

# DIRTY DIRTY WARRNY

GEELONG | FORREST | TIMBOON | WARRNAMBOOL

11 NOVEMBER 2023

## RIDER GUIDE

THE TRUEST TEST OF PERFORMANCE, MACHINE  
AND SENSE OF ADVENTURE.

WITH THANKS TO OUR PARTNERS  
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## 02 WELCOME

- Welcome to the second edition of the Dirty Warrny! A gravel monument in the making. The truest test of performance, machine and sense of adventure.

Built off the back of the prestigious Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Festival – the second oldest one day cycling event in the world and the longest in the Southern Hemisphere – the Dirty Warrny is a chance for riders to explore the road less traveled. A new kind of challenge.

Starting in Geelong, Forrest or Timboon the Dirty Warrny leaves nowhere to hide. A true match, pitting rider and course against each other for up to 246 kilometres of riding, off the beaten track. An experience inaccessible to most.

Massive thank you and acknowledgement for the hard work and dedication of our crew, stakeholders, local councils, VicRoads, Victoria Police, 1300Medical, SRAM and the incredible assistance of the army of volunteers who will be out there supporting you throughout the day. Without these incredible people, an event of this calibre would not be possible.

The Dirty Warrny is a personal challenge, not a race. Please ride safely, enjoy the spirit of the event and most importantly, have fun!

**FOR GRAVEL.  
FOR GUTS.  
FOR GLORY.**

**Karin Jones**  
Co Director – Round Events

**Aaron Lee**  
Co Director – Round Events

### — ON THE DAY EMERGENCY CONTACTS

1300 Medical will have full support out on course and at each of the four main feed stops. If medical assistance is required, call the numbers listed on the back of your number plate.

Please be aware that most of the course has phone reception however some locations may have limited coverage.

**FOR ON THE DAY MEDICAL EMERGENCIES CALL:**

**0401 060 013  
OR  
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COURSE

GEELONG (MT MORIAC) – WARRNAMBOOL



GEELONG | WARRNAMBOOL

246+ KM



DISTANCE  
246+ KM

SEALED  
16%

ELEVATION  
+3,068 M

UNSEALED  
84%

MAX GRADE  
14.2%

From the vibrant city of Geelong, the Dirty Warrny’s “Gravel Monument” course embarks on a journey that showcases some of the most stunning scenery not only in Victoria but in all of Australia. Ride through the ethereal expanse of the Otways, where towering forests stand as sentinels of nature’s grandeur. Traverse onward to the Heytesbury region, where the rhythmic undulations of rolling hills beckon every rider.

But the essence of the Dirty Warrny doesn’t end in forests and hills. As riders emerge from the dense woods, they are greeted by the vast stretches of straight roads leading towards the heart of Warrnambool. Along the way, iconic locations like Deans Marsh, Forrest, and Timboon add layers of depth to the journey, each with its own unique beauty and challenge.

The culmination is a surreal experience. As the plains of Heytesbury give way, riders find themselves on the serene Warrnambool beach, with the ocean’s rhythm serving as the final note to their symphony of effort. The Dirty Warrny isn’t just another gravel ride; it offers a panoramic view of the Victorian countryside, encapsulating experiences and sights that remain unparalleled in any other event. With this ride, you’re not only riding gravel – you’re embracing the very soul of Australia.

Date	Saturday 11 November 2023										
Start time	6:30 am										
Start location	Mount Moriac Recreation Reserve 805 Reservoir Rd Mount Moriac										
Registration											
Location	Mount Moriac Recreation Reserve (805 Reservoir Rd, Mount Moriac)										
Date and Time	Friday 10 November – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saturday 11 November – 4:30 am										
Start details	<p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>Free overnight parking on Saturday night is available at Mount Moriac Reserve. Please follow instructions to overnight parking area. No camping at Mount Moriac Reserve is permitted.</p> <p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>The following facilities will be available at Mount Moriac Reserve on the Saturday morning thanks to the <i>Mount Moriac Cricket Club</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Coffee and food for purchase</li><li>– Toilets</li><li>– Medical services</li><li>– Water</li></ul>										
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FORREST – WARRNAMBOOL



FORREST | WARRNAMBOOL

140+ KM



DISTANCE  
140+ KM

SEALED  
24%

ELEVATION  
+1,415M

UNSEALED  
76%

MAX GRADE  
9.6%

Commencing in the charming township of Forrest, The Forrest Challenge offers riders an immersive experience into the wild heart of Victoria. As pedals start to turn, cyclists are enveloped by the towering embrace of the Otways’ forests, where the ancient trees stand tall, narrating tales of time. As the canopy thickens and the trail winds on, the ever-changing landscapes shift to the rhythmic dance of Heytesbury’s rolling hills, challenging every rider’s mettle.

But the journey doesn’t end amidst the green. The trail eventually breaks into vast, straight stretches that carve their way into the outskirts of Warrnambool. With every kilometre covered, the tantalising allure of the ocean grows stronger, until finally, the ride culminates on the picturesque Warrnambool foreshore. Here, amidst the gentle embrace of the waves, riders get a chance to reflect on a gravel experience that showcases parts of the Victorian countryside that remain untouched and unparalleled in any other cycling event. Truly, this is gravel riding like you’ve never known before.

Date	Saturday 11 November 2023										
Start time	8:30 am										
Start location	Forrest Caravan Park 1 Station Street Forrest VIC 3236										
Friday registration											
Location	Mount Moriac Recreation Reserve (805 Reservoir Rd, Mount Moriac)										
Date and Time	Friday 10 November – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm										
Saturday registration											
Location	Forrest Caravan Park (1 Station Street, Forrest VIC 3236)										
Date and Time	Saturday 11 November – 6:30 am										
Logistics	<p><b>Parking</b></p> <p>Free overnight parking on Saturday night is available at Forrest Caravan Park. Please follow event team directions to overnight parking area.</p> <p><b>Camping</b></p> <p>Camping sites available <a href="https://www.forrestholidaypark.com.au/">https://www.forrestholidaypark.com.au/</a></p> <p><b>Facilities</b></p> <p>The following facilities will be available at Forrest Caravan Park on the Saturday morning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Toilets</li><li>– Medical services</li><li>– Sunscreen</li></ul> <p><b>Coffee and food</b></p> <p>Coffee and food will be available from Forrest General Store (33 Grant Street, Forrest VIC 3236)</p> <p>We love to support our local friends; the General Store will be open from 6.30am for great coffee and brekkie items.</p>										
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COURSE

TIMBOON – WARRNAMBOOL



TIMBOON | WARRNAMBOOL

84+ KM



DISTANCE

84+ KM

SEALED

33%

ELEVATION

+772M

UNSEALED

65%

MAX GRADE

9.6%

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Begin your adventure in the quaint town of Timboon, where the ‘Classic 80’ sets the stage for a ride that encapsulates both beauty and challenge. The initial 30km loop heading north out of town invites riders to experience the undulating landscapes of the Heytesbury region. With every pedal stroke, you’ll face rolling hills dotted with sharp, pinching climbs that test both your legs and determination. However, as challenging as this little route may be, the beauty of the region offers a soothing counterpoint, making every exertion worthwhile.

Once you’ve navigated this scenic maze, the course loops back through Timboon, signaling the commencement of a different kind of challenge. Here, riders are introduced to the expansive, cannonball run straight roads that reach out towards the outskirts of Warrnambool. This stretch, with its long, straight horizons, tests not just physical endurance but mental fortitude as well.

The culmination of the ‘Classic 80’ is nothing short of rewarding. Riders will find themselves finishing their journey on the picturesque Warrnambool foreshore, basking in the coastal beauty while getting a glimpse of what the legendary Dirty Warrny holds.

Date	Saturday 11 November 2023
Start time	9:30 am
Start location	Timboon Recreation Reserve Curdies River Road, Timboon 3268
Friday registration	
Location	Mount Moriac Recreation Reserve (805 Reservoir Rd, Mount Moriac)
Date and Time	Friday 10 November – 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday registration	
Location	Timboon Recreation Reserve (Curdies River Road, Timboon VIC 3268)
Date and Time	Saturday 11 November – 7:30 am
Logistics	<div><div>Parking</div><div>Overnight parking available on site at Timboon Recreation Reserve.</div></div> <div><div>Camping</div><div>No camping at Timboon Recreation Reserve</div></div> <div><div>Facilities</div><div>The following facilities will be available at Timboon Recreation Reserve on the Saturday morning:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>— Toilets</li><li>— Medical services</li><li>— Sunscreen</li></ul></div></div> <div><div>Coffee and food</div><div>Coffee and breakfast provisions available in Timboon township.</div></div>
Course details*	<div><div>Distance:</div><div>84+ km</div></div> <div><div>Elevation:</div><div>772 m</div></div> <div><div>Max grade:</div><div>9.6%</div></div> <div><div>Sealed:</div><div>33%</div></div> <div><div>Unsealed:</div><div>65%</div></div>

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# IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

- The team behind the Dirty Warrny pride themselves on delivering exceptional and unforgettable events. The safety and wellbeing of our riders, volunteers and workforce is paramount.

The Dirty Warrny is conducted on open roads. There are no road closures, and you will be sharing the roads with other vehicles. Riders must adhere to normal road regulations, except at Dirty Warrny traffic-controlled points where traffic controllers may be directing participants specifically. Please be safe, listen to any instructions given by Dirty Warrny officials and ensure your bike has front and rear lights.

The official course map must be downloaded onto your GPS device from the official Dirty Warrny website ([www.dirtywarrny.com.au](http://www.dirtywarrny.com.au)) and no other website. We cannot guarantee the accuracy of any map downloaded from any source outside the Dirty Warrny website.

All courses options will be well marked with directional arrows and signage, it is your responsibility to keep checking your gps mapping to ensure you stay on course.

There are some difficult sections of the course. It is essential that you ride safely and sensibly in accordance with road and environmental conditions, particularly towards the end of the ride when fatigue can begin to affect your skill and concentration. You must keep your safety and that of other riders in mind throughout the day.

**It is important that you do not take any risks that could put yourself or other riders in a life-threatening situation. Respect your fellow riders and other road users and obey road rules and event officials at all times.**

The event organisers request you observe the following safety guidelines:

- Obey all road rules;
- Have lights on the front and rear of your bike, particularly given the early start and potential late finish;
- Ride a maximum of two abreast;
- Ride single file when required;
- Ride as close as possible to the left hand side of the road;
- Keep left unless overtaking;
- Do not ride within 2 metres of the rear of a moving vehicle;
- Do not unnecessarily obstruct the flow or movement of other vehicles;
- Refrain from any unsafe riding practice including drafting;
- Communicate hazards on the road verbally and with hand signals;
- Ride with care and consideration for other road users;
- Follow the directions and instructions given by event officials, marshals and traffic controllers;
- All ride distances will have an 'under control' section from the start, you must not overtake the lead car. This is in place for your own safety;
- Victoria Police will be on course supporting our event, they will also be reviewing rider behavior given these are not closed roads; and
- Please adhere to all warning and traffic signage for your own safety.

# EVENT REGULATIONS

- You must finish on the bike you start on.
- No outside support, except at the Check Points.
- Wheel changes are permitted.
- No Time Trial bars
- Outside support at the Check Points, i.e. soigneurs handing bottles, cleaning bike, etc. is permitted.
- You must obey road rules as roads are open to public traffic.
- No modification of rider number plates, riders with modified plates will not be allowed to start.
- You must wear a helmet with AUS approved safety standards.
- Riders deviating from course will be disqualified.
- E-Bikes permitted on the Timboon course only.

## FOR ON THE DAY MEDICAL EMERGENCIES CALL

**0401 060 013**

OR

**0449 582 205 (SATELLITE PHONE)**



- The Dirty Warrny is a self-supported ride and riders are expected to bring appropriate clothing, food and their own spares.

SRAM will be on course and will provide neutral support and assistance with the minimal tools they have on board their moto. While SRAM is providing this service, we do expect all riders to be self-supported for punctures and easy-fix mechanical mishaps as there could be wait times for support to arrive at your location.

**1300Medical will have full support out on course and at each of the four main Feed Stations. If urgent medial assistance is required, please call the numbers listed on the back of your rider number plate.**

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**Roving medical motos and support marshals will also be available across all courses.**

All courses will have a SAG Wagon with limited space. If you require the assistance of the SAG Wagon, and depending on the number of available seats, you may be dropped off at the next feed station or taken through to Warrnambool.





Check Points	Location	Geelong – Course	Forrest – Course	Timboon – Course	Available services	Cut off time
Water Station #1	Wensleydale	34.9 km			Water	
Feed Station #1 Personal Bag Drop Off	Deans Marsh	64.7 km			Snacks SiS Hydration Water Medical Bag Drop	10:00am
Water Station #2	Barwon Downs	88.5 km			Water	
Feed Station #2 Personal Bag Drop Off	Forrest	111.2 km	0 km		Snacks SiS Hydration Water Medical Bag Drop	12:30pm
Water Station #3	Irrewillipe	138.3 km	30 km		Water	
Feed Station #3 Personal Bag Drop Off	Simpson	166.7km	55 km		Snacks SiS Hydration Water Medical Bag Drop	4:00pm
Feed Station #4 Personal Bag Drop Off	Timboon	200.1 km	90 km	0 Km	Snacks SiS Hydration Water Medical Bag Drop	6:30pm
Water Station #4	Mepunga	225.9 km	117 km	25.9 Km	Water	
Finish Village	Warrnambool	246 + km	140 + km	84 + Km	Variety of food and drink options Medical Bag Drop	8:30pm
Snacks provided from Deans Marsh & Forrest General Stores						

THE CHALLENGE

All courses will be timed from the drop of the start flag so get ready to set yourself a challenge! It could either be the first to cross the finish line in your age group or category, or to just finish this epic gravel challenge within a designated time.

Please note that the Check Points are not neutral zones, and the clock will not stop.

CUT OFF TIMES

For the safety of all participants and volunteers, there will be strict cut-off times implemented, refer to the below times. If you have not reached the Feed Stations before the nominated time you will be asked to take our uplift service to bunny hop some or withdraw from the event.

**Deans Marsh – 10:00am**  
**Forrest – 12:30pm**  
**Simpson – 4:00pm**  
**Timboon – 6:00pm**  
**Finish – 8:30pm (last light)**

RUBBISH DISPOSAL

The event takes you through some beautiful scenery and natural environments. Please DO NOT LITTER. Please respect the natural environment, water supply and local residents that allow this event to happen. Riders caught littering may be removed from the event at the discretion of the Event Director.

It is your responsibility to dispose of your rubbish. There will be bins at each Check Point and throughout the course. Hold on to wrappers and other waste until the next stop. Your cooperation is essential.

BAGS TO FEED STATIONS

The start area will have clearly marked drop off points for you to have a bag of personal items taken to Feed Stations 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the 246km course and Feed Stations 3 and 4 for the Forrest course.

These bags must be clearly numbered with your rider number and will be placed in number order on tables at the Feed Stations.

Bags will be available for collection in the Finish Village post event – please be patient the crews will not return to the finish until after the feed stations have closed then need to travel to Warrnambool.

Any items not collected Saturday will have an opportunity to retrieve these Sunday morning at 9am from event village, items not collected by Sunday will be donated or disposed of.

Please make sure you have sturdy bags for your bag drop items and number them clearly before you arrive, your rider number has been pre allocated you can find it here

All bags will be handled with care however we take no responsibility for missing items if your bag is not sturdy enough or closed off so items don't fall out.

The start venues will NOT have bag supplies.

FEED STATION PROVISIONS

The four main feed stations will have water, SiS Electrolyte product along with bananas, muffins, banana bread, lolly snakes and Anzac biscuits.

Supplies have been catered for the number of riders entered please be respectful and do not take multiple items.

Should you need additional items please pack these in your own names and rider plate numbered bag.



### BAG CONCIERGE

A bag transfer service will be offered for each ride option, we will transport an overnight bag from your start location directly to the finish, so you can make a weekend of it and stay overnight and enjoy the Finish Village festivities.

Please ensure your bag is clearly named, they will be left in Mount Moriac, Forrest and Timboon groups at the finish line.

### LAKE PERTOBE

Warrnambool's fantastic Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground is a year-round family attraction. This 8 ha adventure playground is paradise for kids with giant slides, flying foxes, a maze and boat rides. There are lovely walking tracks around the lakes, and the park features delightful picnic areas and sheltered BBQ facilities. The Lake Pertobe precinct is also home to other sporting facilities such as lawn tennis courts, mini golf, an athletics track and nearby skateboard park.

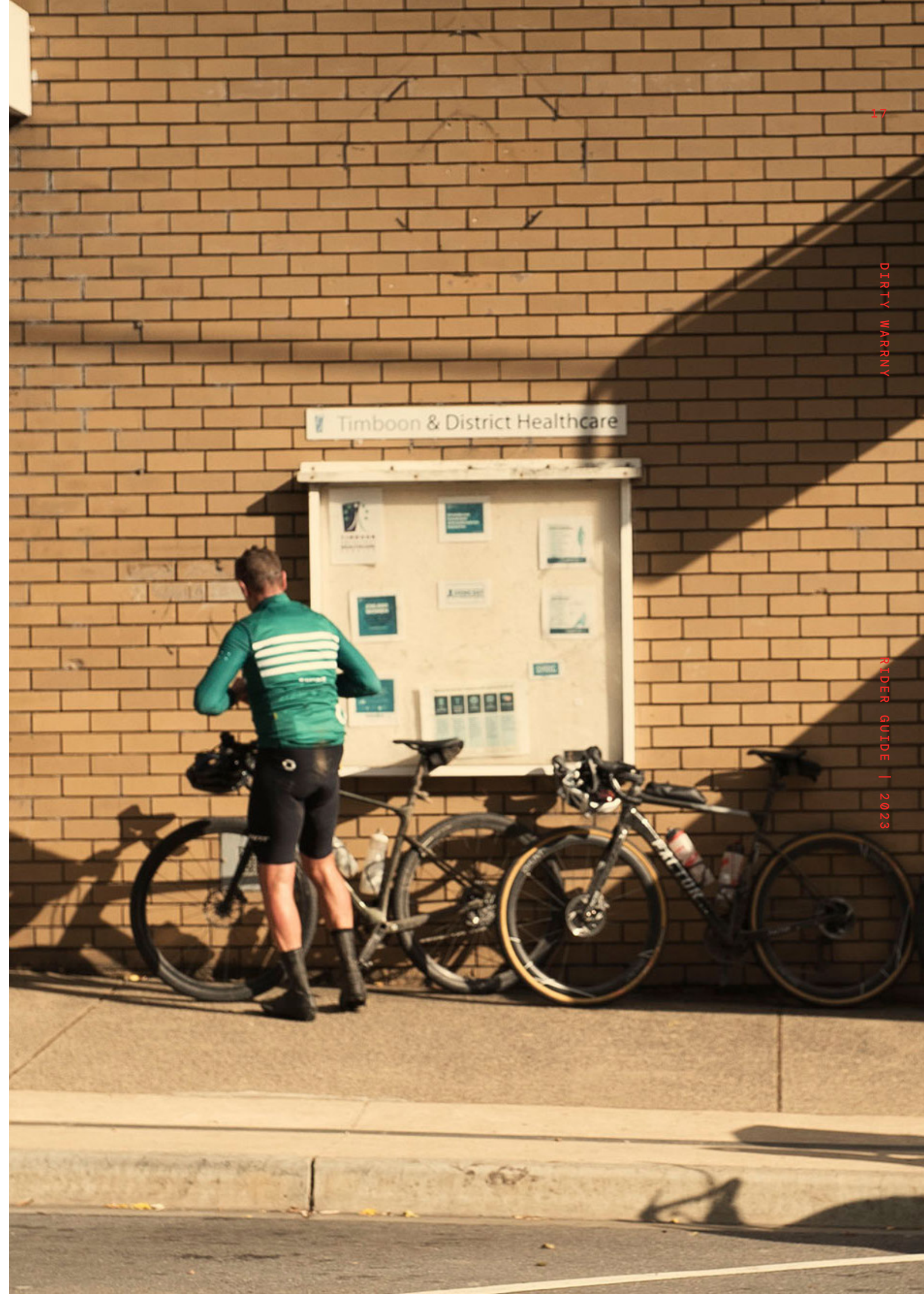
### PARKING

There will be ample parking throughout the Lake Pertobe grounds.

### FACILITIES, ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES

The Warrnambool Finish Village will be pumping with entertainment and plenty for family and friends to do while waiting for the riders to arrive, including:

- Bike wash (gold coin donation to 'A Big Life', a local Warrnambool charity);
- Showers available at the Tennis Club adjacent to Lake Pertobe – please BYO towel and soap;
- Live music;
- Beer and wine bar;
- Local service club BBQ's;
- Medical services; and
- Category presentations throughout the afternoon as well as random prize draws with amazing prizes donated from our valuable sponsors.





## RETURN TRANSPORT

- Return transport to all start locations is available to riders who pre-purchased tickets for Sunday 12 November 2023, via a coach service, offering bike carrier facilities.

### For bike packing:

**Please be onsite at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village Carpark, no later than 9am Sunday 12th to assist our packers pack your lovely steed!**

Departure time:

**10am (sharp!)**

Departure point:

**Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village Carpark.  
89 Merri Street, Warrnambool. VIC 3280**

## MEDALLIONS

All riders that finish the Dirty Warrny Geelong and Forrest courses within the time limit will receive a medal presented by the Dirty Warrny team.

For those who like to challenge themselves against the clock, the event will be timed, and awards presented within each category.



## CHECKLIST

### COMPULSORY ITEMS

- ☐ Australian Standards bike helmet
- ☐ Front and rear lights
- ☐ Spare tubes and gas cylinders or pump
- ☐ Drink bottles
- ☐ Nutrition – food, snacks, gels, etc
- ☐ Day pack
- ☐ Mobile phone
- ☐ Cash/card
- ☐ Photo identification

### RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- ☐ Gloves
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Rain/wind jacket
- ☐ Arm warmers
- ☐ Multi-tool or allen key
- ☐ Change of clothes for after the event
- ☐ Towel and soap if you would like to shower at the Finish Village



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