:11 PM	12:40:10 PM	12:40:09 PM
	0.1		LEFT	Brougham St		12:40:11 PM	12:40:10 PM	12:40:09 PM
	0.4		CONTINUE	Brougham St becomes Eastern Beach Rd		12:40:42 PM	12:40:40 PM	12:40:38 PM
	1.1		LEFT	Hearne Pde / Garden St		12:41:56 PM	12:41:50 PM	12:41:44 PM
	3.5		LEFT	Ryrie Street		12:46:11 PM	12:45:50 PM	12:45:32 PM
	3.8			Ryrie St becomes Portarlington Road		12:46:42 PM	12:46:20 PM	12:46:00 PM
0.0	3.8	141.3		End of Neutral Start of Official	RACE START - OFFICIAL START	12:46:42 PM	12:46:20 PM	12:46:00 PM
11.5	15.3	129.8	RIGHT	Curlewis Rd		1:07:00 PM	1:05:30 PM	1:04:09 PM
14.5	18.3	126.8	LEFT	Bellarine Hwy		1:12:18 PM	1:10:30 PM	1:08:54 PM
14.7	18.5	126.6	RIGHT	Wallington Rd		1:12:39 PM	1:10:50 PM	1:09:13 PM
22.0	25.8	119.3	CONTINUE	Wallington Rd / Orton Road	Roundabout (2nd Exit)	1:25:32 PM	1:23:00 PM	1:20:44 PM
24.4	28.2	116.9	CROSS	Barwon Heads / Ocean Grove Bridge		1:29:46 PM	1:27:00 PM	1:24:32 PM
24.6	28.4	116.7	LEFT	Ewing Blyth Dr	Roundabout - (1st Exit)	1:30:07 PM	1:27:20 PM	1:24:51 PM
25.4	29.2	115.9	CONTINUE	Ewing Blyth Drive becomes Thirteenth Beach Rd		1:31:32 PM	1:28:40 PM	1:26:06 PM
31.7	35.5	109.6	RIGHT	Black Rock Rd		1:42:39 PM	1:39:10 PM	1:36:03 PM
32.4	36.2	108.9	LEFT	Bluestone School Rd		1:43:53 PM	1:40:20 PM	1:37:09 PM
34.1	37.9	107.2	LEFT	Breamlea Rd	Traffic Island	1:46:53 PM	1:43:10 PM	1:39:51 PM
36.4	40.2	104.9	RIGHT	Blackgate Rd	Traffic Island	1:50:56 PM	1:47:00 PM	1:43:28 PM
39.1	42.9	102.2	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE START	1:55:42 PM	1:51:30 PM	1:47:44 PM
40.7	44.5	100.6	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE FINISH	1:58:32 PM	1:54:10 PM	1:50:16 PM
41.5	45.3	99.8	LEFT	Horseshoe Bend Rd	Traffic Island	1:59:56 PM	1:55:30 PM	1:51:32 PM
45.0	48.8	96.3	RIGHT	The Esplanade	Roundabout - (2nd Exit)	2:06:07 PM	2:01:20 PM	1:57:03 PM
47.6	51.4	93.7	RIGHT	Bell St	Roundabout - (2nd Exit)	2:10:42 PM	2:05:40 PM	2:01:09 PM
48.2	52.0	93.1	LEFT	Great Ocean Rd (B100)	Roundabout - (1st Exit)	2:11:46 PM	2:06:40 PM	2:02:06 PM
51.1	54.9	90.2	LEFT	Bells Blvd		2:16:53 PM	2:11:30 PM	2:06:41 PM
53.3	57.1	88.0	LEFT	Bones Rd		2:20:46 PM	2:15:10 PM	2:10:09 PM
53.8	57.6	87.5	CONTINUE	Bones Rd becomes Bells Beach Rd		2:21:39 PM	2:16:00 PM	2:10:57 PM
56.1	59.9	85.2	CONTINUE	Bells Beach Rd becomes Jarosite Rd		2:25:42 PM	2:19:50 PM	2:14:35 PM
56.2	60.0	85.1	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE START	2:25:53 PM	2:20:00 PM	2:14:44 PM
57.2	61.0	84.1	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE FINISH	2:27:39 PM	2:21:40 PM	2:16:19 PM
57.6	61.4	83.7	RIGHT	Addiscott Rd		2:28:21 PM	2:22:20 PM	2:16:57 PM
59.9	63.7	81.4	RIGHT	Great Ocean Road		2:32:25 PM	2:26:10 PM	2:20:35 PM
60.0	63.8	81.3	LEFT	Gundrys Rd		2:32:35 PM	2:26:20 PM	2:20:44 PM
63.5	67.3	77.8	RIGHT	Vickerys Rd		2:38:46 PM	2:32:10 PM	2:26:16 PM
63.6	67.4	77.7	CROSS	Narrow Bridge (HN 440)	CAUTION - NARROW BRIDGE	2:38:56 PM	2:32:20 PM	2:26:25 PM
63.8	67.6	77.5	CROSS	Narrow Bridge (HN 330)	CAUTION - NARROW BRIDGE	2:39:18 PM	2:32:40 PM	2:26:44 PM
68.1	71.9	73.2	LEFT	Hendy Main Rd (C135)		2:46:53 PM	2:39:50 PM	2:33:32 PM
77.1	80.9	64.2	PASS		LITTER ZONE START	3:02:46 PM	2:54:50 PM	2:47:44 PM
77.2	81.0	64.1	PASS	Greenfields Drive	FEED ZONE START	3:02:56 PM	2:55:00 PM	2:47:54 PM
78.3	82.1	63.0	PASS	Moriac Community Centre/Newling Reserve	FEED ZONE FINISH	3:04:53 PM	2:56:50 PM	2:49:38 PM
78.4	82.2	62.9	PASS	Deppeler Ave	LITTER ZONE FINISH	3:05:04 PM	2:57:00 PM	2:49:47 PM
78.7	82.5	62.6	LEFT	Cape Otway Rd		3:05:35 PM	2:57:30 PM	2:50:16 PM
82.6	86.4	58.7	RIGHT	Considines Rd		3:12:28 PM	3:04:00 PM	2:56:25 PM
85.4	89.2	55.9	CROSS	Train Line	RAILWAY CROSSING	3:17:25 PM	3:08:40 PM	3:00:51 PM
87.3	91.1	54.0	CROSS	Princes Hwy		3:20:46 PM	3:11:50 PM	3:03:51 PM
87.4	91.2	53.9	CONTINUE	Considines Rd becomes Barrabool Rd		3:20:56 PM	3:12:00 PM	3:04:00 PM
103.3	107.1	38.0	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE START	3:49:00 PM	3:38:30 PM	3:29:06 PM
104.3	108.1	37.0	PASS		BOTTLE ZONE FINISH	3:50:46 PM	3:40:10 PM	3:30:41 PM
109.5	113.3	31.8	LEFT	Mt Pleasant Rd	START OF CITY LOOP - 1.5 LAPS	3:59:56 PM	3:48:50 PM	3:38:54 PM
109.5	113.3	31.8	RIGHT	Barwon Blvd	Traffic Island	3:59:56 PM	3:48:50 PM	3:38:54 PM
110.7	114.5	30.6	RIGHT	To stay on Barwon Blvd	Roundabout - Split Keep left of exit island	4:02:04 PM	3:50:50 PM	3:40:47 PM
110.7	114.5	30.6	LEFT	Challambra Cres	Traffic Island	4:02:04 PM	3:50:50 PM	3:40:47 PM
110.7	114.5	30.6		Challambra Cres	QoM #1 START	4:02:04 PM	3:50:50 PM	3:40:47 PM
111.3	115.1	30.0	CONTINUE	Challambra Crescent becomes Westbury Tce		4:03:07 PM	3:51:50 PM	3:41:44 PM
111.6	115.4	29.7		Queen of the Mountain Gantry	QoM #1 FINISH	4:03:39 PM	3:52:20 PM	3:42:13 PM
111.6	115.4	29.7	RIGHT	The Ridge	BOTTLE ZONE START	4:03:39 PM	3:52:20 PM	3:42:13 PM
111.7	115.5	29.6	RIGHT	Scenic Rd	BOTTLE ZONE FINISH	4:03:49 PM	3:52:30 PM	3:42:22 PM
113.2	117.0	28.1	CONTINUE	Scenic Rd becomes Queens Park Rd		4:06:28 PM	3:55:00 PM	3:44:44 PM
114.0	117.8	27.3	CROSS	Single Lane Bridge	CAUTION - NARROW BRIDGE	4:07:53 PM	3:56:20 PM	3:46:00 PM

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FROM OKM	KM	TO GO	ACTION	DETAIL	COMMENTS	34.0	36.0	38.0
114.4	118.2	26.9	LEFT	Melville Ave	Traffic Island	4:08:35 PM	3:57:00 PM	3:46:38 PM
114.9	118.7	26.4	CONTINUE	Melville Ave becomes Minerva Rd		4:09:28 PM	3:57:50 PM	3:47:25 PM
116.8	120.6	24.5	RIGHT	Church St		4:12:49 PM	4:01:00 PM	3:50:25 PM
117.8	121.6	23.5	RIGHT	Ballarat Rd (A300)	LHS Traffic Island	4:14:35 PM	4:02:40 PM	3:52:00 PM
118.5	122.3	22.8	VEER LEFT	Glenleith Ave		4:15:49 PM	4:03:50 PM	3:53:06 PM
118.9	122.7	22.4	RIGHT	The Esplanade	Roundabout - Keep Left (2nd exit)	4:16:32 PM	4:04:30 PM	3:53:44 PM
119.3	123.1	22.0	CONTINUE	The Esplanade becomes Western Beach Rd		4:17:14 PM	4:05:10 PM	3:54:22 PM
120.5	124.3	20.8	CONTINUE	Western Beach Rd becomes Eastern Beach Rd		4:19:21 PM	4:07:10 PM	3:56:16 PM
120.6	124.4	20.7	CONTINUE	Start / Finish Gantry		4:19:32 PM	4:07:20 PM	3:56:25 PM
120.7	124.5	20.6	RIGHT	Yarra St		4:19:42 PM	4:07:30 PM	3:56:35 PM
120.8	124.6	20.5	LEFT	Brougham St		4:19:53 PM	4:07:40 PM	3:56:44 PM
120.9	124.7	20.4	PASS		LITTER ZONE START	4:20:04 PM	4:07:50 PM	3:56:54 PM
121.0	124.8	20.3	CONTINUE	Brougham St becomes Eastern Beach Rd	FEED ZONE START	4:20:14 PM	4:08:00 PM	3:57:03 PM
121.4	125.2	19.9	PASS	Fitzroy St	FEED ZONE FINISH	4:20:56 PM	4:08:40 PM	3:57:41 PM
121.5	125.3	19.8	PASS		LITTER ZONE FINISH	4:21:07 PM	4:08:50 PM	3:57:51 PM
121.7	125.5	19.6	LEFT	Hearne Pde		4:21:28 PM	4:09:10 PM	3:58:09 PM
122.7	126.5	18.6	RIGHT	Eastern Park Circuit Access Rd		4:23:14 PM	4:10:50 PM	3:59:44 PM
122.9	126.7	18.4	RIGHT	Eastern Park Circuit		4:23:35 PM	4:11:10 PM	4:00:03 PM
123.9	127.7	17.4	RIGHT	Turn Right to Continue on Eastern Park Circuit		4:25:21 PM	4:12:50 PM	4:01:38 PM
124.0	127.8	17.3	CONTINUE	Eastern Park Circuit becomes Malop St	WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	4:25:32 PM	4:13:00 PM	4:01:47 PM
124.9	128.7	16.4	LEFT	Yarra St	Traffic Island	4:27:07 PM	4:14:30 PM	4:03:13 PM
126.1	129.9	15.2	RIGHT	Carr St		4:29:14 PM	4:16:30 PM	4:05:06 PM
126.4	130.2	14.9	LEFT	Moorabool St		4:29:46 PM	4:17:00 PM	4:05:35 PM
127.7	131.5	13.6	RIGHT	Barrabool Rd	Keep Left	4:32:04 PM	4:19:10 PM	4:07:38 PM
130.2	134.0	11.1	RIGHT	Mt Pleasant Rd	Median Strip - Keep Left	4:36:28 PM	4:23:20 PM	4:11:35 PM
130.3	134.1	11.0	RIGHT	Barwon Blvd	Traffic Island	4:36:39 PM	4:23:30 PM	4:11:44 PM
131.3	135.1	10.0	RIGHT	To stay on Barwon Blvd	Roundabout - Split Keep left of exit island	4:38:25 PM	4:25:10 PM	4:13:19 PM
131.4	135.2	9.9	LEFT	Challambra Cres	Traffic Island	4:38:35 PM	4:25:20 PM	4:13:28 PM
131.4	135.2	9.9		Challambra Cres	QoM #2 START	4:38:35 PM	4:25:20 PM	4:13:28 PM
131.9	135.7	9.4	CONTINUE	Challambra Crescent becomes Westbury Tce		4:39:28 PM	4:26:10 PM	4:14:16 PM
132.3	136.1	9.0		Queen of the Mountain Gantry	QoM #2 FINISH	4:40:11 PM	4:26:50 PM	4:14:54 PM
132.3	136.1	9.0	RIGHT	The Ridge	BOTTLE ZONE START	4:40:11 PM	4:26:50 PM	4:14:54 PM
132.4	136.2	8.9	RIGHT	Scenic Rd	BOTTLE ZONE FINISH	4:40:21 PM	4:27:00 PM	4:15:03 PM
133.9	137.7	7.4	CONTINUE	Scenic Rd becomes Queens Park Rd		4:43:00 PM	4:29:30 PM	4:17:25 PM
134.7	138.5	6.6	CROSS	Single Lane Bridge	CAUTION - NARROW BRIDGE	4:44:25 PM	4:30:50 PM	4:18:41 PM
135.1	138.9	6.2	LEFT	Melville Ave	Traffic Island	4:45:07 PM	4:31:30 PM	4:19:19 PM
135.6	139.4	5.7	CONTINUE	Melville Ave becomes Minerva Rd		4:46:00 PM	4:32:20 PM	4:20:06 PM
137.3	141.1	4.0	PASS	Murphy Ave	4KM TO GO	4:49:00 PM	4:35:10 PM	4:22:47 PM
137.4	141.2	3.9	RIGHT	Church St		4:49:11 PM	4:35:20 PM	4:22:57 PM
137.5	141.3	3.8	PASS	Pride Ave	LITTER ZONE START	4:49:21 PM	4:35:30 PM	4:23:06 PM
137.9	141.7	3.4	PASS	Shannon Ave	LITTER ZONE FINISH	4:50:04 PM	4:36:10 PM	4:23:44 PM
138.3	142.1	3.0	PASS	Elizabeth St	3KM TO GO	4:50:46 PM	4:36:50 PM	4:24:22 PM
138.5	142.3	2.8	RIGHT	Ballarat Rd (A300)	Traffic Island	4:51:07 PM	4:37:10 PM	4:24:41 PM
139.3	143.1	2.0	VEER LEFT	Glenleith Ave	2KM TO GO	4:52:32 PM	4:38:30 PM	4:25:57 PM
139.6	143.4	1.7	RIGHT	The Esplanade	Roundabout - Keep Left (2nd exit)	4:53:04 PM	4:39:00 PM	4:26:25 PM
140.0	143.8	1.3	CONTINUE	The Esplanade becomes Western Beach Rd		4:53:46 PM	4:39:40 PM	4:27:03 PM
140.3	144.1	1.0	PASS	Ginn St	1KM TO GO	4:54:18 PM	4:40:10 PM	4:27:32 PM
141.1	144.9	0.2	CONTINUE	Western Beach Rd becomes Eastern Beach Rd		4:55:42 PM	4:41:30 PM	4:28:47 PM
141.3	145.1	0.0	CROSS	Start / Finish Gantry	FINISH	4:56:04 PM	4:41:50 PM	4:29:06 PM
141.6	145.4				FINISH RUN-OFF			

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PPO and Start Parking Map



Course Map

Women's Course Map



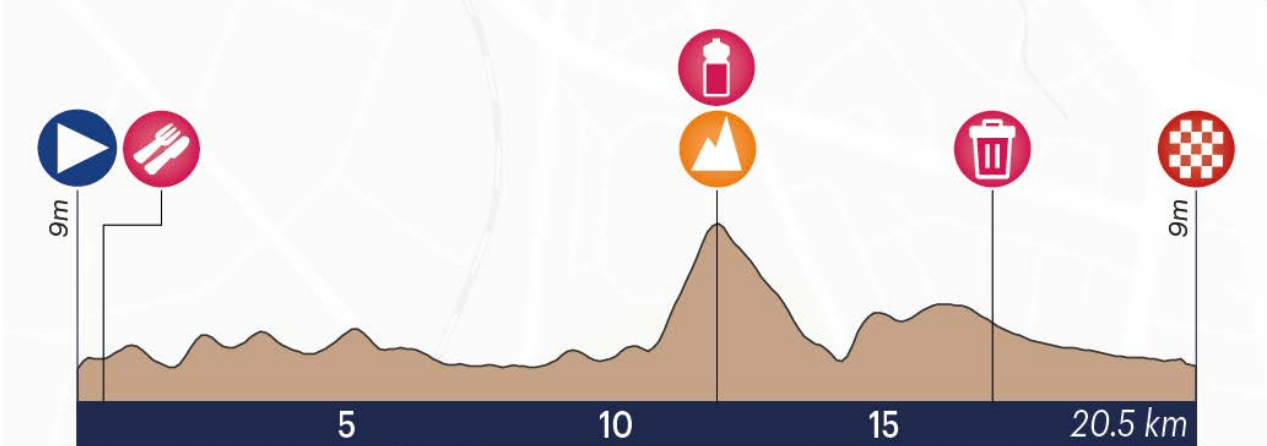
Women's Course Profile



Geelong Finish Circuit Map



Course Profile - Finish Circuit



QOM Challambra Map



4km to Finish Map



Feed Zone to Finish and Deviation Map





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