

# THE KOKODA CHALLENGE

## SUPPORT CREW HANDBOOK

- 2021 GOLD COAST -



AUSTRALIA'S TOUGHEST TEAM ENDURANCE EVENT



# YOUR ROLE

## **SUPPORT CREW ARE VITAL TO A TEAM'S SUCCESS AND ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANY SUCCESSFUL TEAM.**

Congratulations on being asked to be a part of the Kokoda Challenge as support crew! Ideally you give food, changes of clothes, medical attention and much needed encouragement to your team. The checkpoints you will be visiting to assist your team will be the bright points through their event experience. However, it is a big commitment so it is important to make sure you not only have the time to be available on the weekend, but also the enthusiasm to keep your team motivated and will encourage them through the tough times!





# PREPARATION

**You will need to meet with your team before event weekend!**

## BEFORE EVENT WEEKEND

- Only competitors in the 48 & 96km Kokoda Challenge require a support crew
- Use the meeting agenda on the next page to ensure you've covered all topics to ensure you know where to meet, approximately what time to meet, what food to bring and more
- Look into apps such as Find My Friends or Live360 to track your team as they are walking, being mindful that they will be in and out of reception. We will also provide you with a link where you can track when they check into checkpoints
- You will need to get each competitors belongings before event day or at the start line if you're dropping them off. We recommend having a tub for each team member.
- Please note there is no limit to how many people are in your support crew but you are only allowed one car per support crew at the checkpoints. You must register your vehicle [here](#) as well as all members of your support crew for COVID tracing purposes.
- When your team pick up their event pack at pre-registration on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> of July (details [here](#)) there will be a support crew car parking pass in this pack which will give you access into the support crew checkpoints.
- Plan to have at least one support crew member at the start line to attend the briefing after competitors have set off on their adventure, this is mandatory for support crew to attend
- Our event must respect the day users visiting these beautiful locations





## TOPIC

## WHAT TO COVER

### 1. EVENT BRIEF

Tools: Event Poster  
Interactive & static maps

- What it is
- How long it is
- The date, time and location(s)

### 2. THE ROLE OF SUPPORT CREW

Tools: Support Crew Handbook

- What to pack
- What to expect
- Time and roles

### 3. FOOD

Tools: Article on food prep

- Best food for the Challenge

### 4. COMMUNICATION

Tools: social media, phones and email

- Establishing forms of communication before event
- Establishing forms of communication during event
- When to get to the Support Crew Checkpoint
- Who to speak to at Support Crew Checkpoint
- Follow Kokoda Challenge on Facebook and Instagram for any event-related updates during event

### 5. TEAM CAPTAINS

- Who is the Support Crew Captain?
- Who is the Team Captain?

### 6. ACTIONS

- Confirm next meeting date, time and location to review actions



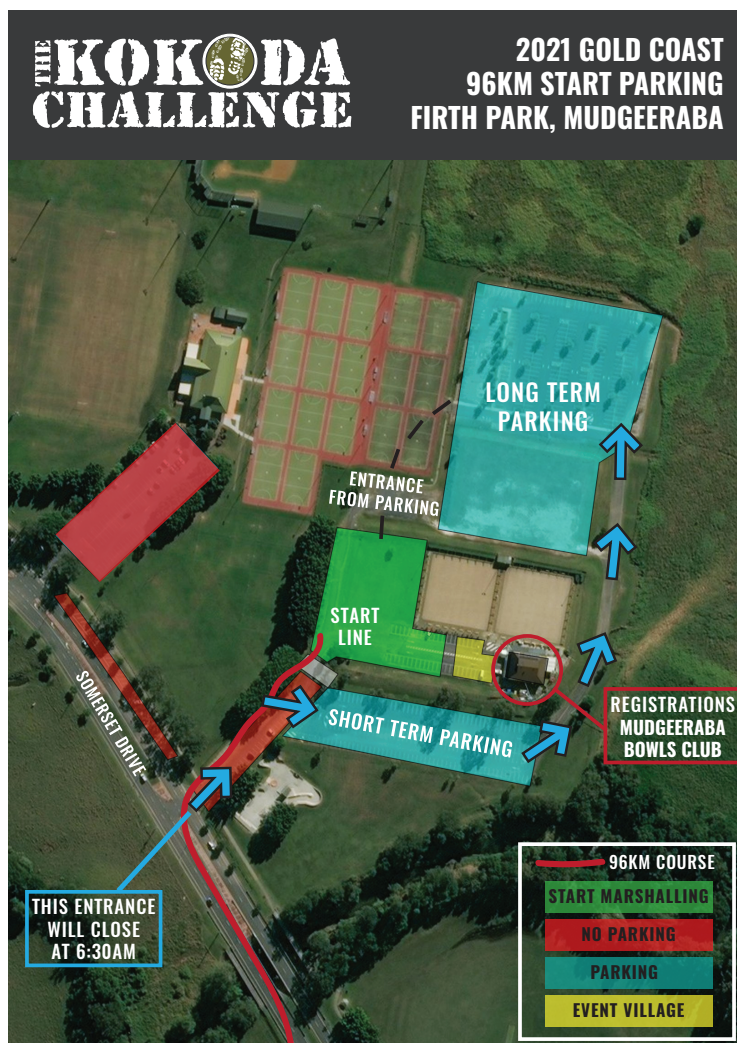


# EVENT WEEKEND - 96KM TEAMS

## START LINE - 96KM ONLY

*Mudgeeraba Lawn Bowls Club/Firth Park:  
Somerset Drive, Mudgeeraba*

- Only one support crew car is permitted per team
- Parking is at the Mudgeeraba Bowls Club Car Park, please ensure surrounding roads and car parks are kept clear
- Parking will be free at the start line
- If your team has not collected their event pack from pre-registration then they must arrive at 10am to collect as this contains their race bibs, t-shirts and your support crew car pass. You cannot enter the support crew car parks without it
- Once the 96km competitors set off at 7am, there will be a compulsory briefing for support crew
- We encourage support crew to visit local businesses as there is no accessing your team until checkpoint 4 at Polly's Cafe. Do not go to checkpoint 4 straight after your team has left as you will be turned around and asked to come back when they have texted you
- Please advise there are no pets permitted anywhere throughout the course or checkpoints
- There will be food and drink vendors at the start and finish lines





# EVENT WEEKEND - 96KM TEAMS

## CHECKPOINT 4: POLLY'S CAFE - 96KM SUPPORT CREW

*Polly's Cafe: 1024 Gold Coast Springbrook Rd, Neranwood*

- From the Mudgeeraba Bowls Club it takes approximately 15 minutes to drive to Polly's. Please allow extra time for potential traffic and parking
- Only one average size support crew car is permitted per team, no trailers or campervans
- You will need the car pass that was in your team's event pack to enter this car park
- A \$5 per car donation is required to park at Polly's Cafe which goes to the Mudgeeraba Cricket Club
- Please do not arrive more than 1 hour before your team arrives. They will walk past a sign that will prompt them to message you to let you know to meet them soon
- Please follow the directions of our volunteers
- Please respect this area: do not play loud music, take all rubbish with you, leave your pets at home and respect other day-users





# EVENT WEEKEND - 48 & 96KM TEAMS

## CHECKPOINT 6/START: RAW CHALLENGE - 96KM SUPPORT CREW & 48KM START

*Raw Challenge: 2201 Nerang Murwillumbah Road, Numinah Valley*

### 48KMS:

- This is the start line for 48km competitors as well as a support crew checkpoint for 96km competitors
- \$5 donation is required to enter this car park which goes towards the Numinbah Trust
- Only one normal sized support crew car is permitted per team, no trailers or campervans
- If your team has not collected their event pack from pre-registration then they must arrive at 10am to collect as this contains their race bibs, t-shirts and your support crew car pass. You cannot enter the support crew car parks without it
- There will be a compulsory support crew briefing after the 48km competitors have left
- Please do not proceed to the next checkpoint more than an hour before your team arrives

### 96KMS:

- From Polly's, it takes approximately 25 minutes to get to Raw Challenge
- \$5 donation is required to enter this car park which goes towards the Numinbah Trust
- Please follow the directions of our volunteers
- Please respect this area: do not play loud music, take all rubbish with you, leave your pets at home and respect other day-users





# EVENT WEEKEND - 48 & 96KM TEAMS

## CHECKPOINT 8: ARMY LAND - 48KM SCHOOLS & 96KM SUPPORT CREW ONLY

*Army Land: 1263 Beechmont Rd, Lower Beechmont*

- 48km open team support crew do not have access to this checkpoint
- From Raw Challenge it takes approximately 35 minutes to drive to Army Land. Please allow extra time for potential traffic and parking
- \$5 donation is required to enter this car park which goes towards the local Scenim Rim SES
- Only one normal sized support crew car is permitted per team, no trailers or
- Please do not proceed to the next checkpoint more than an hour before your team arrives
- Please follow the directions of our volunteers
- Please respect this area: do not play loud music, take all rubbish with you, leave your pets at home and respect other day-users





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## CHECKPOINT 11: LITTLE CLAGIRABA RESERVE - ALL TEAMS SUPPORT CREW

*Little Clagiraba Reserve: Clagiraba Road, Clagiraba QLD*

- From Army Land it takes approximately 25 minutes to drive to Little Clagiraba Reserve. Please allow extra time for potential traffic and parking
- \$5 donation is required to enter this car park which goes towards the local Scouts
- Only one normal sized support crew car is permitted per team, no trailers or campervans





# EVENT WEEKEND

**IF YOU MEET YOUR TEAM OUTSIDE OF THE DESIGNATED SUPPORT CREW CHECKPOINT THEN YOUR TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED**

## FINISH LINE:

*Nerang Velodrome: 8 Hope Street, Nerang*

- This is also the 17km start line
- There will be food and drink vendors here
- \$5 donation is required to enter this car park which goes towards the local Soccer Club
- Please ensure surrounding car parks and roads are kept clear for day area visitors
- Only one support crew car is permitted per team
- 96km teams will have 39 hours to complete the Kokoda Challenge, meaning the finish line cut off time will be 10:00 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July
- Please advise there are no pets permitted at the finish line
- Please make sure you cheer the teams rolling through! They will be handed dog tags as a symbolic token of their Spirit of Kokoda





# SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Check  
your  
emails!

## STAY UP TO DATE, INFORMED AND PREPARED!

Ensure you regularly check your emails in the lead up to the event as maps, details, information and critical updates will be shared. If you haven't yet, subscribe to our support crew mailing list and register your details [HERE](#).

We'll share specific information on parking, food vendors, any changes and more.

Don't forget to tag our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages during the Kokoda Challenge and follow our pages to stay informed on event weekend! #KokodaChallenge

Join our Facebook Community Group 'Kokoda Challenge Support Crew' to connect and chat with other support crews, share tips and ask questions.

JOIN GROUP





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## 2021 GOLD COAST 48KM & 96KM COURSE MAP

