

## Event Information

### ***Hawke's Bay Today Country2Coast – Event Information 2017***

The Hawke's Bay Today Country2Coast combines a non-competitive family fun event and a more competitive 21.1km half marathon run that utilises the Hawke's Bay Trails between the four start points and Farndon Park in Clive. Participants can enter for a 8km or 15km walk or run, a 20km bike ride, or a more challenging 21.1km half marathon. There are four start points and the start times are set out below. The events (except for the Farndon Ride) will be timed, but it is not a race (except for the Hillmac Electrical Half Marathon) and there will be spot prizes only.

#### **Entry Fee:**

Adult (13 plus)	\$30.00
Child (5 to 12)	\$20.00
Child (under 5)	Free

For every group of 10 registered you will receive one FREE entry.

(Please note that there is an additional 5% administration fee).

## **15km Fun Walk/ Fun Run Event**

**Start:** Hardinge Road (Perfume Point), Napier.

**Parking:** On the grass area adjacent to the toilet block.

The event will follow the concrete trail along the Napier waterfront, and then the limestone trail from the Tutaekuri river mouth, across the Ngaruroro river bridge, finishing at Farndon Park.

**Walkers start at 8.30 a.m.**

**Runners start at 9.30 a.m.**

Approximate walking time required to travel the 15km is 2½ to 3 hours.



## **8km Fun Walk/ Fun Run Event**

**Start:** Grange Road, Haumoana.

**Parking:** On the grass reserve area adjacent to the start location.

The event will follow the limestone trail over the footbridge and Black Bridge, continuing along the trail to the Clive river bridge, finishing at Farndon Park.

**Walkers and runners start at 9.30 a.m. (with runners at the front of the pack).**  
Approximate walking time required to travel the 8km is 1 to 1½ hours.



## **21.1Km Half Marathon (Runners Only)**

**Start:** Puketapu School, Puketapu Road (adjacent to carpark).

**Parking:** On the road verge close to the start location.

The event will follow the limestone trail, cross the road approximately 600 metres from the start, and continue along the trail to the Tutaekuri river mouth, across the Ngaruroro river bridge, finishing at Farndon Park.

A trophy will be awarded to the fastest male and the fastest female.

**Runners only start at 9.30 a.m.**

Approximate running time to travel the 21.1km is 1¾ to 2¾ hours.

## **The Farndon Ride**

**Start:** Farndon Park, Clive beside the Rugby Clubrooms.

**Parking:** Parking will be available in the Rugby Clubrooms carparking area.

This event is open to cyclists aged 8 and over, but all children under the age of 13 will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times. Helmets must be worn at all times by all cyclists both on and off the pathway.

The Farndon Ride will commence at Farndon Park at the driveway beside the Rugby Clubrooms. The ride will proceed toward Napier beneath the Clive river bridge and along

the pathway at the rear of Hohepa and proceed under the Ngaruroro River bridge. The ride now goes along the pathway towards Pakowhai Country Park, then proceeds over the new clip-on then under the Chesterhope bridge to the end of Gilbertson Road. The ride now goes along Gilbertson Road turning right into Brookfields Road.

At the Brookfields Road one-way bridge (where Marshalls will stop traffic to allow cyclists to cross) the ride will proceed across the bridge and along Brookfields Road towards the pathway and under the bridge. The ride goes over the new Tutaekuri clip-on across the Tutaekuri lagoon and along the pathway at the rear of Hohepa.

Final section of the ride is under the Clive river bridge and along the same route as the start of the ride.

The finish area will be on the driveway where the ride commenced.

### **Cyclists start at 9.00 a.m.**

Approximate cycling time to travel the 20km is 2 hours. The Farndon Ride event will not be timed.

### **FINISH AREA**

The finish is at Farndon Park at Clive where there will be refreshments and food available for purchase. A "village" atmosphere will be created with music and entertainment.

### **MARSHALLING**

The courses are almost entirely on the Hawke's Bay Trails and will be marshalled. All of the pathways will be open to the public during the event.

On the Farndon Ride the road crossings will be marshalled and cyclists are to stop if requested by a Marshall. Cyclists should never travel more than two abreast and should move over to the left to allow pedestrians to pass.

### **REFRESHMENT POINTS AND TOILETS**

There will be a number of water-stops and portable toilets.

#### **15km Fun Walk/ Fun Run Event:**

- Water-stop at Marine Parade/Georges Drive junction.
- Water-stop beside pathway between Tutaekuri and Ngaruroro river mouths.
- Portable toilet located beside pathway between Tutaekuri and Ngaruroro river mouths.

#### **McDonald's 8km Fun Walk/Fun Run Event:**

- Water-stop at Black Bridge beside pathway.
- Portable toilet at Black Bridge beside pathway.
- Water-stop at Richmond Road end beside pathway.
- Portable toilet at Richmond Road end beside pathway.

### **Hillmac Electrical 21.1km Half Marathon:**

- Water-stop at Brookfields Road junction with pathway.
- Water-stop beside pathway between Tutaekuri and Ngaruroro river mouths.
- Portable toilet located beside pathway between Tutaekuri and Ngaruroro river mouths.

### **The Farndon Ride:**

- A water-stop will be located at the Brookfields Road junction with the pathway as for the Hillmac Electrical 21.1km Half Marathon.

### **Farndon Park Finish Area:**

- Final water-stop at finish line.
- Portable toilets located adjacent to finish line.

## **BUS TRANSPORT**

Bus transport between Farndon Park and each start location can be booked at the time of registration. Car parking will be available at Farndon Park and bus transport is recommended. The cost for bus transport will be **\$3.00 per person**. Dogs and pushchairs will be allowed on buses at no additional cost. No car parking security will be provided at the start locations. Bus bookings will close on Thursday 27 April 2017. (Please note that no buses will be available to transport entrants back to the start points.)

*Please Note:* Buses will begin transporting entrants to each of the three start locations **one hour** before the start time for each event.

## **PRIZE-GIVING**

All prizes will be spot prizes, but there will be a trophy awarded to the first male and first female place-getter of the Hillmac Half Marathon.

Prize-giving of approximately 6 major prizes only – *including a cycle sponsored by iWay* – will be at 12 midday on race day, with all other spot prizes being separately drawn and available for collection at the Havelock North Function Centre on Saturday 29 April 2017 between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. The prize-giving event is expected to take about 15 minutes.

## **PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION**

Registration can be completed online by clicking the Registration Button on the front page of the website. Online payments made via this website are secure. Alternatively, an entry form can be downloaded and posted to the Event Director, c/- Country2Coast Walk/Run, PO Box 8245, Havelock North 4157 enclosing a cheque made out to Rotary Club of Havelock North.

Registrations are to be received by Thursday 27 April 2017. Late registrations will be accepted at either Event Registration on Saturday 29 April 2017 at the Havelock North Function Centre, or at the Farndon Park Late Registration Tent. There will be no Eftpos

facilities available at either location, so all late registrations will be cash payments only.  
Note: No bus bookings will be accepted at Late Registrations.

Event numbers and transponders must be collected at the Havelock North Function Centre on Saturday 29 April 2017 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

By accepting the waiver when entering online indicates that you have read and agree to all the terms and conditions above and will comply with the safety rules and event instructions provided on the website and also on the actual day of the event.

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