



Technical Guide - 2025 Ross Bush Memorial Handicap

1 Welcome/Introduction

On behalf of the Geelong Cycling Club, I extend a heartfelt welcome to all riders, officials, volunteers and supporters joining us today for the Ross Bush Memorial.

Ross was more than a rider – he was a mate, a mentor and a mainstay of our club and local cycling community. His passion for the sport and his mischief spirit left a lasting legacy and it's a privilege to honour him through this annual race. This is also a chance to reflect on rider and road safety. Remembering we are all in this together as equals on the road.

Whether you're here to compete, remember or simply to be part of something meaningful to our club, I thank you for showing up.

The course will no doubt challenge you – just as Ross would've liked out on these roads – but I trust today will also connect us in the camaraderie and spirit that defines grassroots racing here in Geelong.

Ride safe, ride hard and ride for the line.

Kris Hinck

President

Geelong Cycling Club

2 Event Details

2.1 Event Description

Geelong Cycling Club is hosting the 2025 Ross Bush Memorial Handicap. This will be a Silver event and therefore will be conducted under the guidance of the AusCycling Technical Regulations.

2.2 Event Location

Event Address (include start and finish points): The start location is Hendra Rd approx. 1.2km before the finish line. Riders are requested to assemble in this area before your bunch is to start. Reminder that the race start is approx. 5km from the rego desk. Please allow for extra time to get there. We will not wait for late starters.

2.3 Event Start and Finish Times

Rego is open from 10:30am

Race start 1:00pm (Limit)

2.4 Key Contacts

The event will be delivered by Geelong Cycling Club

The contact details are as follows:

Name	Position/Title	Phone	Email
Kris Hink	Club Contact		info@geelongcycling.com
Akshay Raju	Event Manager		Akshay.raju@auscycling.org.au
Martin Tobin	Race Director	0402 274 855	marty@delphicycling.com.au
Stephen Michetti	PCP	0428 098 703	Michetti007@gmail.com

Volunteers will be assigned roles and responsibilities to facilitate the planning and running of the event.

2.5 Social Media

Website: www.geelongcycling.com

Facebook: @Geelong.cc

Instagram: @Geelong.cc

3 Rider Registration and Meetings

3.1 Rider Registration

Registration is located at Maude Tennis Club 1795 Steiglitz Rd Maude.

Note: Race Start and finish is located approx. 4.2km from Maude Tennis Club

3.2 Race Convoy – Road Races

- As this race is conducted on Open Roads there will be no follow vehicles except for Commissaires and Sag Wagon. Spectators wishing to watch the race should travel in the opposite direction to avoid passing bunches.

4 Competitor Information

4.1 Competitor Responsibilities

Participants shall:

- Obey instructions from the Event Organisers, Commissaires and event marshals/officials.
- Employ correct etiquette and ride safely in all situations.
- Be required to wear minimum safety gear including appropriately approved helmet.
- Ensure that their bicycle is in good working order.
- Ensure they have adequate supply of water, sports drink and nutrition as required for the activity they are to participate in.
- Be responsible for ensuring they are fit enough for the activity.
- as we are racing on Open Roads can riders consider using tail lights when racing for the safety of themselves and others.

4.2 Entry Process

Entry is via Entryboss with close of entries at 11:59pm on Tuesday 17 June 2025.

4.3 Presentations

Presentation ceremonies will take place at Maude Tennis Club 1795 Steiglitz Road at the conclusion of the race. Riders are asked once you have finished please make your way back to the Tennis Club and not congregate on the road near the finish line.

Presentations will be conducted as soon as possible after the finish of each event. All place getters must present to the podium immediately following the race finish. Riders must be presented in their correct attire (race kit) with no hats or sunglasses. All place getters must make themselves available for the media.

4.4 Prize Money/Prizes

Prize Money					
1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	5th Place	Fastest Time Male/Female each
\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$75	\$300

4.5 Neutral Race Support

There is no neutral race support. Riders are expected to carry spares. A Sag wagon/tail car will follow the last rider on course

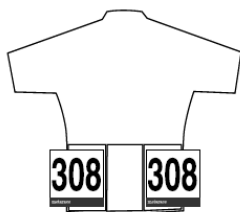
4.6 Race Numbers

Riders will be issued two body numbers, a frame plate and transponder at registration. For road races, they must be fitted as per the below images.

Numbers must not be cut, folded or modified in any way.

Transponders must be signed back into the registration tent at the completion of the riders' last race. Any rider failing to return their transponder and sign it back in will be charged \$100.

Body Number



Left & Right Pockets with one hand width between

Frame Plate



Brake Bridge or Base of Seat Post

Transponder



Low on Front Fork

4.7 First Aid/Medical Services

First aid will be provided by Ben Costin. They will be onsite from 12:00pm until end of the event. First Aid contact number is 0425 849 956

and also on UHF Radio Chanel TBC.

There nearest hospitals are:

University Hospital (Barown Health) Bellarine St Geelong 03 4215 0000

St John of God Hospital 80 Myers St Geelong 03 5226 8888

Epworth Hospital Geelong 1 Epworth Place Waurn Ponds 03 5271 7777.

4.8 Race Results

The event will be timed, recorded, displayed and publicised by MetaRace Live results are available [<Insert link>](#).

4.9 Anti-Doping Testing

4.9.1 Therapeutic Use Exemption

All competitors may be subject to anti-doping testing under AusCycling and Sport Integrity Australia regulations.

Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) A TUE is an exemption that allows an athlete to use, for therapeutic purposes only, an otherwise prohibited substance or method (of administering a substance). TUE approval may protect athletes from receiving a sanction if a prohibited substance is found in their sample. Who needs to complete a TUE in-advance for Cycling?

Athletes who are:

- Competing in the Elite and U23 categories
- A member of the Registered Testing Pool, National Testing Pool or Domestic Testing Pool
- A member of a national open team/squad including athletes with a disability planning to compete at the Elite National Championships If you are currently taking any medication, please check whether this substance is banned in or out of competition via www.globaldro.com/AU/search Further information on the TUE process can be found on the Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) website <https://www.sportintegrity.gov.au/resources/therapeutic-use-exemption> or by calling 1300 027 23

4.9.2 Sport Integrity Australia App

Any athlete and official can download the SIA app.

The SIA App has been designed with athletes in mind. The App gives a complete list of all supplements sold in Australia that have been screened for prohibited substances by an independent laboratory. The testing and certification of sports supplements cannot provide athletes a 100% safety guarantee but does significantly lower the risk of a positive test. For non-tested supplements the App gives athletes access to a quiz to assess the risk posed by highlighting key risk factors. The App can also be used to report doping, check if a medication is banned in sport, give SIA feedback on testing missions, and complete online education modules.

5 Technical Regulations

The event will be conducted under the rules and regulations of AusCycling (AC) and the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI). The AC & UCI scale of penalties will apply. For more information, please refer to the AusCycling website - <https://auscycling.org.au/page/about/governance-rules-policies>

5.1 Type of Event

The 2025 Ross Bush Memorial is a Graded Handicap race conducted over 94km. Riders will be graded into approx. 6 bunches.

5.2 Participation

This event is open to all Auscycling members from Under 19 and above who hold a RACE ALL DISCIPLINE Membership. Trial and event day licences will NOT be accepted for insurance reasons.

5.3 Feed Zone

There is no feed zone in this event

5.4 Litter Zone

There is no Litter zone in this event. Riders are reminded to take all litter with them

5.5 Traffic Controllers

This race is conducted on open roads. Course Marshalls will direct riders at intersections but are not authorised to stop traffic. If riders are show a RED flag by marshals the

6 Venue & Course Details

6.1 Event Schedule

Please refer to Appendix B for the event schedule.

6.2 Start and Finish Locations

See Appendix C

6.3 Course Maps

Please refer to Appendix C for course maps.

7 Spectator Information

7.1 Toilets

Toilets are located at Maude Tennis Club and Bunjil Lookout Carpark

7.2 Food vendors

Coffee will be available from the Maude Tennis Club from 10:30am

8 Appendix A – Convoy Code of Conduct

The Convoy Code of Conduct applies to all vehicles involved in Race Convoy operations whether involved with the conduct of the race itself or while performing a role that interfaces with the convoy operations and/or occurs within the race envelope:

- Team Cars
- Judge & Commissaire Cars & Motorbikes
- Media & Broadcast Cars
- Photographer & Broadcast Motorbikes
- Medical Vehicles
- Race Director Car
- Technical Director Car
- Neutral Support Cars & Motorbikes
- Police Cars & Motorbikes
- Moto Safety Marshal & Moto Escort Motorbikes
- Marshal Vehicles
- Lead Car & Sag Wagon
- VIP & Guest Cars

COMPULSORY CONVOY BEHAVIOUR

Applicable to all drivers within the Race Convoy

Note: The term 'vehicle' refers to both cars and motorbikes

Note: The term 'driver' applies to both car drivers and motorbike pilots

All drivers must attend the Team Managers Meeting, Driver Briefing or Convoy Driver Meeting & Training Course to undergo a race specific convoy operations briefing. Details of this can be found in **SECTION TWO – RIDER REGISTRATION & MEETINGS**. If these meetings/briefings clash with other activities, it is the responsibility of the driver to liaise with the Chief Commissaire to receive these instructions separately.

Failure to attend these meetings/briefings or actively seek out these instructions separately from the Chief Commissaire may result in disqualification from the race convoy.

Misconduct in the convoy will result in a warning being issued. Misconduct that breaches CA or UCI regulations will be disciplined by the Chief Commissaire. Misconduct that breaches overall race safety and integrity will be disciplined by the Race Director and/or Victoria Police as appropriate.

At the head of the convoy is the Victoria Police vehicle marked Pilot Car. Vehicles ahead of this vehicle are considered out of the convoy.

The tail of the convoy is the Victoria Police vehicle marked Tail End Car. Vehicles behind this vehicle are considered out of the convoy.

All vehicles must travel in the left lane.

All drivers must gain permission to pass any large group of riders from the Commissaire behind that group.

When passing through the convoy, vehicles must only travel marginally faster than the riders, and use short sharp toots of the horn to indicate passing. Drivers must check mirrors before deviating left or right.

Wherever possible vehicles should pass the riders on the right-hand side of the riders as per normal Australian road rules. When passing on the left-hand side (only in extreme circumstances), drivers must use extreme care and ensure that the rider is fully aware of the intention to pass on the left-hand side. Drivers must check mirrors before deviating left or right.

When traveling within the race envelope, drivers must not travel more than 20km/h above the speed of the race. To travel any more than 20km/h above the speed of the race is dangerous, unnecessary and unacceptable. Speeding will be severely dealt with. If a vehicle is ahead of the race and there is a fast descent ahead, drivers should accelerate ahead well in advance of that descent so that they are not in a situation where they must speed dangerously to remain ahead of the chasing riders. Note: there are some descents where cyclists will descend faster than a vehicle.

When traveling outside the race envelope drivers must obey all normal road rules and posted speed limits. The Tail End Car will endeavor to wait for any vehicle stopped (to service a rider, roadside repairs, call of nature) however, extended delays create the risk of leakage from other road users into the envelope, which in turn puts the entire convoy at risk. Extended delays cannot and will not be accommodated. Failure to obey road rules once

outside the race envelope may result in infringement notices (fines) being issued by Victoria Police.

Vehicles must not overtake riders within the final 1km approach to a Sprint or KOM/QOM Point. Vehicles must not overtake riders during the last lap (11.6 km).

All convoy vehicles must deviate at the designated deviation point 400m prior to the finish line under the direction of the Technical Director. Exceptions to this rule are Commissaire vehicles and the Sag Wagon.

Convoy vehicles must be a maximum height of 1.66 meters not including roof bars (unless approved by the Chief Commissaire).

Windows on all vehicles in the race convoy must not be obstructed with decals or marked as to obstruct the view through the vehicle

Convoy vehicles must adhere to the convoy assembly times & locations as listed above under **SECTION FOUR – VENUE & COURSE DETAILS.**

9 Appendix B – Event Schedule

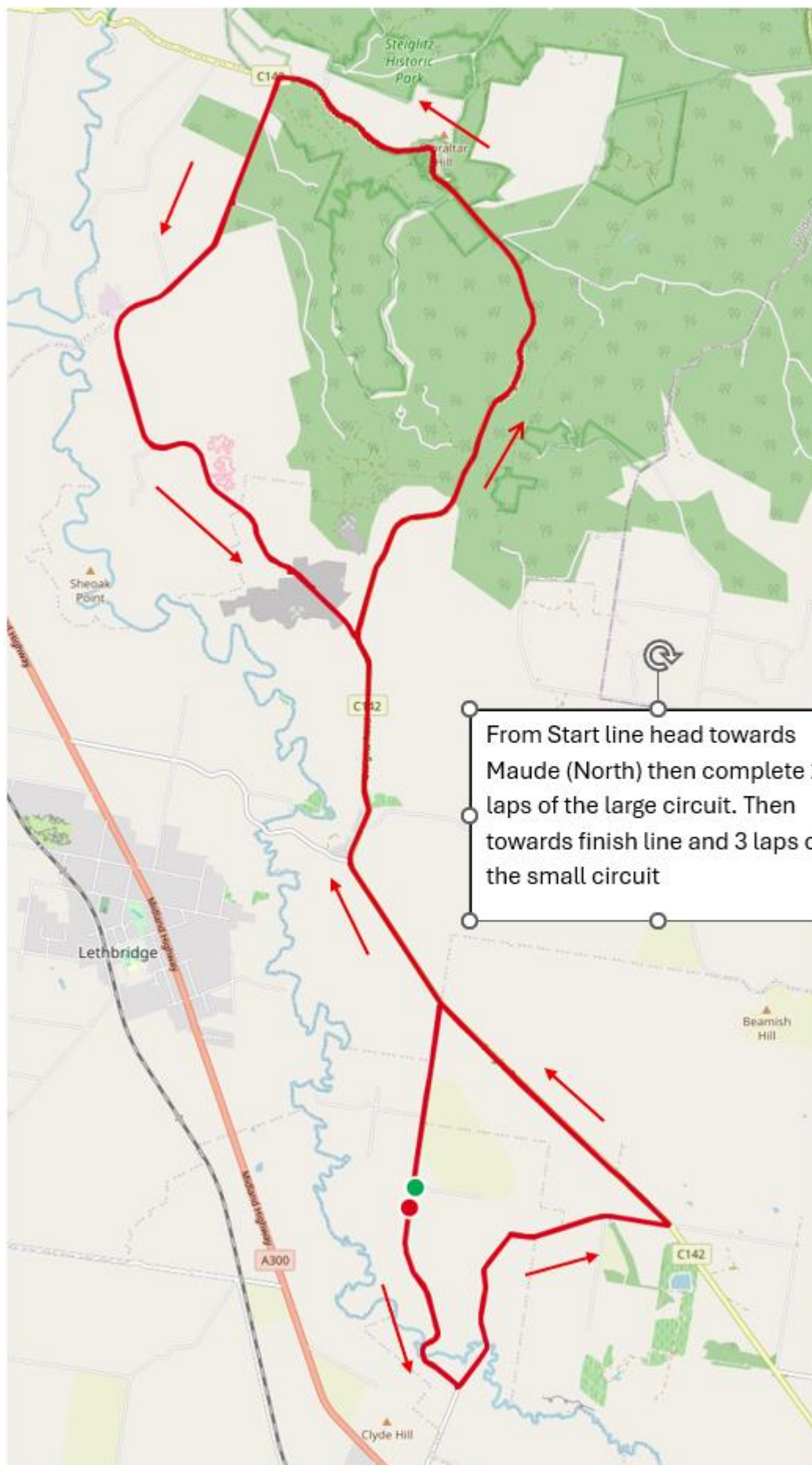
Start Times		
Race	Start Time	Duration
All Entrants	01:00pm	98km Handicap

10 Appendix C – Parking Maps



RACE START ASSEMBLY AREA





From Start line head towards Maude (North) then complete 2 laps of the large circuit. Then towards finish line and 3 laps of the small circuit