

THE KOKODA CHALLENGE

SUPPORT CREW HANDBOOK

- 2021 BRISBANE -



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.

Congratulation 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 checkpoint that 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 though the tough times!



PREPARATION

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

BEFORE EVENT WEEKEND

- Only competitors in the 48km Kokoda Challenge are required a support crew
- Use the meeting agenda on the next page to ensure you've covered all topic 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
- 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 checkpoint. 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 4th of June (details [here](#)) there will be a support crew car parking pass in this pack which will give you access into checkpoint 3 at Bellbird Grove, this is the only support crew checkpoint, there is no support crew access at checkpoint 2
- Plan to have at least support crew member at the start line to attend the briefing after competitors have set off on their adventure
- 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

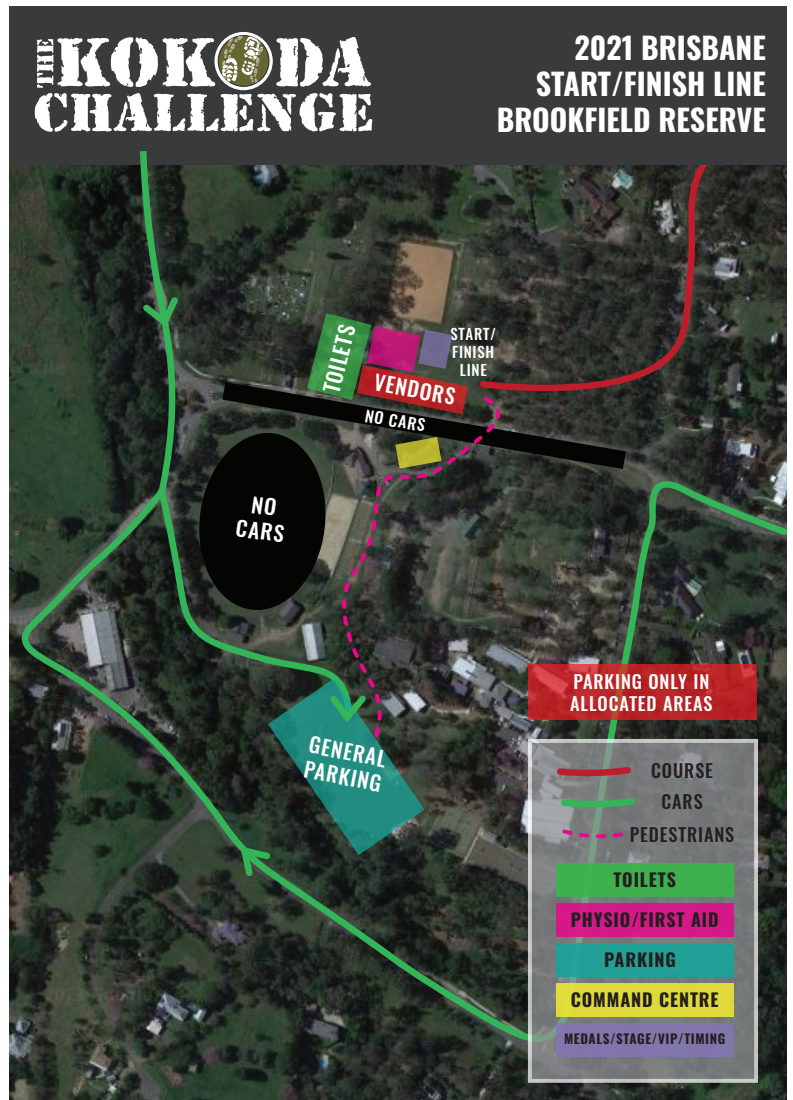


EVENT WEEKEND

START LINE:

Brookfield Recreation Reserve: 48 Boscombe Rd, Brookfield

- Only one support crew car is permitted per team
- Parking is at Brookfield State School oval only, please ensure surrounding car parks and roads are kept clear for day area visitors for Brookfield Reserve
- Parking will be \$5 per car at the start line, this fee goes directly to Brookfield State School and not the Kokoda Youth Foundation
- Once the 48km competitors have set off at 7:00 am. there will be a compulsory briefing for all support crew
- After competitors have left, we encourage support crew to visit local businesses as there is no accessing your team until checkpoint 3 at Bellbird Grove
- Please advise there are no pets permitted here or at Bellbird Grove
- There will be a coffee van at the start line and a cafe across the road



EVENT WEEKEND

CHECKPOINT 3: BELLBIRD GROVE

Bellbird Grove: 113 Mt Nebo Rd, Enoggera Rervoir

- Only one support crew car is permitted per team
- You will need the car pass that was in your team's event pack to enter this car park
- You will be asked to return the car pass upon leaving the Bellbird Grove car park
- 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 leave if you are at Brookfield Reserve.
- From Brookfield Reserve, it takes approximately 25 minutes to get to Bellbird Grove
- Please follow the directions of our volunteers
- A gold coin donation is appreciated to park at Bellbird Grove which goes to the local SES
- 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

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

FINISH LINE:

Brookfield Recreation Reserve: 48 Boscombe Rd, Brookfield

- The coffee van will still be there at the finish line and the cafe across the road (Brookfield General Store) will be open until 10pm
- You will be given a ticket by the volunteers at the Brookfield Reserve when you pay for parking at the start line, keep this ticket and return it back to the volunteers when entering the car park at the finish line to avoid having to pay for parking again
- Parking is at Brookfield State School oval only, please ensure surrounding car parks and roads are kept clear for day area visitors for Brookfield Reserve
- Only one support crew car is permitted per team
- 48km teams will have 20 hours to complete the Kokoda Challenge, meaning the finish line cut off time will be 3:00 am on the 6th of June
- 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

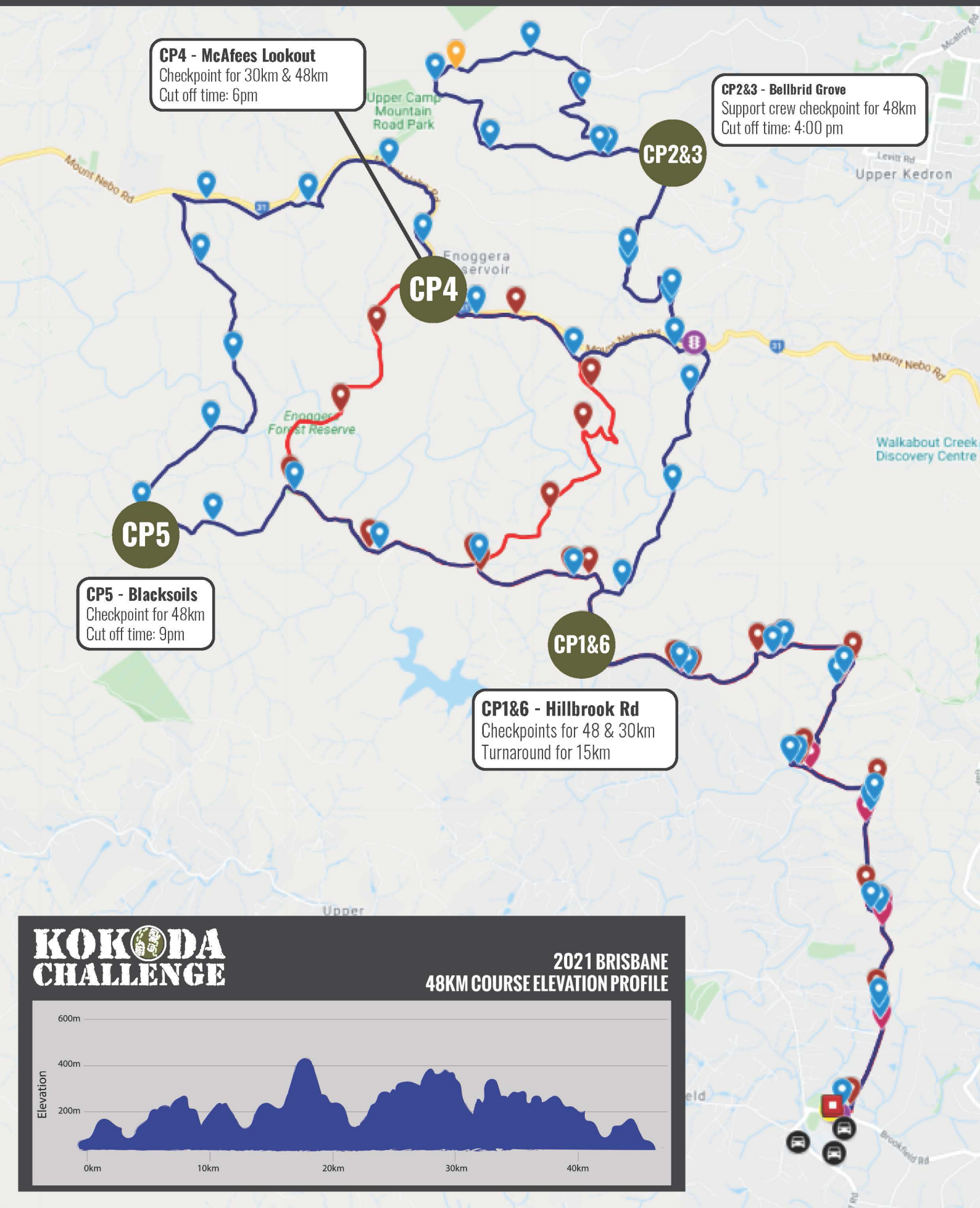
Join our Facebook Community Group 'Kokoda Challenge Support Crew' to connect and chat with other support crews, share tips and ask questions.

JOIN GROUP



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2021 BRISBANE 48KM COURSE MAP



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2021 BRISBANE 48KM COURSE ELEVATION PROFILE

