



# 2018 RIDE GUIDE

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## WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the inaugural Reef to Reef! Our team are super excited to be part of your MTB experience as we enjoy some of the best riding on offer in Tropical North Queensland. It has taken over 18 months to reach this point and we are extremely grateful for all the support from stakeholders, partners, the local communities as well as the Mountain Bike clubs and members in the region.

Our team are here to support your Reef to Reef journey in any way we can so please don't hesitate to ask if there is anything you need assistance with or queries you may have.

A new innovation to Australian Mountain Biking at this event is the inclusion of the Teams racing format inherited from our big sister the Absa Cape Epic! I once heard an analogy that compared the experience with going on a trip — "it's great to go on holiday but it's even better when you can share the experience with someone"! Speaking of the Absa Cape Epic, Reef to Reef is the first event in Australia to allocate guaranteed entries to this iconic race so be sure you have registered your interest to qualify for one of the 10 entries on offer.

Whether you are here to race, enjoy a new riding experience or just have a good time (or all of the above) we are excited to share your good times rolling!

In the interests of safety, please ride with care and consideration at all times.

Roll on!

Pricey.



Chris Price, Race Director, Reef to Reef

## FIND YOUR PERFECT NEXT CHALLENGE



Queensland's balmy weather and spectacular outdoor courses have made it a mainstay of the international endurance event circuit. Whether you're a seasoned pro, budding amateur or just starting out, Queensland's 2018 program is packed with opportunities to achieve a personal best. Find your perfect next challenge and start planning a mini-break around it, where life's beautiful one day and perfect the next.



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**GOLD COAST** Pan Pacific Masters Games 2 - 11 Nov



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## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

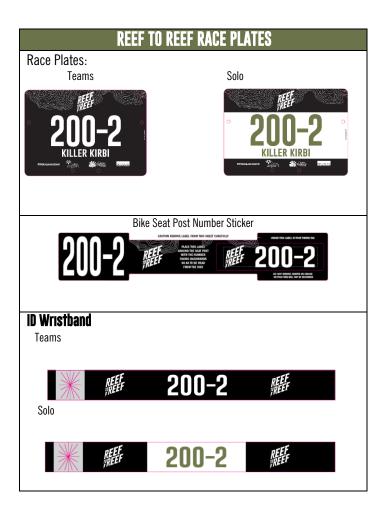
| WEDNESDAY, 8 AUGUST | PRE-RACE   | VENUE   |  |
|---------------------|--|---|--|
| 5:30 pm – 7:00pm    | Rider Welcome                                    | Hemingway's Brewery, Cairns Wharf                                   |  |
| THURSDAY, 9 AUGUST  | STAGE 1  | VENUE   |  |
| 9:00am - 12:00pm    | Rider Registration                               | -<br>Race Village, James Cook University / Smithfield<br>- MTB Park |  |
| 10:00am-5:00pm      | Bike Mechanic Services                           |   |  |
| 12:15pm             | Welcome and Teams Race Briefing                  |   |  |
| 12.30pm             | Team Race Start                                  |   |  |
| 1:15pm              | Solo Race Briefing                               |   |  |
| 1.30pm              | Solo Race Start                                  |   |  |
| 5:00pm              | Stage 1 Awards                                   |   |  |
| 5.30pm              | Reef to Reef Clubhouse                           | Hemingway's Brewery, Cairns Wharf                                   |  |
| FRIDAY, 10 AUGUST   | STAGE 2  | VENUE   |  |
| 7.00am - 1:00pm     | Bike Mechanic Services                           |   |  |
| 7:45am              | Race Briefing                                    | Davies Creek MTB Park   |  |
| 8:00am              | Race Start                                       | Davies creek MTB Park   |  |
| 12:00pm             | Stage 2 Awards                                   |   |  |
| 5.30pm              | Reef to Reef Clubhouse                           | Hemingsway's Brewery, Port Douglas Marina                           |  |
| SATURDAY, 11 AUGUST | STAGE 3  | VENUE   |  |
| 7.00am - 1:00pm     | Bike Mechanic Services                           |   |  |
| 7:45am              | Race Briefing                                    | Vains Park, Mt Molloy   |  |
| 8:00am              | Race Start                                       |   |  |
| 12:00pm             | Stage 3 Awards                                   |   |  |
| 5.30pm              | Reef to Reef Clubhouse                           | Hemingsway's Brewery, Port Douglas Marina                           |  |
| SUNDAY, 12 AUGUST   | STAGE 4  | VENUE   |  |
| 6:15am - 7:15am     | Shuttle bus service Pt Douglas to Mt Molloy      | Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club, Port Douglas                     |  |
| 7:00am - 11.30am    | Bike Mechanic Services (start line only)         | - Wetherby Station, Mt Molloy                                       |  |
| 7:30am - 8:30am     | Triple-R 70km Check-in                           |   |  |
| 7:30am - 10:30am    | Triple-R 35km Check In                           |   |  |
| 8:00am              | Reef to Reef Race Start                          |   |  |
| 9:00am              | Triple-R 70km Race Start                         |   |  |
| 11:00am             | Triple-R 35km Race Start                         |   |  |
| 2:30pm              | Awards for Triple-R                              | Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club, Port Douglas                     |  |
| 2:45pm              | Awards for Reef to Reef                          |   |  |
| 3:00pm              | Absa Cape Epic Qualification and Draw allocation |   |  |
| 5.30pm              | Reef to Reef / Triple-R After Party              | Hemingway's Brewery, Port Douglas Marina                            |  |

## **PRE-RACE INFORMATION**

To help with your pre-race preparation here's a list of things to remember:

- □ Ensure you have photo identification such as drivers licence to bring to Rider Registration
- □ If you are an MTBA member, ensure you bring your MTBA Member Card
- □ Confirm that the person recorded as your Emergency Contact during the registration procedure, is not riding Reef to Reef and will be contactable during the event and ensure that their full number including area / country code is provided
- Have your bike serviced so that is running smoothly and reliably. Whilst there will be bike mechanics at the event full workshop services will not be available. All mechanical support is on a user pays basis.
- □ Only the registered rider can pick up their Rider Kit at Registration.
- □ For safety reasons non registered competitors are not allowed to compete under someone else's name. Doing so will result in exclusion from future Reef to Reef or associated MTB races.
- During Registration you will receive the following items Race Plate with Timing Chip attached (and cable ties), Bike Seat Post Number Sticker (including timing chip attached), and ID Wristband.
- □ Your ID wristband must be worn at all times as this will be your entry to 'rider only restricted areas.' Your ID wristband will be secured to your wrist prior to leaving Registration.

- Please be aware that as this is a 4-day stage event, you will need to take extra care of your race plate when loading and transporting your bike. Occasionally bike plates can blow off when driving. We provide a high-quality plate, so it should remain in place for the full 4 days, however, you may choose to remove your plate before travelling. Extra cable ties are available at Information, so you can reattach it each day. Please DO NOT remove your bike tag from your seat post as this cannot be easily replaced.
- □ Download the event app Epic Series Oceania This has all the important race day information you need. Available through the App store and Google Play!
- □ Parking is available at Start/Finish line of every stage. Please follow the signs and directions of our awesome crew.
- □ The crew at Reef to Reef encourage sustainable practices this includes minimising single use plastic, use of recyclable bins and minimising waste. Please be considerate and use the correct bins around the venue for your waste.



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## **IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE**

### **RIDER PACKS**

These will be available for all riders at the venue located at James Cook University/ Smithfield MTB Park on Thursday 9 August between 9:00am - 12:00pm.

### **RIDER TEE AND TRUCKER CAP**

With your registration you get a wicked t-shirt and trucker cap, these will be available for you to pick up at rider registration Thursday between 9:00am- 12:00pm at the venue located at James Cook University/ Smithfield MTB Park.

### **COMPULSORY RIDER BRIEFINGS**

All riders are required to attend the <u>compulsory</u> pre-race briefing each day. These will be delivered 15 minutes prior to that stages start. The briefing will inform you on what to expect on course, road rules, dismount zones and rider etiquette. Time penalties will be awarded to riders who do not obey the race rules.

### **ALWAYS BE PREPARED**

It is recommended all riders commence each stage with at least one full water bottle and enough food to sustain their energy levels. Water Points will be strategically positioned on course; however it is advised that riders carry any dietary specific products as well as "get out of jail" supplies! Bottle Drop is also available, bottles must be dropped at the Information tent before 7:30am each day. They will be taken to the Water Point for you to collect during your race, please make sure these are labelled with your name and race number.

Taking a small puncture repair kit and spare tube/s on your ride is also highly recommended.

### INFORMATION

Got a question? Be sure to come see us at the Information Tent. Located within rider Check-In, Information will open from 9:00am Stage 1 and 7.00am for Stages 2,3 and 4.

### WATER POINTS

Each stage will include at least one Water Point. Resources available will include;

- Water
- GU Electrolyte
- Cola
- GU Gels
- Fruit

- Lollies
- Sunscreen
- Basic tools

### **BAG DROP**

Reef to Reef does not have a designated bag drop however if you don't have a support crew to watch over your bag, we're all one big family and you can leave your gear at Information and our friendly crew can keep an eye on it for you.

### **BIKE MECHANIC**

We are stoked to announce Pump 'n' Pedals Cairns has jumped on board as Reef to Reef's mechanical service for 2018.

You'll find the team there to help you at the Start and Finish lines. The guys will be providing assistance and spares as required, as well as offering overnight repairs if needed. Please note that this is on a user pays basis.

Thanks guys for keeping everyone's wheels rolling for the entire ride!

### **FIRST AID**

Medical assistance is available at the Start/Finish line and on course each day. If you require medical attention on course you can either make your way to the next communication point and we can get medics to you, or else send another rider ahead to the communication point on your behalf to arrange a medic to come and check up on you.

### **DRIVE TIMES**

|  | Drive time to Start Location From |                |         |                 |
|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------|
|  | Cairns                            | Palm<br>Cove   | Mareeba | Port<br>Douglas |
| Stage 1 -<br>Smithfield                      | 15 mins                           | 16 mins        | 40 mins | 45 mins         |
| Stage 2 - Davies<br>Creek                    | 45 mins                           | 45 mins        | 15 mins | 1hr 30<br>mins  |
| Stage 3 - Mt<br>Molloy                       | 1hr 20<br>mins                    | 1hr 20<br>mins | 30 mins | 45 mins         |
| Stage 4 -<br>Wetherby Station<br>(Mt Molloy) | 1hr 25<br>mins                    | 1hr 25<br>mins | 35 mins | 45 mins         |

### SHUTTLE BUS SERVICES

For stages 1, 2, & 3 you'll be starting and finishing in the same place which makes it super easy to drive to and from each stage.

For stage 4, the start and finish lines are at different locations. So we are running a shuttle bus and bike transfer service\* to get you to the start line at Wetherby Station, Mount Molloy. The shuttle bus will depart nice and early on Sunday morning from the finish line. This way, as soon as you finish your ride you can sit back and relax - let the last few days sink in and soak up the atmosphere at the Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club.

If your unable to get onto the morning shuttle riders can opt for the afternoon service this will leave Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club at 3:45pm on Sunday 12 August and head back to the start line at Wetherby Station, Mount Molloy.

Stage 4 Shuttle Bus & Bike Transfer Service - \$20.00 per rider

#### REEF TO REEF SOLO/TEAMS & 70KM TRIPLE-R RIDERS.

The shuttle bus and bike transfer will leave Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club at 6.15am on Sunday 12 August, and head to the start line at Wetherby Station, Mount Molloy. This will get you to the start line around 7:15am. Please arrive by 6.00am to allow time to load your bike on the truck and take your seat on the bus. Please note this service is for riders only.

#### TRIPLE-R 35KM RIDERS

The shuttle bus and bike transfer will leave Port Douglas Surf Lifesaving Club at 7.30am on Sunday 12 August, and head to the start line at Wetherby Station, Mount Molloy. This will get you to the start line around 8:30am. Please arrive by 7.00am to allow time to load your bike on the truck and take your seat on the bus. Please note this service is for riders only.

Bookings are compulsory as there's limited capacity for these awesome services! Please contact <u>reeftoreef@ironman.com</u> or free call 1300 761 384. You can also check at Information during the stages 1, 2 and 3 to see availability and book this service with the friendly team.

\*Whilst all care is taken with bike transportation, no responsibility will be taken.



#### For a laid back beachside village, Port Douglas certainly knows how to party.

You don't need a reason to visit, but when you can rub shoulders with the stars at a tropical film festival, nail a PB on your Mountain Bike, or hook the catch of a lifetime, experiencing one of our legendary events will take your holiday to the next level.

| Date   | Event                                    | Туре          |
|--------|--|---------------|
| 12 Aug | Triple R Mountain Bike Challenge         | Mountain Bike |
| 26 Aug | Bump to Beach Trail Race                 | Trail Running |
| 26 Aug | Kuranda to Port Douglas Ultra Trail Race | Trail Running |
| 13 Oct | Whitelion Cape Tribulation Jungle Ride   | Cycling       |
| 26 Oct | Port Shorts Film Festival                | Film Festival |
| 27 Oct | Marlin Coast Challenge                   | Outrigger     |
| 28 Oct | Great Barrier Reef Marathon Festival     | Running       |
| 8 Nov  | Port Douglas Marlin Challenge            | Game Fishing  |

## **DIVERSIONS AND TIME PENALTIES**

The Reef to Reef has been designed for riders of all abilities who are looking to challenge themselves. As a result our objective is to keep all riders in the event for as long as it is possible but without compromising the safety of other riders or members of the event team.

Diversions – the Race Manager will monitor the pace of each group with an expectation that all riders can maintain a minimum speed of 10 - 12 kmh so that they can complete the course within the allotted time limit. Failure to do so will mean that riders, at the discretion of the Race Director, can be diverted onto a shorter route to the finish.

Time Penalties – the Race Director has the ability to apply a time penalty to any rider who is found to have not complied with any of the following rules;

- Failing to dismount at a marked dismount point or comply with the road rules.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Littering or careless disposal of any item on course.
- Offensive language or antisocial behaviour that negatively impacts the ride experience of another competitor.

### **ACCIDENTS ON COURSE**

If a rider crashes in front of you, this is not an opportunity to pass them! Stop immediately and ask if they need assistance. The first rider on the scene of a crash oversees the situation and should remain with the injured rider as long as necessary. If a serious injury occurs, ask the second rider on the scene to direct oncoming riders and send the third rider to the nearest communication point for assistance. Remember, if a rider is seriously injured do not move them, even if they are blocking the entire trail.

Keep in mind that time considerations will always be given to those who stop and assist injured riders. The bottom line is: at the end of the day, (as awesome as it is) Reef to Reef is just a mountain bike race, you are here to enjoy it and we're all here to get you over that finish line safely!

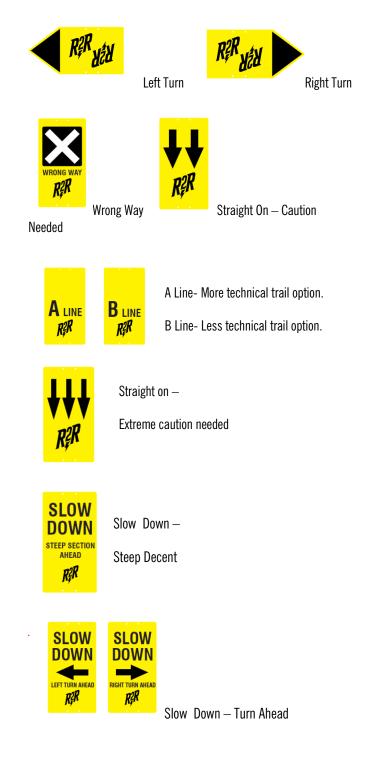
It is strongly advised that you have adequate Personal Accident or Personal Life insurance regardless of whether you are an Australian resident or from overseas. We highly recommend that Australian residents hold valid private health insurance and that international riders check with their travel insurance or personal insurance provider to confirm what they are covered for.

Under Australian legislation, all non-Australian residents are <u>not</u> covered for medical costs or ambulance transport costs. If you have an accident you must pay for your own medical expenses and transport. This is why we recommended you obtain adequate personal medical insurance or travel insurance with the relevant coverage.

### **DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE ON COURSE**

The 2018 Reef to Reef course will be marked with black arrows on a yellow background. Please familiarise yourself with the course signage, the course is signposted. In the instance where there is a tricky section, a marshal will be posted to direct riders in the correct direction.

The following directional signs will be used on course.



### LOST & FOUND PROPERTY

Any lost or found property that is handed in will be taken to the Information tent located at the start/finish lines. Please note that no responsibility or liability is taken by the Event Organisers for lost property. After the event has concluded all lost property will be returned to our office in Noosa, QLD. It will be your responsibility to cover any cost for its return to you. For any enquiries after the event please contact IRONMAN on 1300 761 384 or reeftoreef@ironman.com

### MASSAGE

After a big day on the bike you'll be loving the sight of our Massage team who will be at the finish line each day to get those weary muscles recovered and ready for the next stage. Sessions are on a user pays basis charged at \$1/per minute. Bookings can be made at the massage tent during opening hours. Cash only.

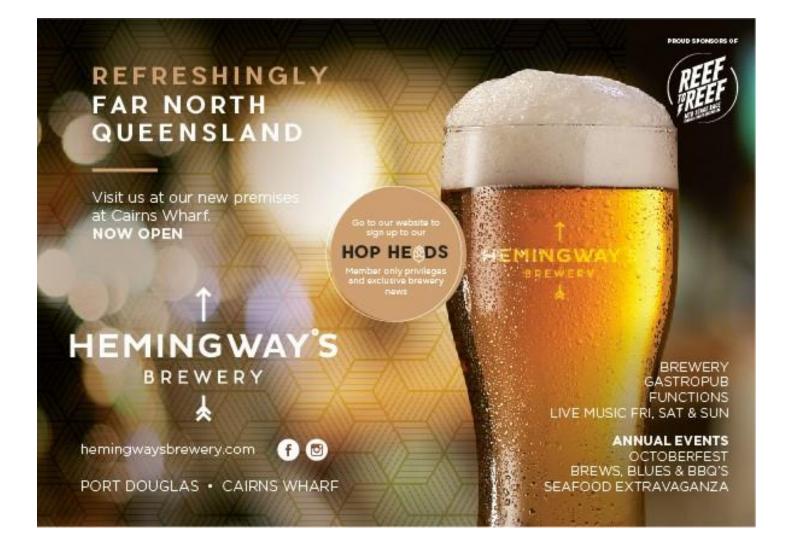
Stage 1 - 2:30pm - 5:00pm Stage 2 - 9:30am - 1:00pm Stage 3 - 9:30am - 1:00pm Stage 4 - 9:30am - 2:30pm

### **BIKE WASH**

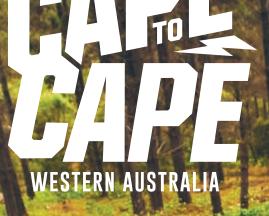
Basic facilities will be available at every finish line for riders to wash their bikes.

### **EVENT PHOTOS**

Don't forget to check out your epic photos captured by the guy's at FinisherPix. Photos will be available within 2 days of the final day of the event. You can purchase these shots at www.finisherpix.com



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## STAGE 1- SMITHFIELD MTB PARK

THURSDAY 9 AUGUST 2018





#### START AND FINISH: Smithfield MTB Park

**DISTANCE:** 20km

CLIMBING: 700m

FORMAT: Time Trial

#### **TEAM START TIME**

- Teams will start first from 12:30pm
- Teams will start at 30 second intervals
- Teams will be allocated a start time. Start times will be available 2 days prior to race start available online in the <u>Rider Support Tab of</u> <u>our website.</u> Hard copy lists will also be available at registration and information on Thursday 9 August.
- A team finish time is when the second rider crosses the finish line.
- Results will be based on net time. (from crossing the start line to crossing the finish)

#### **SOLO START TIME**

- Solo riders will start from 1.30pm
- Riders will start in pairs. Each start will be at 30 seconds intervals.
- Riders shall "self-seed" in order of expected ride times fastest to slowest.
- Results will be based on the rider's net time.

**EXPECTED FINISH TIME:** First Riders: 1.45pm Last Riders: 5:00pm

**COURSE HIGHLIGHT:** Riders should look out for some interesting surprises! The flow and funk of the Smithfield Mountain Bike trails will leave you giggling like a kid getting your first bike, but don't forget you'll only get to enjoy those amazing descents by first conquering the climb. Enjoy the iconic single trail that makes Smithfield so well known.

WATER POINT LOCATIONS: Water Point #1-7.2km Adjacent to Start / Finish line. This location will have a Bottle exchange.

**PARKING:** Event Parking is available on the inland side of JCU, adjacent to the event venue. Riders will need to enter via the university entrance, take the first left and follow the road around to the parking overflow, from here you won't be able to miss the venue. See final page of this guide for map.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

From the start line, riders complete a 7km loop on the western side of the park before passing around the back of the venue and onto the remaining 13km. There are plenty of opportunities to pass other riders however be considerate when doing so. The majority of the course is on single trail with some sections of unsealed road, fire trails and a tiny bit of bitumen! Any technical elements offer a B line with plenty of advanced warning.

RACE TIP - With 700m of climbing in only 20km of riding pace yourself through the ascents and be cautious on the descents.

## STAGE 2 – DAVIES CREEK MTB PARK

FRIDAY 10 AUGUST 2018





START AND FINISH: Davies Creek MTB Park DISTANCE: 50KM CLIMBING: 600M START TIME: 8:00am FORMAT: Mass Start

#### **TEAM START**

- Teams will start at the advertised race start time (8.00am)
- Teams are encouraged to self-seed within the start chute so that the fastest teams are on the front of the grid.
- Each team finish time is when the second rider crosses the finish line.
- Race times are based on the "gun start time" for teams.

#### **SOLO START**

- Solo riders start 5 minutes after the Teams start.
- Riders are encouraged to self-seed within the start chute based on their expected ride time so that the fastest riders are on the front of the grid.
- Race times are based on the "gun start time" for Solos.

**EXPECTED FINISH TIME:** First Riders: 10.00am Last Riders: 1:15pm

**COURSE HIGHLIGHT:** Today is an epic work day, undulating and adventurous with hidden gems all along the way, keep your eyes peeled for them.

WATER POINT LOCATION: Water Point #1- 21km and 35km

Riders pass this Water Point on the outward and return section of the course. Bottle exchange will be available.

PARKING: Event Parking is available at the Davies Creek MTB Park.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

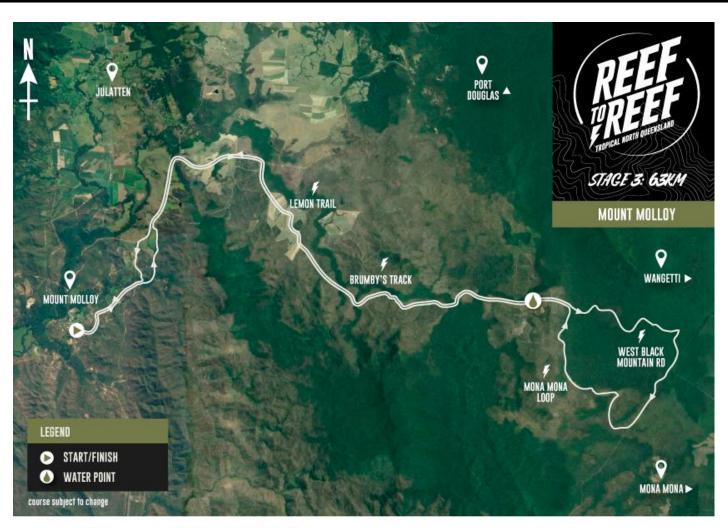
After a short section of unsealed road riders head onto the single trail and some testing little climbs. After passing back through the start / finish line the course enjoys the fast and flowing trails of the MTB park before hitting the bushlands. The final section is through the MTB park again for another reminder of how good these trails are!

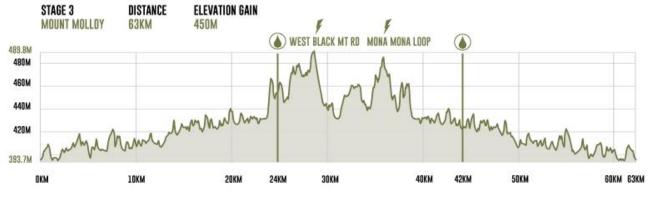
RACE TIP: Head to the Davies Creek for a refreshing dip after your ride!



## STAGE 3 - MOUNT MOLLOY

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST 2018





START AND FINISH: VAINS PARK, MOUNT MOLLOY

**DISTANCE:** 63KM

KM CLIMBING: 450M

START TIME: 8:00AM

#### FORMAT: Mass Start TEAM START

- Teams will start at the advertised race start time (8.00am)
- Teams are encouraged to self-seed within the start chute so that the fastest teams are on the front of the grid.
- Each team finish time is when the second rider crosses the finish line.
- Race times are based on the "gun start time" for teams.

#### **SOLO START**

- Solo riders start five minutes after the Teams start.
- Riders are encouraged to self-seed within the start chute based on their expected ride time so that the fastest riders are on the front of the grid.
- Race times are based on the "gun start time" for Solos

EXPECTED FINISH TIME: First Riders:10.15am Last Riders: 2:15pm

**COURSE HIGHLIGHT:** This trail is like day and night, one minute your riding rural and the next you're in lush spectacular rainforest you won't want it to stop!

#### WATER POINT LOCATIONS: Water Point #1/2-24km and 42km

Riders pass this Water Point on the outward and return section of the course. Bottle exchange will be available.

PARKING: Adjacent to Vains Park, Mt Molloy

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

From the start, riders head out on a section of unsealed road and fire trail through the cattlefields, bushland and cane fields before hitting the first section of single trail, a sequence that is repeated in different sequences throughout the course. It is relatively flat throughout but some challenging gullies and reek crossings will require riders to dismount.

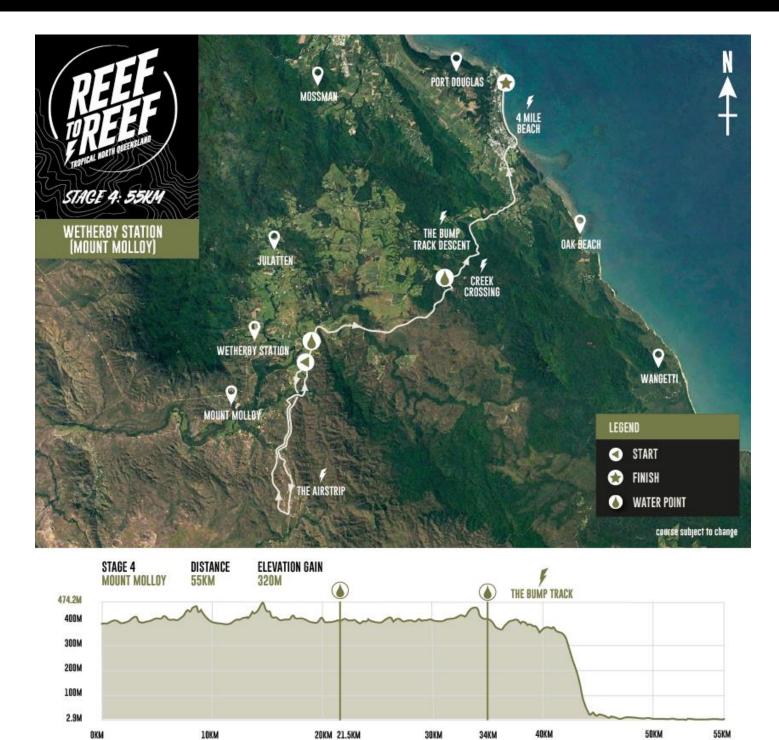


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## STAGE 4 – WETHERBY STATION (MOUNT MOLLOY) – PORT DOUGLAS

SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018



START: Wetherby Station (Mount Molloy) FINISH: Port Douglas DISTANCE: 55KM

CLIMBING: 320M

START TIME: 8:00am

FORMAT: Mass Start

#### **TEAM START**

- Teams will start at the advertised race start time (8.00am)
- Teams are encouraged to self-seed within the start chute so that the fastest teams are on the front of the grid.
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**EXPECTED FINISH TIME:** First Riders: 9.45am Last Finishers: 12:45pm

**COURSE HIGHLIGHT:** Woohoo finally the beach, but first you must negotiate the Bump, a breathtaking Rainforest descent like no other, respect it and it will leave you salivating for a second run, the beach and beer await you!

WATER POINT LOCATION: Water Point #1-21km Passing back through Wetherby Station Bottle Exchange available

Water Point #2 - 34km Top of the Bump Track

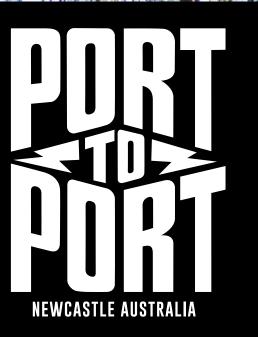
#### PARKING:

Wetherby Station has ample parking

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

From the start riders head out through the cattlelands, over some rolling terrain and a well-known trail called "Who'd of thought it"! Then it's back through Wetherby Station, down the Bump Track and finally onto Four Mile Beach and the finish line.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Take care on the Bump Track, there are many hazards that are difficult to negotiate with too much speed.



23-26 MAY 2019

## ABSA CAPE EPIC Qualifier



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## CAPE EPIC QUALIFICATION

## **QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

## **PERFORMANCE ALLOCATION**

Five guaranteed entries will go to the highest ranked teams in our official 5 Age Categories who registered their interest: Men, Women, Mixed, Masters 40+, Grandmasters 50+

- Performance Entries are allocated per team. It is sufficient if one rider in a team registered his/her interest. However, we recommend that both riders register their interest to stand a chance via the draw should they not qualify by performance.
- Both team members must be present at the final awards ceremony on Sunday 12 August 2018 in Port Douglas.
- Should a team decide not to take up their entry or not be present at the final awards, the entry will pass on to the next highest ranked team who registered their interest.
- An immediate non-refundable deposit of \$1000 USD per guaranteed entry must be made on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Credit Cards accepted.
- The remaining balance of the 2019 Absa Cape Epic team entry fee (ZAR 82 900) is due by Monday 20 August 2018 via online credit card payment.

### **DRAW ALLOCATION**

Five guaranteed entries will be drawn at the Reef to Reef final awards presentation.

- Draw Entries are allocated per individual. Riders must have registered their interest. The individual is free to choose any partner, i.e. it is not necessary that his/her partner participated in the Reef to Reef.
- Only official finishers of the Reef to Reef are eligible for the draw.
- Riders whose teams already qualified via performance, will be removed from the draw.
- Riders must be present at the final awards on Sunday 12 August in Port Douglas.
- Should a rider decide not to take up the entry or not be present at the final awards ceremony, the entry will be re-drawn.
- An immediate non-refundable deposit of \$1000 USD per guaranteed entry must be made on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Credit Cards accepted.
- The remaining balance of the 2019 Absa Cape Epic team entry fee (ZAR 82 900) is due by Monday 20 August 2018 via online credit card payment.

All entries regardless under which allocation are for the 2019 Absa Cape Epic and cannot be transferred to another year. Once payment has been received, the standard Absa Cape Epic cancellation policy applies.

## 2018 AWARDS

### DAILY AWARDS

A daily awards ceremony is held at the end of each stage at the Finish Line. This will include the awarding of the 'Leaders Jersey' in each Solo and Teams age category. In addition to this, prizes will be awarded for daily stage winners in each Team and Solo category.

The Final Awards will be held end of Stage 4, and prizes will be awarded to winners in each age category and the below prize money will be awarded to the overall team winners.

### **LEADER JERSEYS**

From the yellow to the purple to the green, the leader jerseys are a statement of superiority. Whether worn for just one stage or awarded for an overall victory, the mountain bikers who carry these on their shoulders are champion riders and deserving of great respect. Reef to Reef is proud to bestow the leader from each of the riding categories an exceptional leader's jersey for 2018. Each daily GC winner in every ride category will be presented their exclusive Leader jersey at the daily awards presentation on the Finish Line.

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### **PRIZE MONEY**

Prize money is awarded to the overall top 5 teams in each of the Male, Female and Mixed teams regardless of which category riders compete in.

| Place | Open Male | Open Female | Open Mixed |
|-------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1st   | A\$2,000  | A\$2,000    | A\$2,000   |
| 2nd   | A\$1000   | A\$1000     | A\$1000    |
| 3rd   | A\$800    | A\$800      | A\$800     |
| 4th   | A\$600    | A\$600      | A\$600     |
| 5th   | A\$400    | A\$400      | A\$400     |

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