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WELCOME

AusCycling acknowledges and respects the Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners and custodians of the country through which you'll be riding over the coming days. We acknowledge their ancestors who cared for the lands, rivers and sea, and all living creatures for thousands of generations. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and we recognise the value that First Nations people make to Australian sport and society.



It is a pleasure to extend my best wishes to everyone at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in Australia's famous Great Ocean Road Region.

Renowned worldwide for its breathtaking landscapes, the region welcomes the women's and men's professional peloton every year for the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. But this magnificent setting is in no way reserved for professional riders. It also provides the backdrop for the annual Amy's Great Ocean Road Gran Fondo, part of the UCI Gran Fondo World Series for amateur riders.

This October, the very best riders from this international series – which comprises events held worldwide throughout the year – are converging on this magnificent site to vie for the rainbow jersey of UCI World Champion in their respective age groups. From the individual time trial on Thursday 16 October, to the team relay on Friday and the road race on Sunday, these talented athletes will have plenty of opportunity to measure up against their peers of many different nationalities. It is already quite some achievement to qualify, and the racing will be intense.

I take this opportunity to thank AusCycling and its President Craig Bingham for welcoming the international cycling community to its shores. The local authorities involved, as well as the event's different sponsors and other partners, are essential to ensuring the riders can compete in the best possible conditions. I express my gratitude to them all.

Thousands of athletes will be competing between 16 and 19 October and I wish them all the very best of luck for the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

David Lappartient
UCI President



On behalf of the Victorian Government, I'm delighted to welcome you to the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships hosted for the first time along the iconic Great Ocean Road.

This is a landmark occasion for riders from around the world, who will take on a world-class course set in one of Australia's most spectacular regions. The event will also deliver a valuable economic boost to the Surf Coast and surrounding areas, drawing thousands of visitors and placing an international spotlight on our local businesses, tourism operators, and communities.

Whether you're here to compete or cheer from the sidelines, we encourage you to make the most of your time in this extraordinary part of Victoria, from its famous beaches and lush rainforests to its vibrant hospitality and rich local culture.

To every rider, I wish you the very best on the road ahead. May your time in Victoria be memorable and your ride smooth and rewarding.

Steve Dimopoulos
Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events
Member for Oakleigh



It's a unique experience, riding one of the world's most scenic roads.

Navigating the ups and downs and the twists and turns of the Great Ocean Road – all while the waves crash in the background – takes your breath away in more ways than one.

Add in a stretch of the Great Otway National Park and rolling hills of our hinterland, and it's a truly unforgettable course.

A warm welcome to Lorne and the Surf Coast for the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

As an avid cyclist, I'm excited to help roll out the welcome mat for you.

Road cycling events in our shire consistently attract more participants than any other region in Victoria. This event will be no exception as thousands of people – riders, spectators and support crews – descend on Lorne.

As a Council, we want events in our region to create lasting benefits for both the environment and the economy.

The UCI Gran Fondo World Championships tick that box, promoting the wide-ranging benefits of cycling and bringing yet another major event to Lorne.

You'll discover that for a small coastal town, Lorne sure packs a punch when it comes to hosting sporting and creative events that attract people from across the world.

I applaud the vision to integrate the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships with one of our most respected, long-standing events: Amy's Great Ocean Road Gran Fondo.

With the Great Ocean Road only closed for two events a year, the Gran Fondo is the only opportunity to ride a fully closed Great Ocean Road.

Well done to local riders who qualified for the world titles through last year's Amy's Great Ocean Road Gran Fondo. What a thrill to compete on the world stage in your own backyard.

Huge thanks to AusCycling and Visit Victoria for your vision and hard work to make this event a reality. Council is delighted to partner with you both to host the championships. It's another event that cements the Surf Coast's status as a cycling destination and showcases our stunning region to a global audience.

Wishing all competitors a memorable ride.

Cr Mike Bodsworth
Surf Coast Shire Mayor



On behalf of the City of Greater Geelong, I am delighted to welcome all riders, supporters, officials, and visitors to the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships Teams Relay here in our vibrant city.

Hosting this prestigious international cycling event is a proud moment for Geelong. It highlights our region's reputation as a premier destination for world-class sporting events and celebrates our passion for cycling and healthy, active living. With our scenic waterfront, and energetic community, Geelong provides a spectacular backdrop for what promises to be a thrilling and memorable competition.

The Team Relay is a true test of skill, speed, and strategy, and I have no doubt the athletes gathered here from around the globe will inspire us all with their dedication and determination. To the competitors, your hard work and commitment in qualifying for this event is to be applauded. We wish you the very best as you take on this exciting challenge.

Beyond the race, I encourage everyone to explore and enjoy all that Geelong has to offer from our award-winning restaurants and cafes to vibrant arts, cultural attractions, and stunning natural landscapes. We take great pride in our welcoming community spirit and hope you experience that warmth throughout your visit.

Once again, welcome to Geelong. We hope your experience here is both rewarding and unforgettable.

Cr Dr Stretch Kontelj OAM
Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong

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EVENT OVERVIEW

The UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are the pinnacle event for amateur road cyclists of all ages across all continents. To qualify for the annual Gran Fondo World Championships riders must finish in the top 25% at a UCI Gran Fondo World Series event.

Visit the [World Series website](#) to view the calendar of qualifying races for the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships in Lorne, Victoria.

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series event grants qualification rights for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. Based on the results of each race, the top 25% in each age group qualify for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. The 25% is calculated based on the number of starters in each age group, and not on the number of riders having finished the race. Riders must finish the race to gain qualification.

Note: the first three riders of each official age category qualify directly for the World Championships, independently of the number of starters in that age group.

Qualification is not overseen by the organisers of the World Championships, nor the organisers of the World Series qualifying races. All qualifications are verified by the UCI before being issued an invitation to enter. Therefore, all qualification enquiries from a World Series race must be directed to info@ucigranfondonworldseries.com.

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO QUALIFY

Outgoing UCI Gran Fondo World Champions

The outgoing UCI Gran Fondo World Champions in the time trial and road race may take part in the first UCI Gran Fondo World Championships following their title, in both the time trial and road race.

Invitations to enter will be sent to the 2024 World Champions from the UCI.

Masters National Champions

All Masters national champions from the current year (in road race and individual time trial only) may enter the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships without qualification via the UCI Gran Fondo World Series. The Masters national champions in road race and time trial are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

Invitations to enter will be sent to Masters National Champions from the UCI.

Wildcards

The following wildcards allow riders to participate directly in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships:

- Each UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier event may grant 5 wildcards to riders who participated in their respective qualification event. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by each UCI Gran Fondo World Series organiser.
- All countries not hosting a UCI Gran Fondo World Series qualifier event may grant 10 wildcards (5 men / 5 women) to riders of their choice. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

Wildcard invitations to enter will be sent from the UCI.

National Federation Wildcards

The National Federation of the country of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships may award an additional 20 wildcards (to 10 women and 10 men), which allow athletes to participate in both the time trial and road race. These wildcards are confirmed to the UCI by the respective National Federation.

Invitations to enter will be sent by from the UCI.

LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships is proudly presented by AusCycling and O2 Events with the assistance and collaboration of the following important stakeholders:

- Victorian State Government
- Surf Coast Shire Council
- City of Greater Geelong
- Colac Otway Shire
- Victoria Police
- Ambulance Victoria
- Country Fire Authority
- Public Transport Victoria
- Victorian Department of Transport
- VicRoads
- Regional Roads Victoria
- V/Line
- State Emergency Services
- Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority
- Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism
- Tourism Greater Geelong & The Bellarine
- Lorne Traders Association
- Medical Edge
- Altus Group

COMMISSAIRES PANEL

- President of the Commissaires Panel (PCP) – Louise Jones (Australia)
- Technical Commissaire - Wayne Pomario (Canada)

AusCycling National Commissaires

- Karen O'Callaghan (UCI)
- Tony Torr (UCI)
- Neil Hamey (ENC)
- Steve Michetti (ENC)
- David Danson (NAT)
- Carolyn Jones (NAT)
- Neville Williams (NAT)
- Pam Williams (NAT)
- Mark Zanatta (NAT)
- Brad Higgins (REG)

GETTING TO THE EVENT

WHERE IS LORNE?

Lorne is located on the Great Ocean Road in Victoria, Australia. The capital city of Victoria is Melbourne.



AIRPORTS

The closest international airport is Melbourne Airport (MEL). Drive time from Melbourne Airport to Geelong is approximately 1hr15mins (85kms). Drive time from Melbourne Airport to Lorne is approximately 2hrs (150kms). Note: be sure you don't book a flight to Melbourne Orlando Airport!

The closest domestic airport is Avalon Airport. Jetstar services Avalon Airport with services between Sydney (SYD), Brisbane (BNE) and Gold Coast (OOL). Drive time to Geelong from Avalon Airport is approximately 25mins (25kms). Drive time to Lorne from Avalon Airport is approximately 1hr15mins (90kms).

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Gull Airport Service offers up to 170 scheduled shuttle services between Melbourne Airport and Geelong every week. Once you arrive in Geelong you can catch a bus with McHarry's to take you through to Lorne.

View the Airport Transfers timetable by visiting [Gull Airport Service](#).

TRAINS

V/Line services operate between Melbourne and Geelong. Once you arrive in Geelong you can catch a bus to take you through to Lorne (see Buses).

View the "Geelong" Train Timetable by visiting [V/Line](#).

BUSES

McHarry's operates the V/Line bus service along the Great Ocean Road between Geelong and Apollo Bay via Waurn Ponds, Torquay and Lorne. View the Timetable by visiting [McHarry's](#).

CAR HIRE

The following car-hire outlets operate from **Melbourne Airport** and **Avalon Airport** (^)

Avis ^
Budget ^
Hertz ^
Europcar
Sixt ^

CAR PARKING

No official car parking is provided in Lorne or Geelong for the event. In some areas there is paid parking, while in other areas there is free parking. Drivers must obey all parking signs. Note: a solid yellow line means no parking.

TRAVEL PACKAGES

Our partners at Mummu Cycling have crafted travel packages to suit every rider with 4, 5, 6 & 8 day all-inclusive tour packages curated just for these World Championships, including meals and accommodation.

View packages at **Mummu Cycling**.

ACCOMMODATION

Our amazing host towns offer accommodation booking services through their Visitor Information Centres. If you're having trouble through your normal search platforms, we encourage you to visit their dedicated tourism websites:

- **Surf Coast**
- **Great Ocean Road Region**
- **City of Greater Geelong**

VISAS

Riders and supporters are responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documentation to enter Australia and participate in the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. Information on visas to Australia can be found at the **Department of Home Affairs**.

Should you require a letter of invitation to support your VISA application, please contact the Local Organizing Committee via email (2025granfondo@auscycling.org.au) and provide the following information:

- First Name and Family Name (surname)
- Nationality
- Date and place of birth
- Passport number
- UCI ID number (if racing)
- Function (i.e. athlete, coach, accompanying person, etc.)
- Arrival and departure date
- Copy of your email from the UCI inviting you to enter.

Once received the Australian Cycling Federation (AusCycling) will confirm your qualification with the UCI and prepare an official invitation letter to support your application.



What's on?

Keen to know what events and markets are happening on the spectacular Surf Coast?

Head to surfcoastevents.com.au

Sign up for the newsletter and follow:  



EVENT SCHEDULE

Wednesday 15 October (LORNE)

12:00 - 17:00	Bike Check (informal) Open, Event Village. Lorne Foreshore (closed during briefing)
12:00 - 17:00	Rider Registration (Time Trial Only), Mantra Hotel, Lorne (closed during briefing)
12:00 - 17:00	Event Village Open, Lorne Foreshore
14:00 - 15:00	Time Trial Race Briefing, Mantra Hotel, Lorne
16:30 - 17:00	Official Welcome, Event Village, Lorne Foreshore

Thursday 16 October (LORNE)

07:00 - 12:00	Rider Registration (Time Trial Only), Mantra Hotel, Lorne
09:30 - 16:00	UCI World Championship - Individual Time Trial, Lorne
10:00 - 17:00	Event Village Open, Lorne Foreshore
16:00 - 17:00	Time Trial Presentations, Event Village, Lorne

Friday 17 October (GEELONG)

15:00 - 16:00	Team Relay Registration inc. Briefing, Pavillion Geelong
16:00 - 21:00	Geelong SpinOff Festival, Eastern Beach Waterfront
16:00 - 16:30	Hendry's SpinOff Family Ride, Hearne Parade Circuit, Geelong
17:00 - 17:50	Course Familiarisation
18:00 - 18:40	UCI World Championship - Team Relay, Hearne Parade Circuit, Geelong
18:45 - 19:00	Team Relay Presentations, Start/Finish Line, Hearne Parade Circuit

Saturday 18 October (LORNE)

09:30 - 17:30	Rider Registration, Mantra Hotel, Lorne
09:30 - 10:30	Road Race Briefing, Mantra Hotel, Lorne
10:00 - 17:00	Event Village Open, Lorne Foreshore

Sunday 19 October (LORNE)

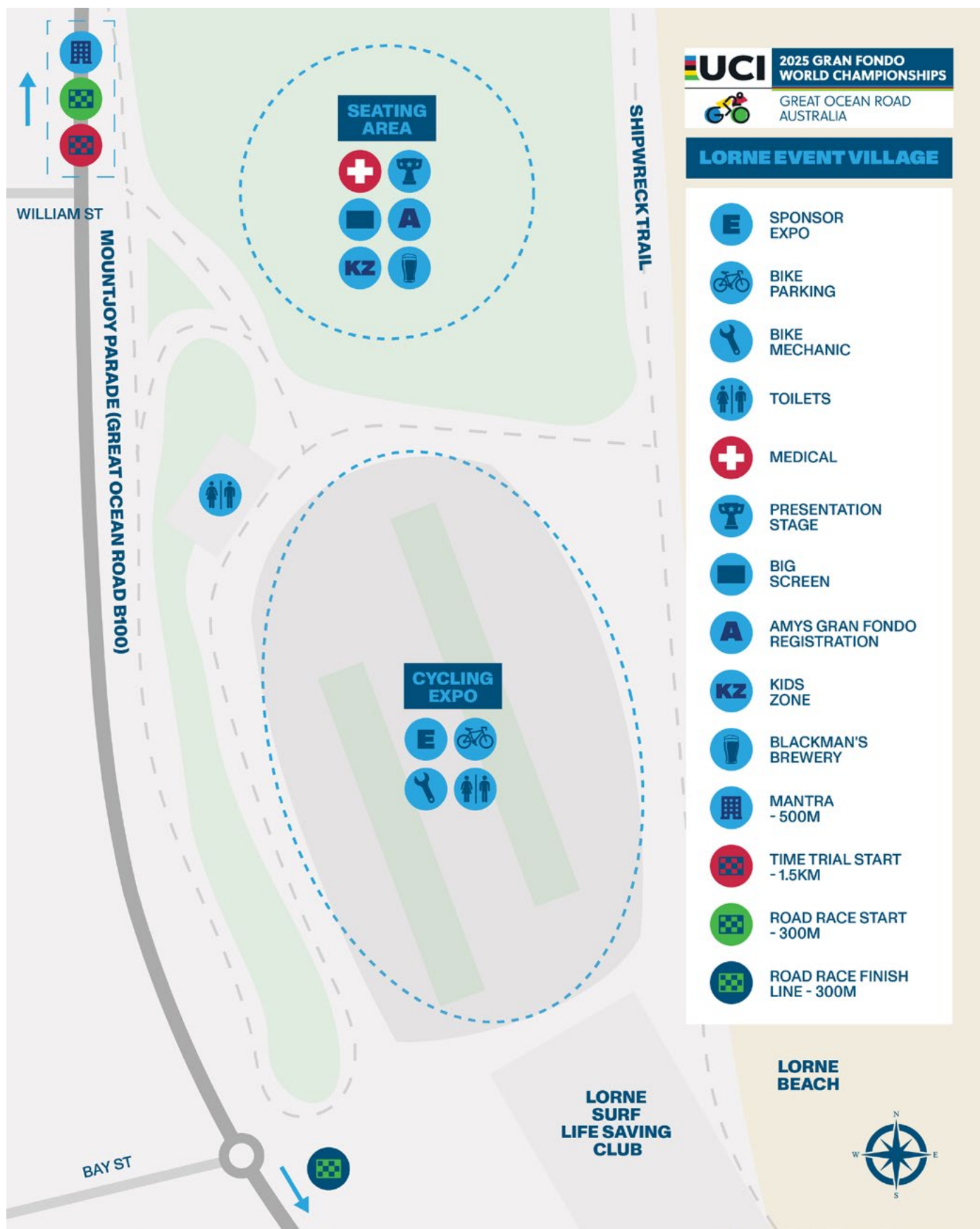
06:00 - 17:00	Event Village Open, Lorne Foreshore
07:15 - 16:30	World Championship Road Race, 131.2km Circuit, Lorne
09:00 - 16:30	Amy's Gran Fondo Recreational Ride 122km, Lorne
09:20 - 10:10	Amy's Family Fondo 3km Lorne (Free), Lorne
12:00 - 16:30	Amy's Medio Fondo 45km, Apollo Bay to Lorne
12:00 - 13:00	Road Race Presentations, Event Village, Lorne
13:00 - 17:00	Event Celebrations, Event Village, Lorne

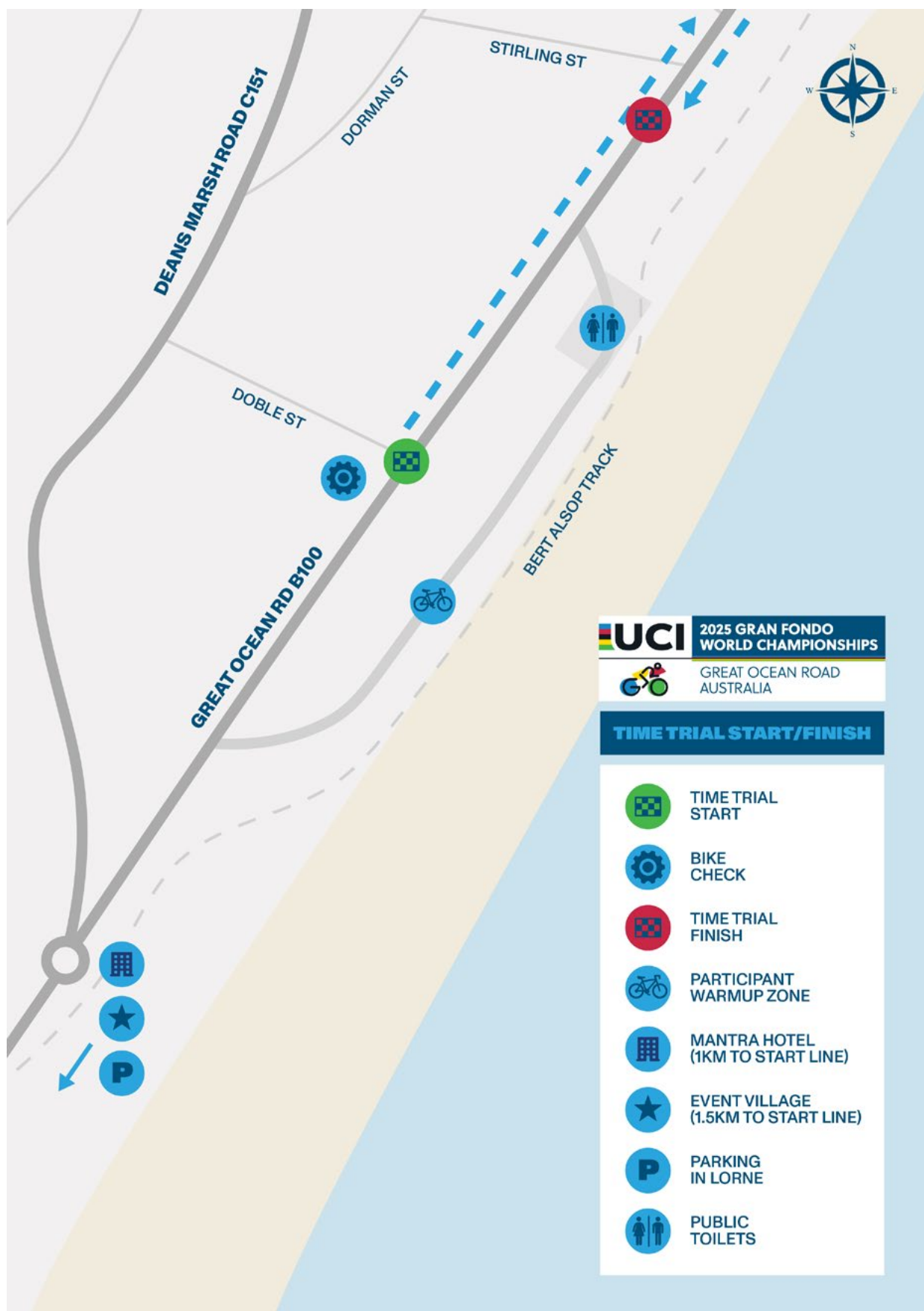
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View online Event Schedule [here](#).

EVENT VENUE MAPS

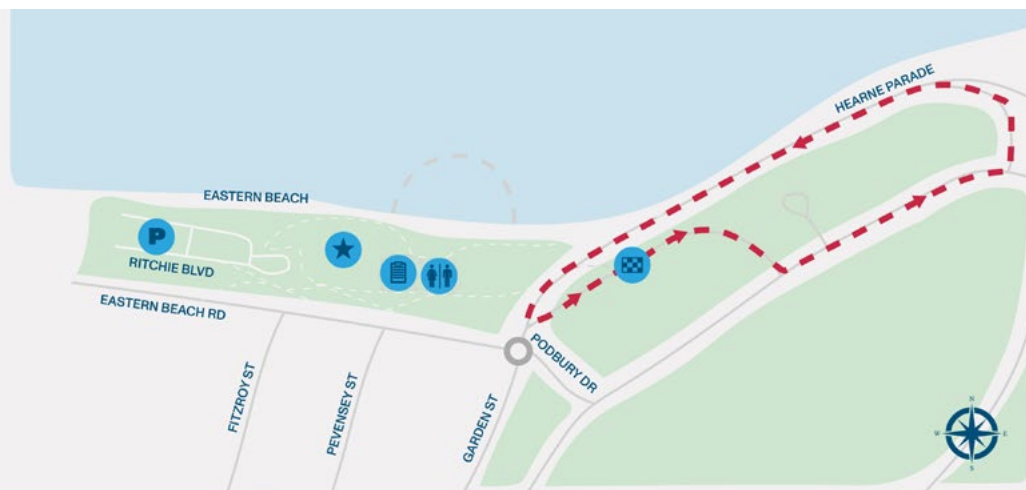






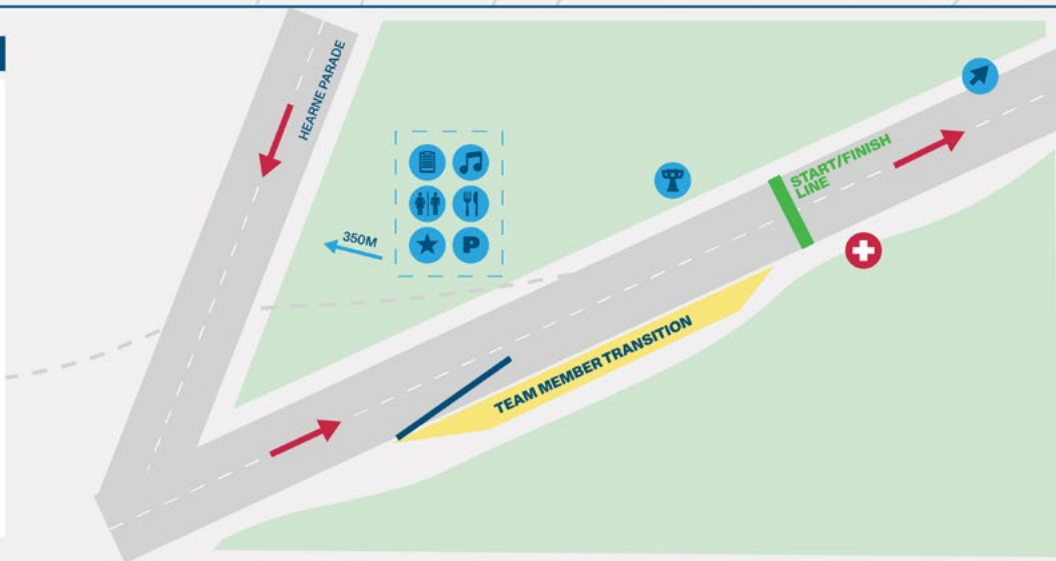
GEELONG - TEAM RELAY

-  START/FINISH LINE
-  PAVILLION GEELONG
REGISTRATION
& BRIEFING
-  SPINOFF
FESTIVAL SITE
-  PARKING AVAILABLE AT
RITCHIE BOULEVARD
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TEAM RELAY - START/FINISH

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-  FOOD
& DRINKS
-  ATHLETE
COURSE EXIT
-  PRESENTATION
STAGE
-  MEDICAL
-  PUBLIC
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UCI Gran Fondo World Championships Team Relay

SpinOff

Friday 17 October, 4pm – 9pm
Eastern Beach Reserve

The Bamboos Pierce Brothers

Hassall | Farah | Kids entertainment
Hendry's SpinOff Family Ride

Free Entry



ROAD CLOSURES & ROAD RULES

As a participant, spectator or local resident, it's important to understand the Road Closures associated with each competition day.

Traffic controllers will not be letting any cars through so please be organised! 😊

Note: Saying "I'm racing the world championships" will not make any difference!

INTERACTIVE MAPS

The following Interactive Road Closure Maps have been prepared for each competition day to help you understand the closures associated with individual sections of road. Simply click on a stretch of road to view the event day closure types, timings and detours.

- **Thursday 16 October (Time Trial)**

IMPORTANT: Access on Thursday into Lorne on the B100 (& C151) from the east (Anglesea / Fairhaven / Geelong, Deans Marsh etc) shuts at **09:00** so even if your individual start time is mid-morning or in the afternoon, you need to arrive in Lorne **BEFORE 09:00**. Access on the B100 from the west (Apollo Bay, Wye Rive etc) is not affected on Time Trial race day.

- **Friday 17 October (Team Relay)**

- **Sunday 19 October (Road Race)**

IMPORTANT: Access on Sunday into Lorne on the B100 from the east (Anglesea / Fairhaven / Geelong etc) shuts at **06:30** so regardless of your start wave, you must arrive in Lorne **BEFORE 06:30**. Furthermore, the C151 between Deans Marsh and Lorne gets shut at **06:00** at Deans Marsh.

Road closures are in place to protect everyone associated with the event. This includes competitors, event staff, volunteers, contractors and supporters. Failing to observe a road closure will lead to automatic rider disqualification and drivers may face penalties and prosecution by Police.

TRAINING AND RIDING ON VICTORIAN ROADS

Roads in the Otway Region (including the Great Ocean Road), are subject to fog, mist, low-lying cloud and rain. You may also encounter wildlife, such as kangaroos, wallabies and wombats. It is unlikely there will be dedicated cycling facilities such as marked bike lanes. Be alert, scan the road ahead and listen out for vehicles behind. Share the road and be mindful of the impact that increased numbers of cyclists may have on other road users.

To help protect the integrity of the sport and the event, please be courteous of other road users and observe the following riding advice:

- Always wear your helmet - it's Australian law
- Always keep left unless overtaking
- Always follow the road rules
- Do not ride more than 2 abreast as per Victorian Road Rules
- Do not ride with music
- Do not ride in groups of more than 10
- Let vehicles pass when safe to do so
- Ride single file when the centre line is a double white line (which signals that cars can't pass other cars)
- Ride single file when climbing and descending
- Carry identification every time you ride
- Use hand signals to indicate your intentions
- Call out to other riders if intending to pass
- Be seen - use bike lights & wear bright coloured clothing
- No littering

RACE DETAILS

INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL (THURSDAY)

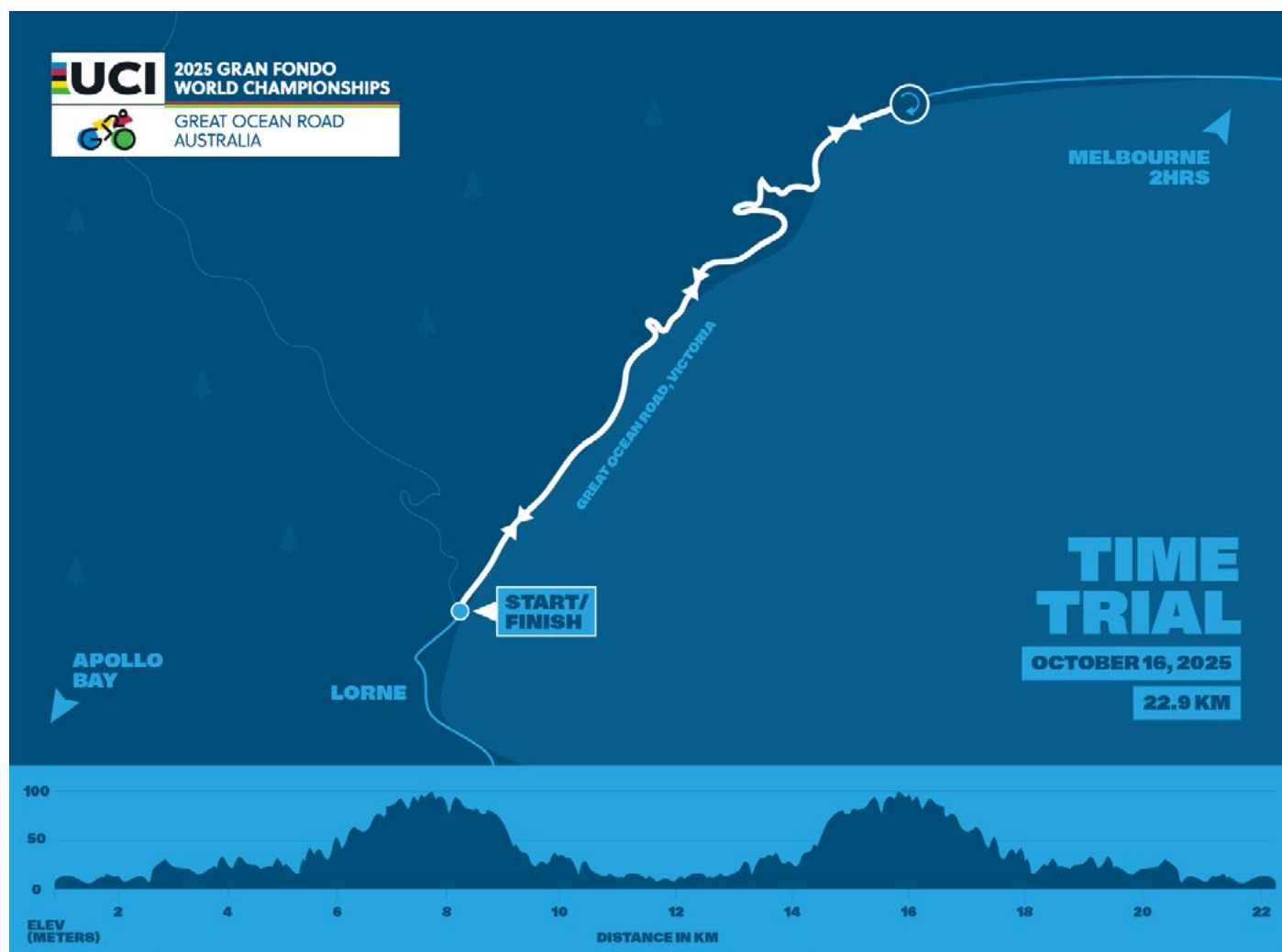
The Time Trial will start and finish in Lorne and features some of the most spectacular sections of Victoria's iconic Great Ocean Road.

The out-and-back course turns at the iconic Memorial Arch at Eastern View (near Fairhaven) and features a mix of challenging climbs, rolling hills and scenic coastal views making it a challenging yet rewarding course.

Date	Thursday 16 October 2025
Start Time	09:30
Distance	22.5km
Elevation Gain	393m
Course Direction	Out and back in a clockwise direction
Start Location	Doble St / Great Ocean Road, Lorne
Finish Line	Stirling St / Great Ocean Road, Lorne
Rider Briefing	14:00 - Wednesday 15 October, Mantra Hotel, Lorne
Bike Check	The mandatory bike check will occur prior to every rider starting the time trial. This will be done in the Bike Check tent adjacent to the Time Trial start ramp. A non-compulsory bike check service will also be offered on Wednesday enabling riders to ask questions or seek assistance to ensure their bike meets the UCI regulations, prior to race day. Refer page 22 for the Time Trial bike regulations.
Warm Up Area	A Warm-Up tent will be set up adjacent to the Time Trial start ramp for riders to set up their own rollers. A maximum of 20mins per rider in either section.
Start Order	Final start list will be published on Tuesday 14 October noting that the overarching start order is according to age groups; Women first (from older age groups to younger), followed by Men (from older age groups to younger). Youngest men will be the last to depart. Riders will depart at 30 second intervals.
Specific Rules	Drafting is forbidden; any riders not obeying this rule will be disqualified. When overtaking a rider, you must ensure a distance of 2m separates both riders, and the overtaken rider must then leave a gap of 25m behind the passing rider.
Follow Vehicles	Follow vehicles are not permitted.
Road Closures	Full Road Closures.

INDIVIDUAL TIME TRIAL (THURSDAY)

Course Map and Profile



View course on [Event Website](#).

TEAM RELAY (FRIDAY)

Team Relay is an official World Championship event with rainbow jerseys and medals awarded. It is open to all athletes who are registered for the Time Trial and/or Gran Fondo.

This year's Team Relay will take place in the port city of Geelong overlooking Corio Bay. Geelong is the largest regional city in Victoria and one that is synonymous with hosting world-class cycling events such as the 2010 Road Cycling World Championships, and the annual Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race.

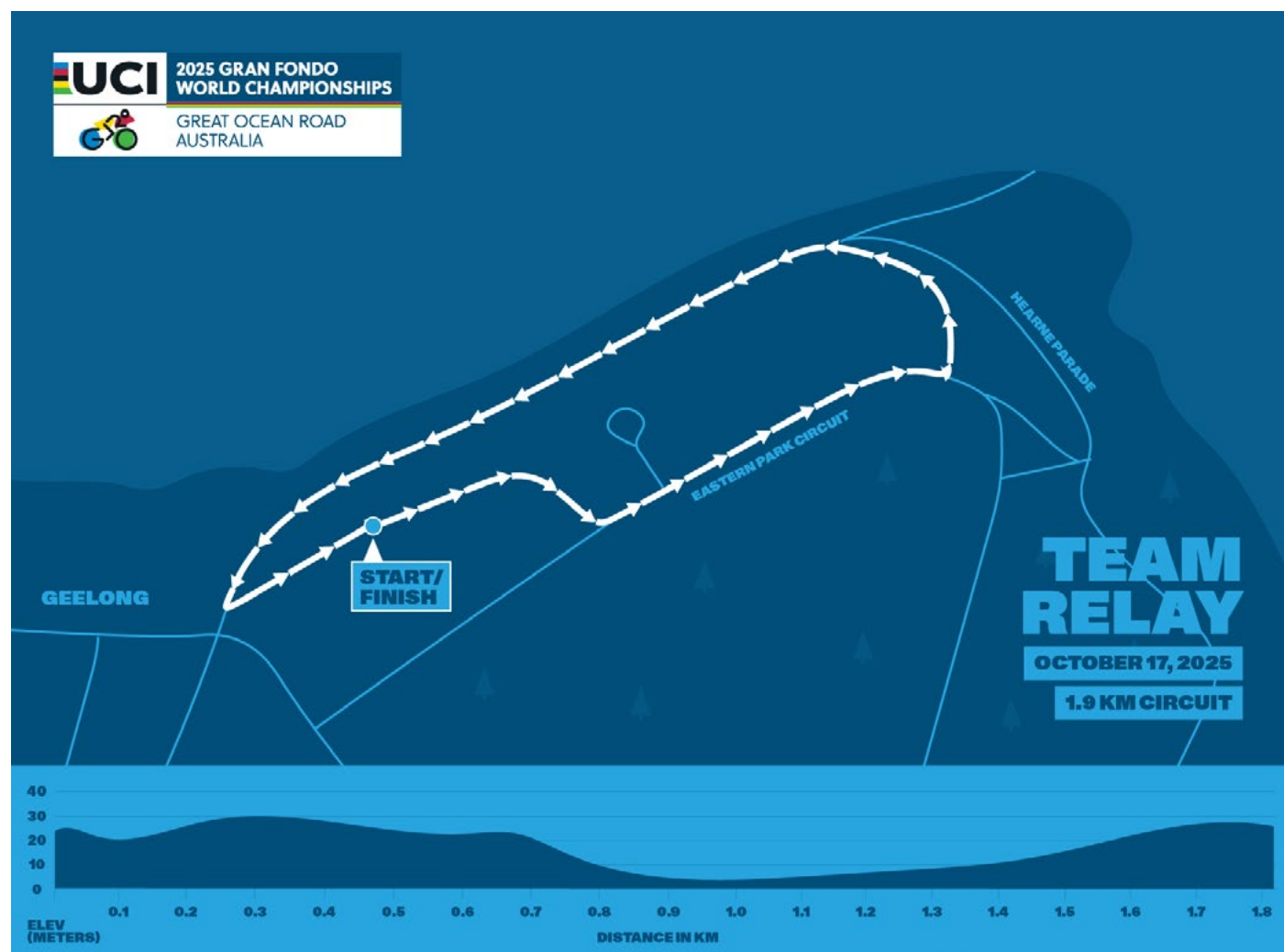
How does it work?

Teams are made up of four (4) riders of the same nationality. A maximum of 25 Teams can contest this event. The first rider of each team starts together on the start line. After three (3) laps, riders must enter the relay zone. From the moment the rider crosses the relay zone line, the next rider of that team can start their three laps. After the fourth (last) rider completes their third lap, they must cross the finish line.

Date	Friday 17 October 2025
Start Time	18:00
Distance	1.9km circuit, 3 laps per rider
Elevation Gain	26m
Course Direction	Anti-clockwise
Start Location	Hearne Parade, Eastern Gardens, Geelong
Finish Line	Hearne Parade, Eastern Gardens, Geelong
Rider Briefing	15:00 - Friday 17 October At least one rider per team must attend the Riders Briefing to receive information and provide their team's order of departure.
Team Format	The four-person team must be composed of at least one male and one female rider representing the following age groups and all wearing the same national jersey. • One male any age • One female any age • One male/female 40+ • One male/female 50+
How to Register	https://granfondogreatoceanroad2025.com.au/the-event/team-relay
Road Closures	Full Road Closures.

TEAM RELAY (FRIDAY)

Course Map and Profile



View course on [Event Website](#).

ROAD RACE (SUNDAY)

Starting and finishing in Lorne on the Great Ocean Road the Gran Fondo is staged on a challenging yet rewarding course winding up and around the Otway Ranges before returning to sea level and finishing along Victoria's iconic coastline.

The course kicks things off with an uphill battle straight out of Lorne. There's another climb just after the halfway mark, followed by a well-earned descent onto the Great Ocean Road where you're rewarded with stunning views for the last 40km.

Date	Sunday 19 October 2025
Start Time	07:15
Distance	131km
Elevation Gain	1925m
Start Location	Grove Road / Great Ocean Road, Lorne
Finish Line	Beal St / Great Ocean Road, Lorne
Rider Briefing	09:30 – Saturday 18 October - Mantra Hotel, Lorne
Start Area Set Up	The start area will be set up with start boxes. Riders assemble in their respective start boxes in accordance with their starting order, and per start group. The starting boxes will be clearly signed and open on a first come, first serve basis. The first row of each start group is reserved for the age group winners of the qualifier events and defending world champions, who will be able to access the first row from the sidewalk 5 minutes before their respective start. Marshals will be available to assist with Rider assembly however Riders are responsible for assembling in the correct start box. Riders starting in the wrong box will be disqualified.
Start Procedures	The start boxes will be separated by tape or fences which will be removed a few minutes before the respective starts. After removal of the tape/fence, the next start group will be instructed to move forward to the start arch. The start time for all riders in a same start group is the gun-time of that specific group, and not the moment each rider crosses the start line.
Priority Start Area	A priority start area will be reserved for defending world champions and riders who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their qualifying race. This will only be facilitated for start categories with more than 100 entrants. Riders must enter by <u>30 September</u> to enable race officials time to cross check eligibility and assign priority. Access control will be strictly managed at the entrance of each priority start area.

ROAD RACE (SUNDAY)

Start Times	Category	Time
	M19-34	07:15
	M35-39	07:20
	M40-44	07:25
	M45-49	07:30
	M50-54	07:35
	M55-59	07:40
	W19-34 / 35-39	07:45
	W40-44 / 45-49	07:50
	M60-64	07:55
	M65-69 / 70-74 / 75-79 / 80-84 / 85-89	07:57
	W50-54 / 55-59 / 60-64 / 65-69 / 70-74	07:59

Road Closures Full Road Closures.

Feed Zones Aid Stations for the participation ride can be used by World Championships riders.

Aid Stations are located at the following kilometre points:

23km - Deans Marsh

60km - Forrest

77km - Turton's Track

119km - Kennett River

Rubbish Zones A rubbish zone will be clearly sign posted from 50m prior and 50m after each Aid Station. Riders can only discard waste within this area. Riders observed littering outside of the Rubbish Zones will be disqualified.

Private Helpers On Course Private helpers are allowed to support anywhere along the course however strict road closures are in place. This means being in position before the Road Closures take effect and remaining in position until the Road Closures are finished. Key behaviours include:

- No driving along the course within Road Closure Times.
- No **riding bicycles** along the course within Road Closure Times.
- No parking on any part of the course within Road Closure Times. This includes the road surface and the adjacent gravel or grass ("road shoulder").
- Parking must be done completely off the course (eg on side roads).

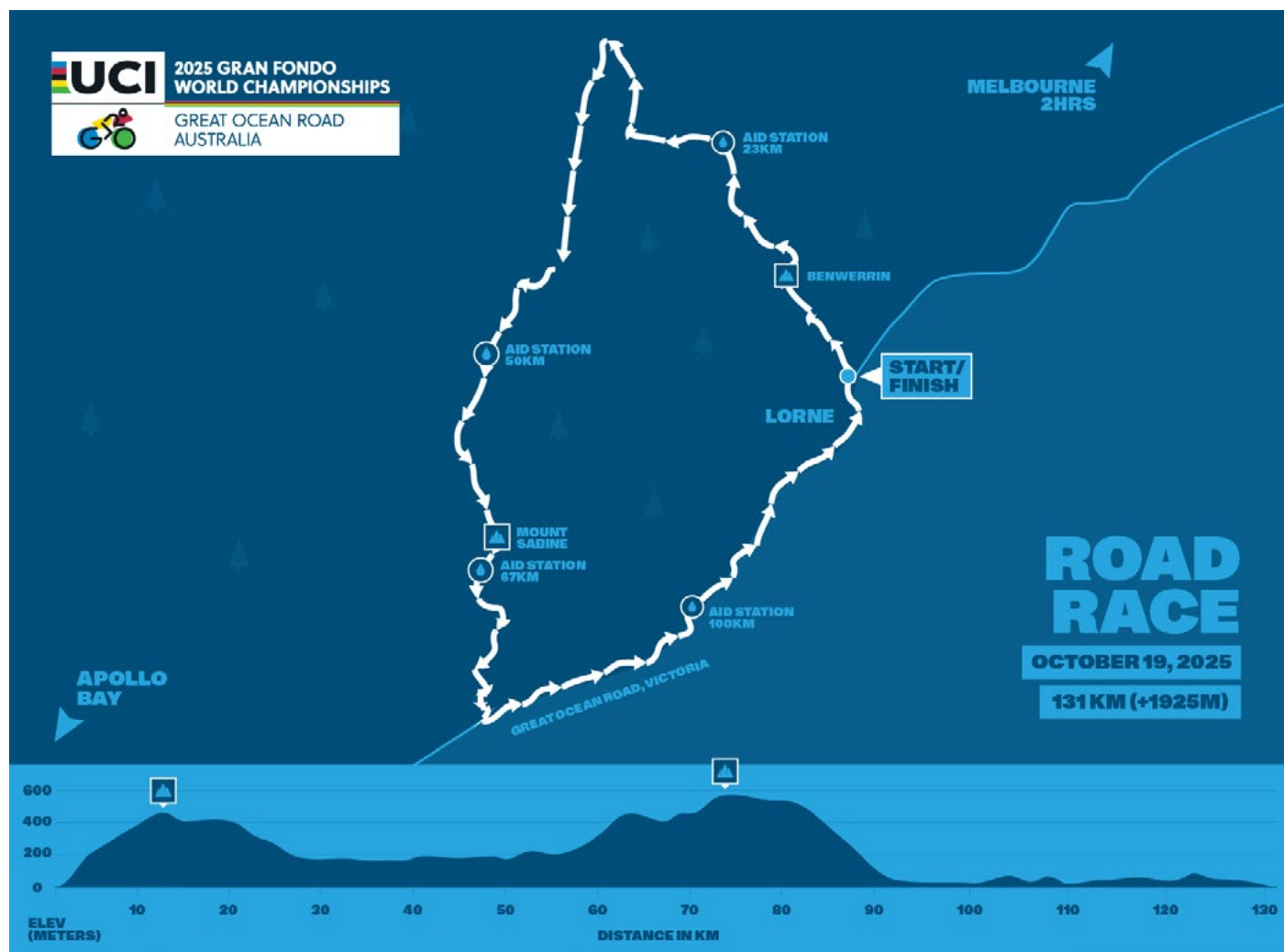
Private helpers are encouraged to provide support to their riders in and around the townships of Deans Marsh, Birragurra and Forrest (where side roads can be used to avoid road closures, and detours around the event are available).

To understand the Road Closures for Sunday 19 October, visit the Road Closures page on the website and [view the interactive road closure map](#).

Note: Road Closure times are in place for the Recreational Ride (Amys Gran Fondo) as well, which starts after the World Championships and has more than 2000 riders. So just because the World Championship riders and support vehicles have passed your location out on the course, it does not mean that the road is open.

ROAD RACE (SUNDAY)

Course Map and Profile



View course on [Event Website](#).

Discover The Great Ocean Road Story

Steep cliffs, rugged terrain and dangerous weather – it was all conquered by more than 3,000 returned soldiers as they built the Great Ocean Road from 1919 onwards. Their dedication meant the isolated towns along Victoria's stunning western coastline could be joined together.

The Great Ocean Road is a memorial to the lost lives and sacrifices of the Australian diggers in World War One.



Photo: Robert Blackburn



Since its official opening in 1932, the road has breathed life into the local communities along it and become a mecca for visitors. It is a stunning engineering marvel.



Photo: Lorne Historical Society

Experience the **Great Ocean Road Story Exhibition** in the Lorne Visitor Centre at 15 Mountjoy Parade, or watch the *Story of the Road* documentary.



UCI GENERAL REGULATIONS

The 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships will be conducted under **UCI Regulations**.
The following is a summary of key Regulations for the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

AGE GROUP CATEGORIES

The age categories of the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are:
19-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89

Age groups applicable to the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are defined by the riders' age on December 31st of the year of the World Championships.

Each age category has a different colour of race numbers. The colours are to indicate to riders who they are competing against during the race. Men and Women of the same age category have the same colour race number.

Category

19 - 34	60 - 64
35 - 39	65 - 69
40 - 44	70 - 74
45 - 49	75 - 79
50 - 54	80 - 84
55 - 59	85 - 89

LICENCES

Riders taking part in the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships must hold a valid racing licence issued by their respective national federation (day licences being excluded), must hold a UCI ID and must be adequately insured against accidents and civil responsibility (called public liability in Australia) in the country in which the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships are held.

Riders should also bring a proof of their licence (physical licence, printed form, online proof) showing their UCI ID. Participation with a day licence or a licence of a federation not affiliated to the UCI is not possible.

NATIONAL JERSEYS

Riders shall wear the national jersey representing their nationality (and not their country of residence or licence affiliation, should it differ from the latter). Although the official national jersey is not required, the jersey should visually represent the athlete's country, with a similar design and colours. Club and private sponsors are authorised to appear on the jerseys. A club jersey with a flag is not considered as a national jersey. Refer invitation from UCI and confer with your National Federation if you have any questions.

It is forbidden to wear the rainbow stripes or any variation of their design on the jersey (sleeves/collar), bike, helmet, shoes or overshoes during the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships.

MEDAL CEREMONIES

The three first riders of every age category (women and men) will be called to the podium to be awarded prizes. The presentation order will be from old to young, alternating men and women.

- Riders must wear their cycling outfit (jersey + shorts)
- No glasses, hats, caps, open shoes
- No publicity sticker on the jersey during the ceremony

All World Champions are invited to stay after their age group's podium for an overall picture with all World Champions.

TIMING

All riders in the same start group receive the gun time as their start time. Finish times are recorded via your timing chip as you pass over the timing point at the finish line. Timing chips will be issued at rider registration. Do not tamper or remove the chip or you may not receive a finish time and will be classed as a DNF (Did Not Finish). Timing chips however, should be removed and returned to the 'Timing Chip Return Point' at the conclusion of each race. Failing to do so will incur an \$80 Replacement fee, and no official time will be awarded.

HELMET USE

Anytime you are riding your bike in Australia you must wear your helmet. This is an Australia-wide law, enforceable by Police and subject to fines. Riders also risk immediate withdrawal from the event if caught by a member of the organisation without their helmet.

NEUTRAL SUPPORT

Neutral support cars and motos will be called through via the Commissaires via radio and will respond where safe and timely to do so. Not all start groups will have neutral support therefore all Riders are advised to bring spare tubular/tyre and pump/canister.

- It's forbidden to have your personal car following you during the race
- Neutral support during the Time Trial and Team Relay will be at fixed locations halfway along the course.

DOPING CONTROL

All riders are subject to doping control and may be requested at any time to provide a sample. Chaperones will wait for riders having to go to doping control, but it's the riders' responsibility to check if he/she must go to doping control.

Doping Control Locations

Geelong – Pavillion Geelong

Lorne – Mantra Hotel, Lorne

BIKE REGULATIONS

The riders must race with a road bike. In the road race event, time trial bikes are forbidden.

For the time trial, all bikes will be checked for compliance with the UCI's regulations. Summary of the UCI bike regulation for Time Trials are below:

A fixed extension may be added to the steering-system;

- **Category 1: Less than 180.0 cm tall:**

For riders less than 180.0 cm tall, the horizontal distance between the vertical planes passing through the bottom bracket axle and the extremity of the fixed time trial extension handlebar, including all accessories, may be a maximum of 800 mm. The height difference between the midpoint of the forearm support and the highest or lowest point of the extension (including accessory) must be less than 100 mm.

- **Category 2: Between 180.0 cm and 189.9 cm tall:**

For riders between 180.0 cm and 189.9 cm tall, the horizontal distance between the vertical planes passing through the bottom bracket axle and the extremity of the fixed time trial extension handlebar, including all accessories, may be a maximum of 830 mm. The height difference between the midpoint of the forearm support and the highest or lowest point of the extension (including accessory) must be less than 120 mm. Riders in Category 2 must submit a rider height attestation application form available from the UCI website.

- **Category 3: 190.0 cm and taller:**

For riders 190.0 cm and taller: the horizontal distance between the vertical planes passing through the bottom bracket axle and the extremity of the fixed time trial extension handlebar, including all accessories, may be a maximum of 850 mm. The height difference between the midpoint of the and the highest or lowest point of the extension (including accessory) must be less than 140 mm.

All bikes (both time trial and road race) will have to comply with the rules as explained in the [UCI infographic](#).

Note, the rule to register a category height at the UCI will not be applied at the 2025 Gran Fondo World Championships.

Riders that fall into Cat 2 or Cat 3 are encouraged to have their bike measurements checked at the Informal Bike Check. See event schedule for times.

BIKE CHECK

Commissaires will conduct the mandatory bike check for Time Trial bikes in the Bike Check tent adjacent to the Time Trial start ramp. Random checks will also be conducted at all races to detect technical fraud (motors) and bike weight checks (minimum bike is 6.8 kilos without bottles and GPS device).

An informal Bike Check tent will be available in Lorne on Wednesday 15 October for Time Trial riders to have their bike checked in relation to the UCI bike regulations for Time Trial bikes. Note: this is not a bike set up service. Bikes should be assembled and ready for inspection. This opportunity does not replace the mandatory bike check by Commissaires at the start line on Time Trial race day.

BIKE ASSEMBLY

If you need assistance with assembling your bike (and disassembling it again after the event), please contact [Hendry's](#) to book in.

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EVENT SERVICES

REGISTRATION & RIDER PACKS

All riders must present at Registration to have their licence checked and collect their Rider Pack. You will need photo ID (driver's licence or passport) and UCI ID.

The Rider Pack will include the timing transponder, body number, pins, and stickers for the helmet, seat post and bag drop. Refer to the Event Schedule on *page 11* for the Registration opening hours.

INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be co-located in the Registration area and open at the same times as Registration. On Sunday the information desk will be located in the Event Village.

RIDER BRIEFINGS

Rider briefings are offered prior to each race. The briefings are not compulsory; however, they are a great opportunity to listen and ask questions about the course, start procedures, wave starts, rules, safety hazards, and other pertinent race-specific information. All briefing slides will be emailed if you cannot attend in person.

LOST & FOUND

Lost items should be taken to the information tent in the main event village in Lorne. At the conclusion of the event, unclaimed items will be donated to local charities or otherwise safely disposed of.

MEDICAL & FIRST AID

Medical Edge have been appointed to service the event, complementing dedicated Ambulance Victoria (AV) resources.

The main medical centre is located at the Event Village in Lorne. The medical centre will open Wednesday 12:00-17:00, Thursday 9:00-17:00, Saturday 10:00-16:30 and Sunday 07:00-16:30. The medical centre will not be open on Friday.

Lorne Community Hospital (Lorne) and Barwon Hospital (Geelong) have been notified of the event.

Medical resourcing is available at both the start/finish line and turnaround point for the Time Trial, at the Teams Relay, and at various locations around the Gran Fondo circuit.

TIMING & RESULTS

MultiSport Australia have been appointed as the timing and results contractor. Active timing chips will be issued as part of your Registration Kit and will need to be mounted to the front fork. Instructions and cable ties will be provided with the chip. Riders are encouraged to bring tape to apply to the fork to protect the surface. Timing chips must be returned to the 'Timing Chip Return Point' at the conclusion of each race. Failing to do so will incur an \$80 replacement fee, and no official time will be awarded.

Race Results will be live on the [MultiSport Australia](#) website.

GET INVOLVED

SUPPORT EVENTS



Amy's Gran Fondo is not just a support event; it is the reason these World Championships are about to take place. The first edition was held in 2011 with cyclists gathering to ride the spectacular Great Ocean Road and Otway Ranges, united by a common purpose: safer roads for everyone.

Participation directly supports Amy's Foundation (formerly Amy Gillett Foundation), Australia's leading cycling safety charity. The mission is simple yet powerful: reducing cyclist fatalities and injuries through infrastructure, education, and advocacy. Amy's Foundation was established in 2006 following the tragic death of Amy Gillett, an elite cyclist who tragically lost her life while training with the Australian Women's Cycling Team in Germany in 2005.

So, if you have friends and family wishing to enjoy the rare closed-road experience on Victoria's iconic Great Ocean Road, there are three rides to choose from:

Amy's Gran Fondo – 122km (Lorne to Lorne)

The event uses the same course as the World Championship riders, with one small 10km section removed to assist with road closure re-openings. A brilliant opportunity for friends and family to ride the course of the world championship contenders vying for a rainbow jersey!

- **Date:** Sunday 19th October 2025
- **Start Line Open:** 09:00
- **Start Location:** Mountjoy Parade, Lorne, Victoria, Australia
- **Distance:** 122km
- **Format:** Fully Closed Road Timed Recreational Ride
- **Minimum Age:** 16 years (Age at 19 Oct 2025)

Amy's Medio Fondo – 45kms (Apollo Bay to Lorne)

The Medio Fondo starts in Apollo Bay and finishes in Lorne travelling along the most scenic parts of the Great Ocean Road. The distance, terrain and sensational scenery of the Surf Coast and Colac Otway regions makes for a great day out on the bike.

- **Date:** Sunday 19 October 2025
- **Start Time:** 12:00
- **Start Location:** Hardy Street – Foreshore Parking Area, Apollo Bay, Victoria, Australia
- **Distance:** 45km
- **Format:** Fully Closed Road, Timed Recreational Ride.
- **Start Groups:** 18-20km/h, 21-25km/h, 26-30km/h, 30+km/h
- **Minimum Age:** 12 years (at 19 October 2025)

Amy's Family Ride – 3km Lorne Circuit

A free, family-friendly event taking place on the same morning as the 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships. Riders will start under the Gran Fondo Road Race gantry and head toward the iconic Lorne Pier.

- **Date:** Sunday 19th October 2025
- **Start Line Open:** 09:20 (50 minutes permitted on course – Finish Line closes at 10:10)
- **Start Location:** Main Street, Lorne
- **Distance:** 3km Circuit
- **Format:** Fully Closed Road Recreational Ride
- **Minimum Age:** 6 years (at 19 October 2025 – Must be accompanied by a guardian).
Registered riders must be at least 6 years of age at the date of the event to participate in the Family Fondo, passengers can be younger than this if carried in road safe carrier.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the cornerstone of our sport. From club racing, officiating, learn to ride programs, through to elite races on the UCI calendar; volunteers are what make these things happen.

We're no different here in Australia and while we are lucky to have an incredible crew of volunteers already beginning to assemble for the World Championships, we're always looking for more!

So, if you or your friends and family have a few hours spare throughout the week of the Championships and are keen to lend a hand, please email: info@o2events.com.au

CHEER FROM THE SIDELINES

Whether it's out on course or in line for a coffee, the success of this event is not limited to your on-course performance, it's shaped by the energy and support you express the whole time you're with us.

No matter your reason for attending the event, keep the good vibes rolling, extend your cheers to everyone and make this a World Championships to remember!

SOCIAL MEDIA

This is the greatest ride of your life so make sure you tell the world all about it by following our official channels and tagging us in all your achievements.

2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships

- Facebook: @2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships & Amy's Gran Fondo
- Instagram: @amysgranfondo

UCI Gran Fondo World Series

- Instagram: @ucigranfondoworldseries

AusCycling

- X: @AusCycling
- Facebook: @AusCyclingAus
- Instagram: @AusCyclingAus

Amy's Foundation

- Facebook: @AmyGillettFoundation
- Instagram: @amysfoundationau

1 Hour Highlights Package

Catch the colour and excitement on SBS on Sunday 26 October at 15:00 AEST. The full 1-hour package will also be available on SBS on Demand after this date, and available on the [AusCycling YouTube Channel](#) for our international audience as well.

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CONTACTS

- UCI Gran Fondo World Series – info@granfondoworldseries.com
- 2025 Local Organising Committee (LOC) - 2025granfondo@auscycling.org.au
- Emergency (Fire, Ambulance, Police) 000 (life-threatening emergencies only)
- Lorne Community Hospital - Albert Street, Lorne +61 3 5289 4300
- Barwon Hospital (Geelong) - 272-322 Ryrie St, Geelong +61 3 4215 0000
- Lorne Visitor Information Centre, 15 Mountjoy Parade, Lorne 1300 891 152
- Taxi – 131000

USEFUL WEBSITES

- 2025 UCI Gran Fondo World Championships
www.granfondogreatoceanroad2025.com.au
- UCI Gran Fondo World Series
www.ucigranfondoworldseries.com
- Amys Gran Fondo
<https://www.amysgranfondo.org.au/>
- Bicycle Road Rules in Victoria
www.transport.vic.gov.au/road-rules-and-safety/bicycles/bicycle-road-rules
- Driving with an overseas license in Victoria
<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/licences/new-to-victoria/driving-with-your-overseas-licence-in-victoria>
- Public Transport Victoria (PTV) (Metropolitan Trains, Trams, Buses)
www.ptv.vic.gov.au
- V/Line (Regional Trains and Buses to Geelong & Lorne)
www.vline.com.au/Timetables/Train-coach-timetables
- Myki (Ticketing system used on PTV and V/Line Services)
www.ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/myki
- Linkt – (if driving a vehicle on CityLink and/or EastLink)
www.linkt.com.au

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