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Information for Competitors

7th October 2017

DESCRIPTION

The marathon starts at the Port FitzRoy wharf and finishes at the Tryphena wharf, **42.2 kms** later. The course takes runners, walkers and mountain bikers through mature bush, the main settlement areas and past some of the coastline Great Barrier Island is famous for.

Half marathons start from either Port FitzRoy via a Department of Conservation track or Okupu for a half marathon roadcourse.

FEES: Adult \$85.00; Child 16 years of age and under \$45.00; Optional: On island transport \$55 (*Shuttle bus to event start and return to accommodation from event finish. This is only available to competitors who have booked and paid for this with their registration. There will be no extra places on the day. It does not include transport to/from the ferry or flights*)

The Course

Km's 0 – 3 Undulating gravel road (along Kaiaraara Bay Rd), nice views to the water.

Km's 3 – 16.5 Wide 4WD track (known as Forest Rd), with some technical bits, more up than down with some pretty solid (and lengthy) climbs. Can be slippery and rutted after rain.

Km's 16.5 – 21.5 A short, but sharp climb, followed by about 4km of unbelievable trail goodness with some technical bits, boardwalks and spectacular views

Km's 21.5 – 42.2 Road, road and road. As far as a road section goes, this is pretty good. A couple of reasonable climbs and one harder one at the "10km to go point" that is about 2.5km. A lot of dropping in and out of very scenic bays with a flat 1km to the finish at the Tryphena wharf.

RACE INFORMATION

- * For race registration and further information go to www.thebarrier.co.nz/wharf2wharf.htm
- * Closing date for all registrations: **3pm 15 September, 2017**
- * **NO** late entries will be accepted.

WHAT TO BRING

October weather is changeable and competitors should bring 'easy to shed' layers for the marathon and good shoes (not new). Check out marathon websites for tips if this is your first marathon. A torch will be handy as there is no street lighting on Great Barrier Island.

CHECK IN

Competitors will be required to appear in person on **Friday the 6th of October**, at the venue they have designated on their Registration, during the times these venues are open, (see Venues below) to pick up race packs with bib numbers, transport pickup details and other information.

VENUES to collect race packs the day prior to the event:

- * Tryphena Hall – Medland Rd - Collect packs 12-3pm
- * Claris Airport Terminal - Collect packs 8am-7pm
- * Port FitzRoy Information Centre - Ph 021 0590744 12-3pm (Unless other arrangements have been made)

Final briefing is at **7.00am** at the Port FitzRoy Wharf for **ALL** competitors beginning at this point. Competitors starting a half marathon at Okupu will be briefed at the Okupu station at **8.00 am**.

COMPETITORS NEED TO BE AWARE THAT THE ROAD SECTIONS OF THE RACE ARE OPEN TO NORMAL TRAFFIC AND THAT EACH COMPETITOR IS INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOWING THE TRAFFIC LAWS AND FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF ANY BREACHES OF THE LAW.

START TIMES

Final check-in and briefing for the Port FitzRoy start is at **7.00am**. For safety reasons all competitors competing in either the full or the half marathon, starting at Port FitzRoy Wharf, **must check in** and have their names ticked off prior to this.

Check in is at the Port FitzRoy Information Centre NOT at the Wharf.

Final check-in and briefing for the **Okupu start** is at the start point at **8.00am**.

- * **All** competitors at Port Fitzroy will be started at **7.30am** - Bikers, then runners, then walkers.
- * **All** competitors at Okupu will be started at **8.30am** - Bikers, then runners, then walkers.
- * There will be water stops and aid stations at regular intervals throughout the race.
- * Competitors must be finished by **4.00pm**, after which **they will** be picked up and taken to the finish line.
- * Any competitor pulling out from the event after the start **MUST** report to a marshal or event official.
- * Final check in for the 10km event will be 10am at Medlands church for a 10.30am start
- * Final check in for the 5km event will be 11am at Tryphena Hall for a 11.30am start

EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The island can occasionally be isolated due to weather conditions. Should the event be cancelled due to conditions affecting travel to and from the island, competitors will be refunded their registration fees and any travel fees paid through the online registration process. Accommodation and travel to and from the island that have been booked independently are not the responsibility of the event or the event organisers. In the case of conditions necessitating the closure of the forest track section of the course a revised course will be run.

If cancellation of this event has to happen, every effort will be made to contact competitors. You will be notified on www.thebarrier.co.nz and Facebook and this information will be broadcast on NEWSTALK ZB 1080 AM or 89.4 FM as well as the local Aotea Community Radio Station 94.6FM and 104FM

Phone Orla on 021 174 1537 or Tiddles on 021 029 13316 if in doubt.

COMPETITOR CANCELLATION POLICY

Registered competitors may cancel for any reason prior to the close off date (3pm Sept 15th 2017) and receive a full refund for their registration. Cancellation after 15th Sept and before 24th September 2017, for any reason, will receive a refund of 50% of same and there will be NO refund thereafter. Under extreme circumstances the Event Committee will take a request for refunds under consideration.

ROAD SIGNS

Direction and distance signs will be posted along the route. Please pay attention to these signs. Competitors are expected to abide by the directions and instructions provided.

TRANSPORT OPTIONS TO GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

Competitors can pay for discounted travel to/from the island through the online registration process **only**. Discounted fares are not available when booking direct through the travel operator or by the operator's online booking process.

TRANSPORT OPTIONS ON GREAT BARRIER ISLAND

For competitors who have paid for on-island transportation, buses will pick you up from designated places on the island close to your accommodation. It is the competitors responsibility to advise where they are staying prior to the 15th September. No refunds will be given if, due to lack of this information, transport is not available.

Prepaid on-island transport will take competitors to the check in points at either Port FitzRoy or Okupu. Shuttle buses will also provide prepaid transport from the finish point back to your accommodation, as required. The shuttle will leave at regular intervals. This service costs \$55 and can be selected as an "**incl on island transport**" option under 'Registration Type' on the online form. **This service is only available for competitors who have paid for it with their registration.**

Alternatively vehicles may be hired on the island. Operators are listed at; www.thebarrier.co.nz/services.htm

Please bear in mind that if you take a vehicle to the start point you will need someone to drive it back for you as there is limited parking available in the Port FitzRoy, Okupu half way point and Tryphena wharf areas.

ACCOMMODATION

There are a number of great places to stay on the island to suit all budgets.

All accommodation available on Great Barrier is listed at www.thebarrier.co.nz/Locations.htm or thegreatbarrier.co.nz Email the registrar wharf2wharf@thebarrier.co.nz if you would like advice about where to stay.

PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving will be held at the GBI Sports & Social Club at Claris. Food and drink may be purchased at the venue from about 5.00pm and prize giving will commence at about 7.00pm. Transport to the prize giving venue and thereafter is the competitor's responsibility. Competitors must be present to receive any spot prizes that may be available.

PRIZES

There will be 24 different races on the day and although the prizes may vary each year, there are 9 main trophies to be awarded to the winners of the following events. These trophies remain on the island as a historical record of all past winners. Winners get a smaller trophy to take home.

Main Trophies –

Men: Full Marathon Bike, Full Marathon Run, Half Marathon Track Run, Half Marathon Road Run,
Women: Full Marathon Bike, Full Marathon Run, Half Marathon Track Run, Half Marathon Road Run,

Kids: Half Marathon Road Bike

The following race winners also get a small trophy to take home:

Men: Full Marathon Walk, Half Track Walk, Half Road Walk and 10km run / walk

Women: Full Marathon Walk, Half Track Walk, Half Road Walk and 10km run / walk

Adult open: Half Marathon Road Bike

Kids: 10km run / walk,

Open: 5km Fun Run – all ages.

Transport will be arranged for bikes only for registrants who have paid for on-island transport.

AGE LIMITS

Adult Full Marathon event participants must be 18 years of age or over on the day of the event.

Half Marathon event participants must be 16 years of age or over on the day of the event except for the Kids Half Marathon Road bike 10+ years. Kids must be 10+ years of age for the 10km.

The 5km Fun Run is open to all ages.

Certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for the main events will be handed out at the prize giving. Certificates will be available to download from the timekeeping website after the event. Other prizes available on the day are yet to be determined.

RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers will be issued to competitors when they check in on the Friday.

BAGGAGE

CLEARLY LABELLED baggage will be transported from the Port FitzRoy Wharf back to Okupu or to the Tryphena Wharf for collection. If you wish to have running shoes transported to Okupu, so that you can change footwear, please **CLEARLY LABEL** the footwear and placed in the appropriate container. For those running the full marathon organisers do recommend a probable need to change shoes after the bush track section if the weather is wet. The organisers take no responsibility for unlabelled baggage and shoes or items placed in the wrong container. Bags for clothing/shoes etc are NOT provided.

FOOD AND DRINK

There will be water and energy drink available at aid stations along the way. More energy food and water will be available at the finish lines. Competitors are responsible for anything they may require over and above what the event organisers provide.

PHOTOS

Photos will be taken throughout the event. These will be posted in the Wharf to Wharf Facebook group and on the Wharf to Wharf webpage. They are usually available within two weeks of the event. Higher resolution copies are available when requested by email.

T-SHIRTS

A Great Barrier Island Wharf to Wharf souvenir race T-shirt will be available at a greatly discounted price for all competitors but must be ordered and paid for in the online registration process.

RUBBISH - Less waste to landfill

Great Barrier Island is a special place. We are working hard to send less waste to the local landfill by reducing, reusing and recycling wherever possible. During the Wharf to Wharf event, we ask that you join with us by separating your waste. There will be specially labelled bins at the start, half way and finish (recyclables, food scraps and landfill waste). Quick drop bins will also be provided at all water stop areas. Please help us to keep our island beautiful and pick up any litter you see.

RACE RULES

1. Competitors need to be aware that the road sections of the race are open to normal traffic and that they are individually responsible for following the traffic laws and for the consequences of any breaches of those laws.
2. Competitors must stay on the approved course for the event and obey any instructions from the marshals.
3. Race numbers must be worn on the front of the competitor and must be clearly visible to enable marshals to track competitors throughout the race. For safety reasons competitors will be checked off at each water stop. Please ensure that your number is easily seen by our marshals. If the marshal is unable to see your race number you may be asked to stop and show it.
4. If a competitor chooses to withdraw from an event notification **must** be made to a marshal.
5. Should any competitor wish to change the race category they are registered for, it **must** be requested prior to the final day of registration, 3pm 15th September 2017. Should any competitor change their race on the day of the event they will be unofficial in the race they change to and will no longer be eligible for a race prize or an official time for the race they compete in. Registrants may not allocate their registration to a substitute.
6. The medical team has the final authority to remove a competitor from the race.
7. Competitors need to complete the marathon by 4.00pm after which time they **will be** picked up and transported to the finish line.
8. Competitors seen deliberately littering will be disqualified.
9. Bikers must wear Standards Approved safety helmets at all times while riding.
10. Bikers may have the use of two bikes. However, should there be a breakage and the competitor still wishes to have an official time and placing, they must carry or push their own bike to the point where they may change bikes to continue the race.
11. As the event marshals are not able to monitor competitors over the entire course, the event organisers cannot be held responsible for any competitor not following the stated and expected rules in accordance with each race. For this reason the Event Organisers cannot give an "officially recognised" finish time on the walking races.
12. The Event Organisers reserve the right to alter this document due to its early publication and will endeavour to inform any and all current registrants of any such changes in case it influences their decision to enter the event.

Thank you, we look forward to your participation.