



## **THE LOOP**

### **12KM KAURI RUN / WALK – COMPETITOR BRIEFING NOTES**

#### **Saturday 1st May 2021**

#### **THE EVENT**

Welcome to the 16th Great Kauri Run.

The Great Kauri run Loop is an off-road cross-country run /walk with a total distance of 12km. It starts and finishes in the township of Coromandel. 200 years ago most of the Coromandel peninsula was covered in Kauri Forest. Today little remains of the original forest. We will plant a Kauri tree along the route for every competitor that takes part in the race and so that gradually over the years there will be an avenue of Kauri trees to run along. To date 3,615 trees have been planted a distance of 15km.

#### **START**

The start is opposite Patukirikiri Reserve by Jacks Point just outside (500m) of Coromandel town on the way to Long Bay. There will be a race briefing at 11.15am. You must sign in with the marshal at the start line – this is our safety control to inform us of who is starting the race. There are toilets close to the start line. The race will start at 11.30am sharp.

#### **FINISH**

The finish line is in the Coromandel School playing fields. At the end of the Harray Track you turn right onto Rings Road. Stay on the footpath and run towards town until Victoria Street. A marshal will direct you to cross over into Victoria Street, continue to the end of Victoria Street you will have one final river crossing before being directed into the School Playing Fields. There will be a detailed map in your race packs and both the course and route to the finish will be clearly marked.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF COURSE**

##### **Stage 1 – Long Bay (6km)**

Run over the Kauri Block Track. After 1.5km you will come out on to the Long Bay Road where you will turn right and head a further 1.5km to Long Bay. From Long Bay you will run a 1.5 km loop over to Tucks Bay via the coastal track, then back over the Tucks Bay Road and through the kauri bush track to Long Bay. From Long Bay you will run back 1.5km to the Kauri Block Junction.

##### **Stage 2 – The Harray Track (6km)**

From the junction you will proceed inland onto the Harray Track which is a 5km off road track over to Rings Road. There are few steep sections on this track. At Rings Road you will turn right and head back along the footpath for the final 2km into Coromandel Town

#### **POTENTIAL HAZARDS**

- **Getting Lost**

The track is well defined and marked so please ensure that you keep to the track and follow the markings. In the unlikely situation of getting off the track retrace your steps to the previous marker.

- **Injury**  
In the event of injury try and walk out or back to the nearest aid station. If you can't walk tell one of your fellow competitors that you are in difficulty and they will alert the nearest marshal. If you come across an injured competitor, please try and comfort them, stay with them if it is serious and ensure another competitor goes for help to the nearest aid station.
- **Hydration / Food**  
Ensure you keep yourselves well hydrated and fueled during the event
- **Public Roads**  
Some of the course is on public roads. There are pavements but be sure to look for traffic if you cross the roads.

### **COMPULSORY EQUIPMENT / GEAR**

The weather in Coromandel in May is generally settled but can be wet and windy. You will not require any compulsory gear for this run.

### **WATER AND FUEL STOPS**

These will be provided at the following point:

- The 6km Junction before the Harray Track.

There will be water available along with some jellybeans.

### **NUMBERS**

Each competitor will be provided with a race bib and number which should be visible at all times.

### **PRIZES**

Prize Giving will be from 4.00pm by the finish area in the School Field. If it's raining we will move to the School Hall.

The overall Men's and Women's winners will receive a beautiful hand carved bowl made from Kauri and a free entry into next years race. There will be prizes for the first three overall and prizes for the first in each category.

### **RESULTS**

These will be recorded on the web site after the race.

### **SAFETY / SECURITY**

The race will be supported by comprehensive safety backup including land-based marshals and medical support on the course.

### **CONSIDERATION FOR THE LAND**

To enable us to run this event we have sought permission from a number of private landowners, DOC and other interested parties. It is important that we treat the land that we pass through with respect. To this end it is a compulsory requirement that everyone carry out their own rubbish including personal waste.

### **KAURI DIEBACK**

We ask you to clean all soil from footwear at home before checking in. You will also walk through the Kauri Dieback disinfection sponge mats that will be set up at start line. There are also disinfection mats at the start and finish of the Kauri block in Long Bay – please ensure you go through these and not around them.