



DARREN SMITH CLASSIC 2026 RACE HANDBOOK



This document is designed to support event volunteers, officials and competitors. Government authorities, emergency services, and traffic control should also refer to the accompanying Road Race Event Management Plan (EMP). Commissaires should also refer to Chief Commissaire's Race Briefing.

Dear Volunteer, Commissaire or Competitor,

Thank you for being part of the Darren Smith Classic. Please find included in this document the duty roster, operations plan and site maps for the event.

Key Contact Personnel:

Race Director: Damien McFarlane, 0400 586 047
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Club President (Promoter): Dr Madison Bland: 0414 364 044
First Aid: Luke & Bowen Bamford, 0439 715 855
Traffic Control Supervisor: Protech,

Technical Regulations

The event will be conducted under the rules and regulations of AusCycling. The AusCycling scale of penalties will apply.

For more information, please refer to the AusCycling website:

<https://www.auscycling.org.au/page/about/policies-rules>

Event Description:

The Gold Coast Cycling Club has been conducting the Darren Smith Classic for the last 32 years in memory of Olympic cyclist, Darren Smith, who was tragically killed in a cycling accident in 1992. The event was originally conducted from Elanora on a course that took in Mount Tomewin and northern NSW before finishing back in Elanora. It then moved to a road circuit at Pimpama for several years before moving to the Gold Coast Cycle Centre in Nerang where it was staged between 2004 and 2017. Between 2018 and 2020 the event moved to a challenging road circuit around Hinze Dam.



In 2021 the road race took place on a 26km circuit starting from Mt Alford State School in the Boonah area. Due to the successful running of the event around the Mt Alford course, the event will again be conducted on the same Mt Alford course in 2026.

Day 1: The criterium will take place at the [Brisbane International Cycle Park, Murarrie, Brisbane](#).

Day 2: The road race will start and finish at [Mt Alford State School, Mt Alford](#). The course is a 26km circuit in an anti-clockwise direction. The event will comprise of 7 Races. The road race is a round of the **QCRS – Qld Classic Road Series**.

The criterium and the road race do not form a stage/tour event. They are two separate events and there are no carry over points or stage times.

The Darren Smith Classic Honour Board

Year	MEN	WOMEN
1994	Henk Vogels	
1995	Adrian Nolan	
1996	Rodney McGee	
1997	Nathan O'Neil	
1998	Greg Scott	
1999	Cameron Jennings	
2000	No Event	
2001	Brendan Howard	
2002	Brendan Howard	
2003	Anthony Kellen	
2004	Daniel Newnham	
2005	Jason Phillips	
2006	Jason Phillips	
2007	Robbie McEwen	
2008	Robbie McEwen	
2009	Jonathon Cantwell	
2010	Jackson Wardrop	
2011	Robbie McEwen	
2012	Luke Durbridge	
2013	Jonathon Cantwell	
2014	David Edwards	
2015	Alex Grunke	
2016	Kaden Groves	
2017	Kane Richards	
2018	Joe Cooper	Jessica Pratt
2019	Carter Bettles	Jenelle Crooks
2020	Ben Carman	Danielle DeFrancesco
2021	Jesse Ewart	Danielle DeFrancesco
2022	Troy Herfoss	Danielle DeFrancesco
2023	Ryan Cavanagh	Isabelle Carnes
2024	Max Campbell	Vanessa Nanfra
2025	Rayann Lacheny	Wing Yee Leung
2026		



2025 Champions



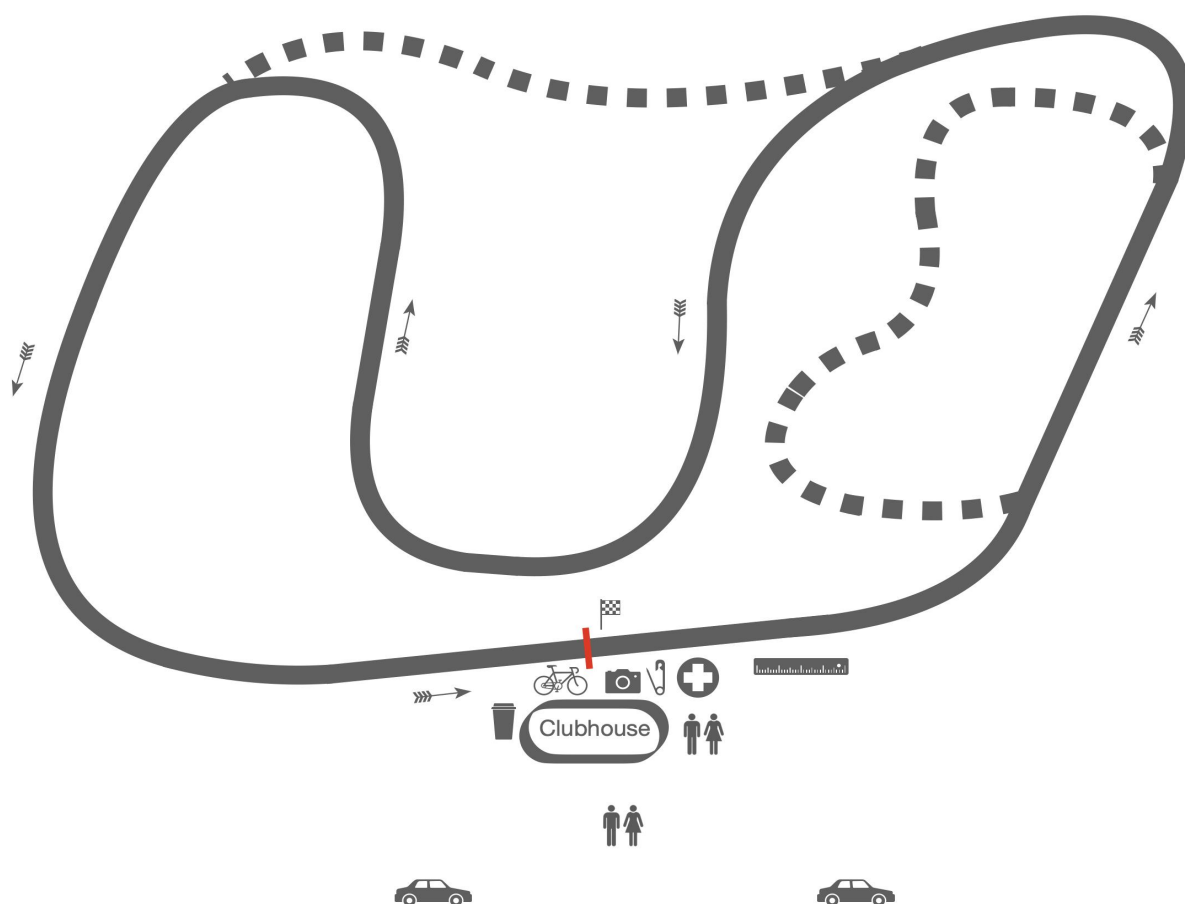
DAY 1 - CRITERIUM

Projected Schedule:

06:15 Setup Team on site
 06:45 Registration opens
 07:00 Commissaire / Volunteer briefing
 07:20 R1 Mas A & C Start
 08:20 R2 Men A Start
 08:30 Presentations
 09:20 R3 Mas B & D Start
 09:30 Presentations

10:10 R4 Men B & C
 10:20 Presentations
 11:10 R5 Women A/B & Women C/D
 11:15 Presentations
 12:05 R6 J15M&W | J13B&G
 12:10 Presentations
 12:40 Presentations
 13:00 Pack Up

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL CYCLE PARK - MURARRIE



Reverse U Circuit		Projected Schedule:
1 Lap = 1.5km		06:15 Setup Team on site
← Race Direction	Junior Roll Out	06:45 Registration opens
First Aid	Spares Pit	07:00 Commissaire briefing
Safety Marshal / Sign	Coffee Van / Drinks	07:20 Race 1 Start
Rider Briefing	Toilets	11:30 J15 & J13 Junior Roll Outs
Finish Line	Car Park	12:40 Final Presentation
Registration	Presentations	13:00 Pack Up Team Complete

Darren Smith Classic 2026 – Day 1 (01.08.26) Criterium
Brisbane International Cycle Park – Murarrie

Race #	Category ^	Duration + 2 Laps	Start	Entry Fee	Presentations
Race 1	Masters A	50 mins	7:20am	\$30	8:30am
	Masters C	40 mins	7:21am	\$30	
Race 2	Men A	50 mins	8:20am	\$30	9:30am
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	Men C	40 mins	10:11am	\$30	
Race 5	Women A/B *	45 mins	11:10am	\$30	12:10pm
	Women C/D *	40 mins	11:11am	\$30	
Race 6	J15 M&W	20 mins + 1 lap	12:05pm	\$15	12:40pm
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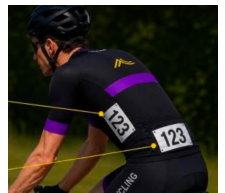
* Combined event – separate podiums

^ J17 M&W graded according to Open Grading

DSC Criterium Race Details

Registration:

- All riders will receive two numbers. For the criterium TWO race numbers are to be worn at both (a) vertical lower back and (b) horizontal left side, as per picture.
- Riders who are NOT racing in the road race are to return transponders to the number return area of the registration desk (riders will be charged at \$125 for each transponder not returned).
- Riders who are racing in the road race, keep the two numbers and transponder to use at the road race.
- Placegetters return to the podium area near the start / finish line for presentation in correct attire.



Racing:

- Racing will be in an anti-clockwise direction – **REVERSE U CIRCUIT**.
- Marshal and briefing will be at the club house track 10 minutes before the beginning of the race.
- After the race, riders may complete one warm-down lap and exit the track at the western gate to the carpark.
- Spares must be placed in the signed area near the finish line. No neutral spares.
- Commissaire permission is required to race with an on-board camera. You cannot race with headphone devices.
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- For most races, there will be 2 grades on the track at any one time. For rider safety, and to ensure fair and competitive racing for all riders, please follow these rules:
 - If you are passing another grade, pass on the outside of the track, and maintain speed until well clear of the other grade.
 - Your race is neutralised while another grade passes. Ride on the inside of the track and slow down to allow safe passing. Do not chase the passing grade.
 - Riders are not permitted to obtain an unfair advantage by joining/riding on the back of another grade.
 - When another race is given the final lap bell, give them the respect of a clear, safe run to the finish.

Junior Roll Out:

All junior riders must comply with AusCycling regulation. All juniors roll-out before marshalling for their race/s. Rolls outs will commence at **9:30am for J17s and 11:30am for riders J15**.

J17: 7.0m | J15: 7.0m | J13: 5.5m

First Aid: A first aid officer will be based at the start/finish line. **Luke & Bowen Bamford First Aid - 0439 715 855**



DAY 2 - ROAD RACE

Projected Schedule:

05:00 Setup Team on site
 07:00 **Registration opens**
 07:00 Commissaires & volunteers on site (convoy assemble)
 07:00 Commissaire briefing
 07:10 Volunteer (Course Marshals & Convoy Drivers) briefing
 07:15 Traffic Control on site
 07:35 J17 rollouts open
 07:40 Convoys assemble
 07:50 Race 1, 2 & 3 rider briefing
 08:00 **Race 1 depart**
 08:15 **Race 2 depart**
 08:20 **Race 3 depart**
 10:15 Officials Break
 10:40 Race 5, 6, 7 & 8 rider briefing
 10:45 **Race 4 depart**
 10:55 **Race 5 depart**
 11:00 **Race 6 depart**
~~11:05 Race 7 depart~~
 14:30 Pack up and clean up



UPDATE (29/7) Road Race Update:

Due to entry numbers in Women's A, B and J17, all 3 grades will now compete in one race - Race 6 on the schedule. The race will be 3 laps (79km) in distance.

The GC Management Committee has decided that prizes for this race will be allocated in this manner:

1. First female across the line will be awarded the perpetual women's DSC trophy regardless of grading.
2. Each grade will still be awarded their preallocated prize money.

Overview:

Darren Smith Classic 2026 – Day 2 (02.08.26) Road Race (UPDATED 29/7) Mt Alford State School, Mt Alford

Race #	Category	Laps	Distance 1 lap = 26.2km	Start Time	Approx. Finish Time	Approx. Duration	Entry Fee *	Presentations
Race 1 Convoy A	Men C Masters B J17 Men	3	79 km	8:00am	10:15am	2:15 hrs.	\$95 \$95 \$55	10:20am
Race 2 Convoy B	Masters C Masters D	2	52.6 km	8:15am	9:45am	1:30 hrs.	\$85 \$85	10:00am
Race 3 Convoy C	Women C Women D	2	52.6 km	8:20am	10:00am	1:40 hrs.	\$85 \$85	10:20am
Officials Break (30 minutes)								
Race 4 Convoy A	Men A	5	131 km	10:45am	2:00pm	3:15 hrs.	\$95 \$95	2:20pm
Race 5 Convoy B	Men B Masters A	4	105 km	10:55am	1:35pm	2:40 hrs.	\$95 \$95	2:00pm
Race 6 Convoy C	Women A Women B J17 Women	3	79 km	11:00am	1:25pm	2:25 hrs.	\$95	1:35pm
Race 7 Convoy D				11:05am	12:45pm	1:40 hrs.	\$85 \$55	1:35pm

Riders must keep left at all times. This includes not crossing the centre of the road when approaching/leaving corners on the course. Penalties including **fines, disqualification and possible license suspension**/report to AusCycling apply for solid line/centre of road violations including:

- **crossing unbroken white lines**
- **repeatedly crossing centre of road**
- **failure to respect instructions by the race organiser official or commissaire.**

It is the rider's responsibility to know the race circuit. The race circuit is well sign-posted with pink directional arrows.

This event is part of the Queensland Classic Road Series. This is a points-based series, and as such, depending on points, series leaders will be presented with QCRS jerseys with each grade podium presentation. AusCycling will be responsible for the calculation of points, publishing of tables and awarding of series jerseys.



Food, Drinks and Toilets:

Toilets are located inside the school and the adjacent park public toilets.

Commissaires and course marshals will be supplied with items such as coffee, muffins, sandwiches, fruit and cold drinks. Unfortunately, at this stage there will be **no coffee van** or canteen present. There are hot meals and coffee available at the Mt Alford Hotel just 100m away.

Registration, Race Bib Colours & Ranges:

- Registration and rider sign-on opens at 7.00am and is under the school building.
- **Riders still need to sign on even if they raced in Saturday's criterium.**
- All riders will receive two numbers. For the road race TWO race numbers are to be worn at both (a) vertical lower back and (b) horizontal left side, as per picture.
- Secure your transponder to either front fork of your bike. All transponders (and race numbers and pins) to be returned at the end of the road race or riders will incur a fee (\$125).

Pin your 2 race numbers as per the diagram.

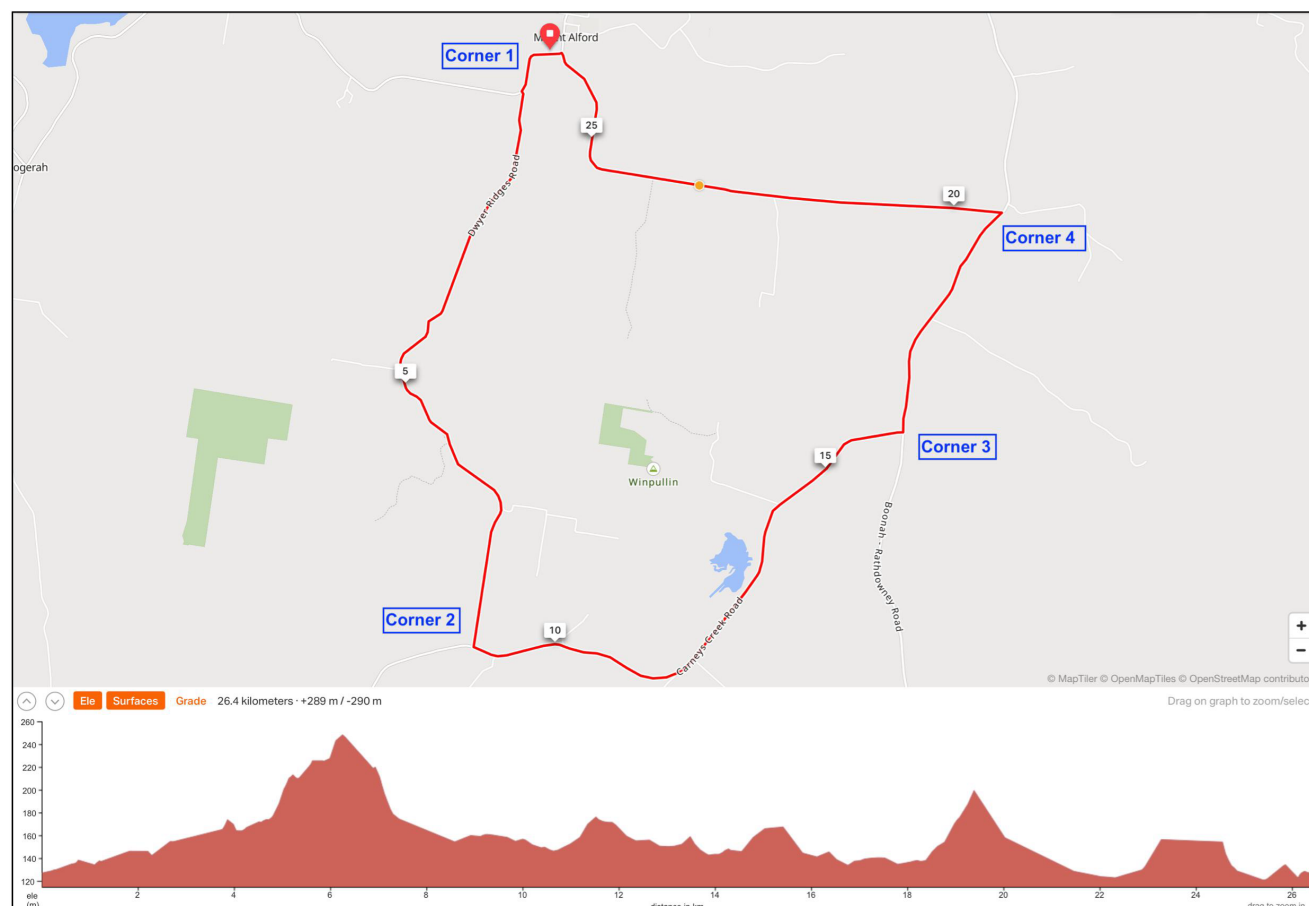
1. Side number

2. Back number

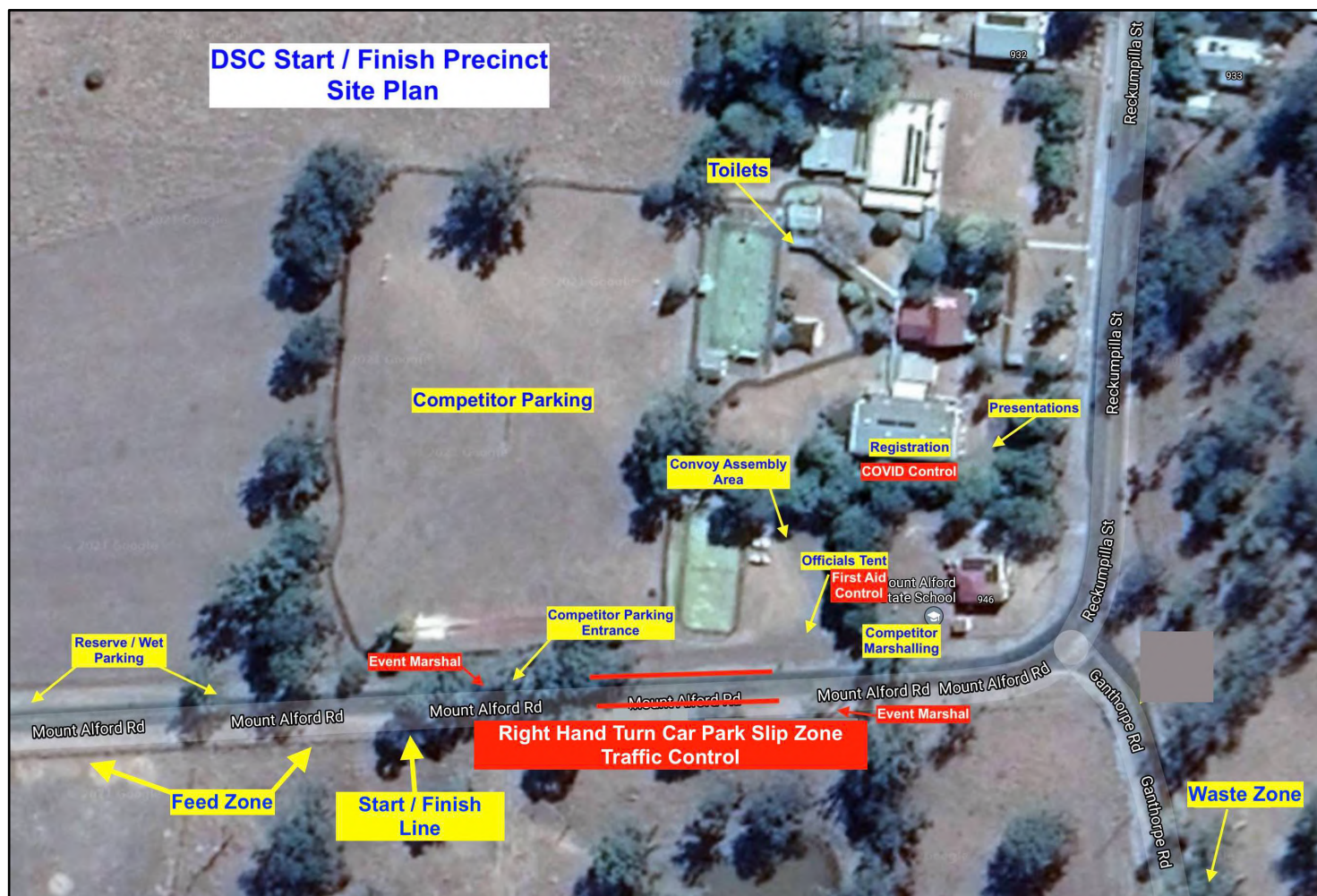
Failing to return race numbers will incur a \$10 replacement fee.



Course Map:



Site Map:



Convoy Drivers:

We would like commissaires and volunteers to be on site from 7:00am onwards.

Drivers, please ensure you have a **full tank of fuel** when you arrive. All convoys will be assembled at the same time due to the close start times. Once you arrive in the carpark, we will assist you in moving your vehicle into the correct position.

CONVOY SIGN COLOURS	
CONVOY A	PINK
CONVOY B	BLUE
CONVOY C	YELLOW
CONVOY MOTOS	YELLOW
CONVOY SUPPORT	GREEN

If you are driving a convoy vehicle you must pick up your **SIGN, LIGHT & RADIO**. There are **2 signs** for your vehicle to be stuck on the front and back. These can be found at the official's area and must be signed out with our volunteer's coordinator. In between your two races there will be a short break to go to the toilet and restock before assembling and heading back out for the second convoy window. It is important that you can do the races you have been assigned to, as it is very difficult to find a replacement if you decide to leave. **Please make sure you have been to the toilet first before heading out.**

Commissaires:

Please follow the same general instructions above in relation to positioning your vehicle. The PCP will provide you with more specific instructions in regard to how the convoys and riders are managed.

Please ensure you have picked up your **SIGN (x2), LIGHT & RADIO**. Moto Comms will also be supplied with a convoy sign and a numbered vest. If you are a commissaire, you have arrived early, and you have your **SIGN, LIGHT & RADIO**, the course is open for you to drive before the event commences.

J17 Junior Roll Outs: 7:40am onwards. J17 will be required to roll out as per usual. This will take place on the path near the official's tent in the official's carpark 30 minutes prior to the race. J17 convoy commissaires to complete roll outs.



Briefing:

Riders will be briefed on the finish line by the commissaires adjacent to the start finish line. Convoy vehicles that are required in front of the peloton should line up on the course in front of the field with the rest of the convoy situated behind the field in the carpark. **Lead vehicles should always be well ahead of the peloton before riders begin their descent of the climbs.**

Neutral Zone:

The race will start neutrally until the commissaires have decided that all riders are properly on course after which the red flag will be withdrawn and the race will officially start. A red flag will be provided to either Comm 2, the Lead vehicle or the Moto Comm depending on convoy composition.

Feed Zone: **** PCP (Chief Comm) decision is to allow feeding on the 2nd lap and all following laps for all races ****

The Feed Zone is located after the start/finish line on Mt Alford Rd extending for 80m (see map below). Unless additional provisions are made by the commissaires, riders may feed on every lap except for the first passing under escort. Musettes are not permitted, and feeding is not allowed at any other point on the circuit. Feeders are not allowed to park on the course.

Waste Zone:

This course has a dedicated waste zone. There will be a waste zone 200 meters prior to the left hand turn on Ganthorpe Rd, where riders will be allowed to dispose of their water bottles and rubbish. This will be cleaned up at the end of the last race. **Fines will be imposed by the commissaires if riders litter outside the Waste Zone.**



Spares:

- Spare wheels are to be placed in the signed vehicle e.g.: 'Convoy C – Spares' (See below. Convoy category for each Race is also denoted on the flyer). Vehicles will be found in the official's carpark near Registration. Please collect spare wheels from this area after the race.
- Please ensure your wheels are labelled with name and race category.
- Riders should be prepared to attend to their own mechanical issues where possible and are encouraged to carry a pump and spare tube should you fall behind the spares vehicle.
- Spares will be on a **"spares in, spares out basis"**. Neutral spares are not available.
- There are no rider/team support vehicles allowed on the course. Any vehicle associated with a rider that follows the race or provides unauthorised support may result in the disqualification of that rider. SAG support will be available for each race block.

SPARES VEHICLE DESIGNATION					
FIRST CONVOY WINDOW			SECOND CONVOY WINDOW		
RACE 1	MEN C / MAS B / J17M	CONVOY A SPARES	RACE 4	MEN A	CONVOY A SPARES
RACE 2	MAS C / MAS D	CONVOY B SPARES	RACE 5	MEN B / MAS A	CONVOY B SPARES
RACE 3	WOMEN C / WOMEN D	CONVOY C SPARES	RACE 6	WOMEN A, B, J17W	CONVOY C SPARES

KOM/QOM:

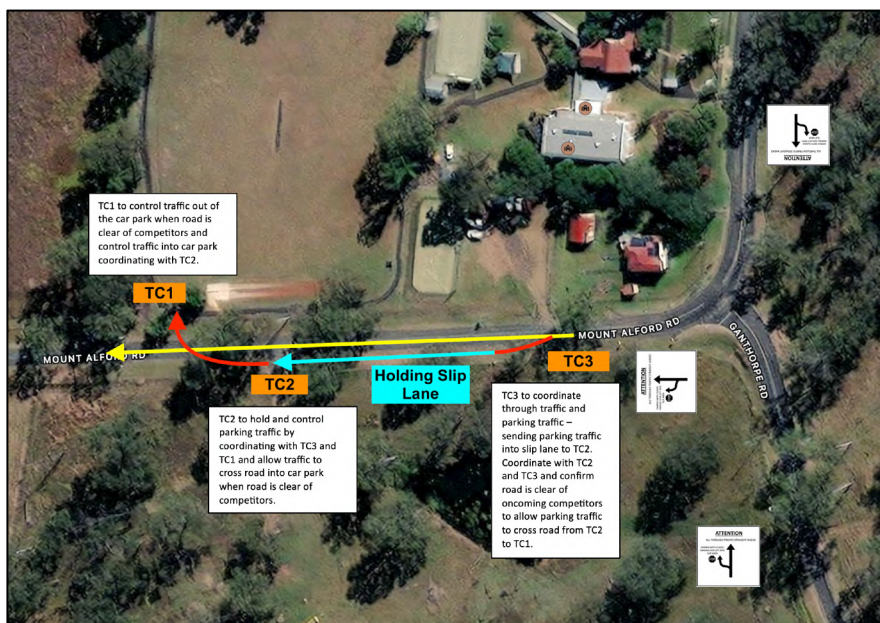
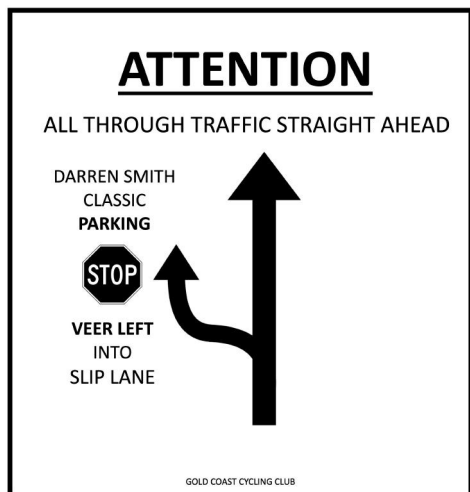
There is no KOM /QOM this year.

Official Car Parking:

The school staff carpark adjacent to the finish line will be reserved for volunteers and commissaires (see site map above). Convoy vehicles will be lined up around the perimeter of the carpark ready to move out.

Competitor Car Parking – School Oval:

Entry: All competitors must enter the traffic-controlled holding slip lane in order to gain access to the oval car park. This is to ensure that the finish straight is kept clear of vehicles. If there has been recent rain then the school oval may not be useable and therefore competitors be will asked to park along the road.



ALL CARS LEAVING THE CAR PARK (SCHOOL OVAL) MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF TRAFFIC CONTROL. WHEN LEAVING, TURNING RIGHT IN THE DIRECTION OF RACE IS ADVISED

First Aid Control: Luke & Bowen Bamford First Aid - 0439 715 855

There will be a permanent first aid tent in the official's car park near registration to assist with ongoing treatment (see site map). There will be first aid officers circulating on the circuit. See duty roster for radio channels and mobile numbers.

FIRST AID TENT MOBILE NUMBER:

0439 715 855

Photos courtesy of



GOLD COAST CYCLING CLUB - DSC CRITERIUM PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

TIME	RACE	CATEGORY	1 ST	2 nd	3 rd		
8:30	Race 1	MASTERS A	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		MASTERS C	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
9:30	Race 2	MEN A	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
10:20	Race 3	MASTERS B	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		MASTERS D	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
11:15	Race 4	MEN B	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		MEN C	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		J17 Men #	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	# Sponsored	
12:10	Race 5	WOMEN A/B *	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		WOMEN C/D *	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		J17 Women #	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	# Sponsored	
12:40	Race 6	J15 M&W	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		J13 B&G	MEDALS	MEDALS	MEDALS		
12:50	Race 7	J11 B&G	MEDALS	MEDALS	MEDALS		
		J9 B&G	MEDALS	MEDALS	MEDALS		

* Combined Event – Separate podiums

J17 Men & Women – Separate sponsor

GOLD COAST CYCLING CLUB - DSC ROAD RACE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

GRADES AWARDED WITHIN RACE

TIME	RACE	CATEGORY	KOM	1 ST	2 nd	3 rd	QCRS JERSEY	PERPETUAL TROPHY
10:00	RACE 2		KOM					
		U17 MEN		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
10:00	RACE 3	RACE - FIRST 3 OVERALL		PODIUM PHOTO				
			KOM					
		MASTERS C		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
		MASTERS D		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
10:20	RACE 4	RACE - FIRST 3 OVERALL		PODIUM PHOTO				
			QOM					
		WOMEN D		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
		WOMEN C		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
10:20	RACE 1	RACE - FIRST 3 OVERALL		PODIUM PHOTO				
			KOM					
		MEN C		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
		MASTERS B		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
13:35	RACE 8	RACE - FIRST 3 OVERALL		PODIUM PHOTO				
			QOM					
		U17 WOMEN		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE		
		WOMEN B		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
13:35	RACE 7		QOM					
		WOMEN A		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	PERPETUAL
14:00	RACE 6	RACE - FIRST 3 OVERALL		PODIUM PHOTO				
			KOM					
		MEN B		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
		MASTERS A		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	
14:20	RACE 5		KOM					
		MEN A		CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	CASH ENVELOPE	JERSEY *	PERPETUAL

* QCRS Jersey awarded if necessary based on Series points

KOM presentation before Grade podium so that KOM can join for photo

Presentation Notes:

- Cash Envelope - EFT will be required.
- QCRS Jersey awarded if necessary, based on Series points - supplied by AusCycling.
- Prizes for each grade regardless of where they placed in the Race. There is no prize for the 'Race' (only a photo).
- "A" Grade Men & Women will be paid equal prize money.
- There will be NO KOM /QOM presentations.



- Race Flyer (first release)

Darren Smith Classic 2026

Gold Coast Cycling Club

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\$8000 PRIZE MONEY

01 | 02 August 2026

Saturday - Criterium - *Murarie*
Sunday - Road Race - Mt Alford

Separate prize money for each grade.

Equal prize money for women and men (elite).

Late entries will incur a \$20 late fee.

Entries Close: **Mon, 27 July 2026 11:59 PM AEST**

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Mt Alford State School, Mt Alford								
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**QCRS
Round 4**



