

# BRIMBANK PARK RUNNING FESTIVAL

Presented by



2021

RUNNERS PRE RACE

INFORMATION PACK

*Inc. COVID 19 INFORMATION*

*PREPARED BY RACE DIRECTOR BRETT SAXON*

Welcome and thank you for supporting the 8th running of the Brimbank Park Running Festival. It's been a challenging 12 months and we are mindful of the stress in all our lives and getting outside in fresh air while maintaining social distancing can only help those struggling with the current environment. Our goal at Trailsplus is to provide a safe, friendly, encouraging opportunity for people to connect with trail running and enjoy the outdoors and our local parks, trails and mountains. Whether a first timer or experienced runner, we see everyone as an important individual on his or her own journey. Participants have several options to choose something that suits their level of fitness, ranging from 2km, 5km 10km 21.1km, 42.2km or 50km. One person achieving a 5km finish can be as equally challenging and rewarding as someone who finishes a 50km run. These are all great personal results, and we want to help you achieve them.

Since 2007 Brett and Trailsplus events have been supporting CanTeen, the organisation for young people living with Cancer. We have raised well over \$58,000 for charities since 2007.

Brimbank Park is a hidden location of the west on the Maribyrnong River. It hosts many joggers, cyclist and family fun activities. You will be sharing the track with these people on race day. I'm sure they will be intrigued by your efforts and commitment to run long or short distances. Please ensure the running community is well represented and respected by the way we conduct ourselves. You may find they walk two or three wide, please be patient and make your way past them safely and politely. We know there is a Wedding taking place and a large family reunion, plus all the usual public visitors, so shared paths will be busy.

Most of all, come and have a safe and great day.

Thanks again for supporting the event.

Brett Saxon

Trailsplus - Race Director

# CORONAVIRUS - NOTES

## THE FACTS

We have read heard and seen a lot about COVID-19 over the last 12 months, what we know is we want you to enjoy the freedoms of outdoor activity while remaining safe.

To achieve this we ask that you help us by supporting and following our covidsafe guidelines.

### PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

Avoid personal contact

Maintain an arms distance between you and others

Avoid touching your face with your hands

Wash hands thoroughly when you arrive, before you run and after you finish

Washing hands with soapy water for 20 seconds, then drying, is the most effective cleaning

Hand sanitiser is an alternative when soapy water is not available

## MONITOR YOUR HEALTH

If you feel unwell, please STAY HOME.

If you know you have been in contact with someone who has been unwell, or if you have recently arrived in Australia, please STAY HOME.

## HAND WASHING

There is a **toilet block** as part of the main building at the start/finish area. We will monitor soap supplies at the basins.

Trailsplus will provide an **additional hand washing station**.

Limited numbers of hand sanitiser pump packs will be placed at aid stations and start/finish area.

## **BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE OR CUP**

There will **BE CUPS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE** on Sunday **\$5 each**. All runners are encouraged to bring their own water bottle full of water, NOT JUST A CUP.

There will be water available at aid stations and after you finish, but we want to minimise their use where possible to keep everyone safe.

**IF YOU DON'T HAVE A WATER BOTTLE or CUP, YOU WONT BE ABLE TO DRINK FROM AID STATIONS.**

## **AID STATIONS**

**RUNNERS MUST NOT HELP THEMSELVES TO FOOD OR DRINK.**

Volunteers with gloves will serve you.

The aid stations will have water available, but you will need to be patient as the volunteers pour into your cup or bottle. Some aid stations will have electrolyte.

There will be no cups at aid stations. Runners must have their own water bottle or cup.

There will be a limited amount of food at each aid station. You may have to wait to be served. Please consider bringing your own supplies to minimise access to the aid station food especially if you are looking for a fast time.

## **DROP BAGS**

**42km&50km runners may bring a smaller than shopping bag size bag with items to be taken to Canning reserve aid station at approx., 28km &38km distance.**

Runners may leave their own supplies in their own space near the start/finish area, but Trailsplus will not be responsible for them. Volunteers will not manage these bags, they are your responsibility.

# LIVE TRACKING 42km and 50km RUNNERS

**During 2021 trailsplus are implementing live tracking to events.**

This feature provides two service enhancements to our events.

**Safety first** – while not all our locations require the additional need for tracking for the purposes of safety several will benefit greatly, and tracking will become a mandatory requirement in these locations. In locations like Brimbank it provides us a great opportunity to upskill on the feature where we know we have 100% mobile phone coverage; it will allow us to test and ensure the service is performing as expected.

**Live Coverage second** – for many it's a great opportunity to share with friends and family how you are going real time on course which is great if people can't make it to support you, or if they are at the finish they will have an idea of how long before you are expected at the finish.

**Full instructions on the App required to be loaded on your ANDROID or iPhone**

Will be provided in a separate communication or at the end of this document to 42km and 50km runners, please ensure you load the app and set the ID issued to you. You can control when the app is tracking and on race morning we will ask you to active the tracking setting at which time your RED dot will turn Yellow or Green.

## **LUMBAR & Co. CAFÉ**

Harry and Julie will be operating the café on Sunday from 6am. Please continue to observe safe practices while making use of this facility. But we do encourage you to support this great local facility in Brimbank Park.

## **MEDALS**

A volunteer with gloves will hand you a medal after you finish. They will not place it over your head. Please resist the temptation to hug or high five. Please avoid all personal contact. You may cheer and leap in the air to celebrate your achievement!!

## **TIMING CHIPS**

You will be asked to **remove your own chips** from the back of your bib. There will be a 1 or 2 chips in plastic sleeves which has an opening at the top. Simply slide the chip out and drop it in the tub provided.

If you forget, you may return it later, by post:

TRAILSPLUS  
PO BOX 119  
KEILOR VIC 3036

## **FINISH AREA ONCE YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR EVENT**

It is important to maintain social distancing once finished, as soon as you can please move away from the finish chute, but do stay in the very large area to support others.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation will take place as soon as we can establish results for a race. Expected presentation times are shown in the Race Schedule section below. Please note they are expected times and may change.

# **RACE SCHEDULE**

**MAIN PARK GATE OPENS AT 6AM**

**Please double check this schedule it is what we are operating to in 2021**

Any changes are designed to reduce crowding

	<b>CHECK-IN</b>	<b>START</b>	<b>PRESENTATION</b>
<b>42km</b>	6:00-6:55	7:00	11:30
<b>50KM</b>	6:00-7:25	7:30	12:40
<b>21km</b>	7:30-8:25	8:30	10:30
<b>5KM</b>	8:30-9:25	9:30	10:00
<b>10KM</b>	9:30-10:55	11:00	12:00
<b>2KM</b>	11:00-11:55	12:00	12:20

There will be a very short **RACE BRIEF** before your race, but do maintain distance.

Please **READ THIS DOCUMENT THOROUGHLY** so you know your course and all race details.

PRESENTATION TIMES ARE ESTIMATES ONLY AND MAY CHANGE.

**REGISTRATION TAKES PLACE ON THE GRASS AREA BEHIND THE CAFE.**

Please maintain an arms length between you and others while waiting for check-in. Please be patient. Arrive early so you have plenty of time.

# CAR PARKING

We will be using car parks A, B and C

Please follow the instructions of the Marshal who will direct you to the car park that is best for the event and the public at the time of your arrival.

**WE KNOW THERE IS A WEDDING AND LARGE FAMILY GATHERING**, so carparking will be tight, if you can car pool with friends and family, or if local walk into the park from the rear access gates.

We must not overflow any one car park and therefore it is important we spread ourselves across all of them as evenly as possible leaving room for the public. Please accept the marshals directions when advised which car park to use. You are coming for a run, so don't complain about having to walk an extra few hundred metres. Help us keep traffic moving steadily.

# **COURSE NOTES AND SAFETY**

## **PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF THIS EVENT**

The future ability to hold this event always depends totally on how we as a group conduct ourselves. Parks Victoria does not guarantee we can continue to hold this event. It only takes one complaint from a member of the public to jeopardise the race's future. Please abide by the guidelines below to ensure the future of this event.

## **RESPECT OTHER PARK USERS**

Do not startle people by charging up behind them, let them know you are coming, don't yell loudly, be respectful and pass by safely or take a wide birth, remember there will be small children and people with dogs. No doubt some on long leads that will want to run under your legs. They have just as much right to use the paths and trails as we do, so please respect them and be tolerant, try to predict what might happen as you approach and avoid any issues. They may be on the line you wish to take, if so, please pick another line even if it is a little longer than you had planned. Under no circumstances should a runner make contact with a member of the public not even the slightest contact brushing past them. They may be wearing earphones with music and not hear you coming, please be mindful of this when approaching them. The park is also a favourite spot for some special needs groups and they may not understand how to keep themselves out of your way, please take care and be aware.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

### **LEAVE NO TRACE**

Do not leave any rubbish at all on the trail. It is very important that we don't drop rubbish or let rubbish get away from us at the aid station, particularly our Gel packets and tear off tabs. Please don't drop anything on the track, carry them with you to the aid station or drop in the bins provided.

## REFUNDS

As per our refund policy, your entry fee is not refundable or transferable. You may view the refund policy on your registration acknowledgement and the Trailsplus website (under Terms and Conditions).

## HELPING RUNNERS IN NEED

It is requirement of entry to the event that you assist any runner in need of help, if you come across an injured or distressed runner please offer assistance or get assistance for them. Runner's health and safety is our number one priority. We will take into account the time (in regards to your finish time) you spend with a runner in need if you are then able to continue on with the event and finish.

## PERSONAL BELONGINGS

If you intend to have valuables please consider locking them in your car and out of sight. As this is a highly public accessible area and we cannot guarantee the security of your personal effects. There will be an area to place your bags but we strongly advise to secure your valuables, as we cannot watch over the bag area all the time. WE do not provide security to watch your items, they are your responsibility.

## DOGS IN THE PARK

Dogs are permitted on leads, you are welcome to bring your pooch along to join you in your event, but please ensure it is kept on a short lead and does not cause a hazard to other park users or participants.

## MUSIC DEVICES

Whilst we understand many runners like to run with music, It is a requirement of our permit due to the none exclusive use of the track that **you always have one ear open to the surrounds**. It is also extremely important that you hear instructions from officials and warnings from other runners. Remember many runners will be offering you encouragement and so will supporters, so please consider how you may be able to hear and acknowledge the support you will receive. Also it is extremely important you are aware of your surrounds and other

trail users. These may be other runners or cyclist warning you they are coming. Please understand and don't put organisers in the difficult position of disqualifying runners for breach of this rule. By breaching the rule, you also put the future of the event in jeopardy due to the potential risks and possible complaints from the public. You are with lots of people and in a great location, listen and enjoy the surroundings.

## **FINISH LINE**

We have electronic chip timing on the start finish gantry with timing clocks and camera recording of the event all day. The cameras on the gantry will record the entire event, so make sure your finish looks good on film. Also try to avoid looking down and stopping your watch as you approach the finish line as we may have a photographer to snap your finish. We hope to take a finish line picture of you so cross the line with your arms raised and celebrate, then stop your watch 1 second later 😊

## **RACE NUMBERS – WE DO NOT POST THEM OUT**

All participants must CHECK-IN AND COLLECT THEIR RACE BIB on race morning.

Please ensure your bib is clearly visible for the duration of the race.

Do not wave and flash your bib around before pinning it to your shirt as you may loose the timing chips. Lost chips Cost \$20

## **ON COURSE AID STATION PLACEMENT CHANGES**

There is no Afton St aid station impacting the 50km runners will not be in use. Be sure to stock up at canning reserve aid if needed as its 5km out and 5km back

These changes mean that the maximum distance for the 50km runners will be 10km while generally aid stations are around the 5-6km apart in other places.

## ROAD CROSSING AND PATH MERGING



There is one road crossing in Brimbank Park for runners, this is located high on the escarpment. The crossing is configured as a Pedestrian Crossing and crosses the main entry road into the park. The speed limit is 20km/h. However we will still have a Marshal stationed here to ensure you safely cross the road. Although vehicles by law should give way, we assume they don't. Therefore, don't assume right of way and be sure to listen to the marshal.

OUR PERMIT REQUIRES THAT WE STOP RUNNERS

WE MUST NOT STOP TRAFFIC

PLEASE EXERCISE DUE CARE HERE

TREAT IT LIKE ANY PEDESTRIAN CROSSING WITH CARE

PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF MARSHALS AND OFFICIALS

# COURSE NAVIGATION

Navigating the course “EASY”. It really is!

Please observe the arrows and Pink and Yellow Ribbons and other notices that will be placed on the course. There will also be ground markings showing you the way.

HERE ARE EXAMPLES OF SIGNS YOU MAY SEE .

YOU WILL SEE SEVERAL SIGNS SIMILAR TO THESE.

**ONLY READ** THE ONE WITH YOUR DISTANCE AT THE TOP or NEXT to the distance you are running. Remember you may arrive at the same intersection more than once and go a different way. REMEMBER, don't just follow the person in front, they may not be in your distance, errors made by you mean a DNF result.

If there is no distance then it applies to everyone



WE ALSO USE SMALL ARROWS AND RIBBONS LIKE THIS

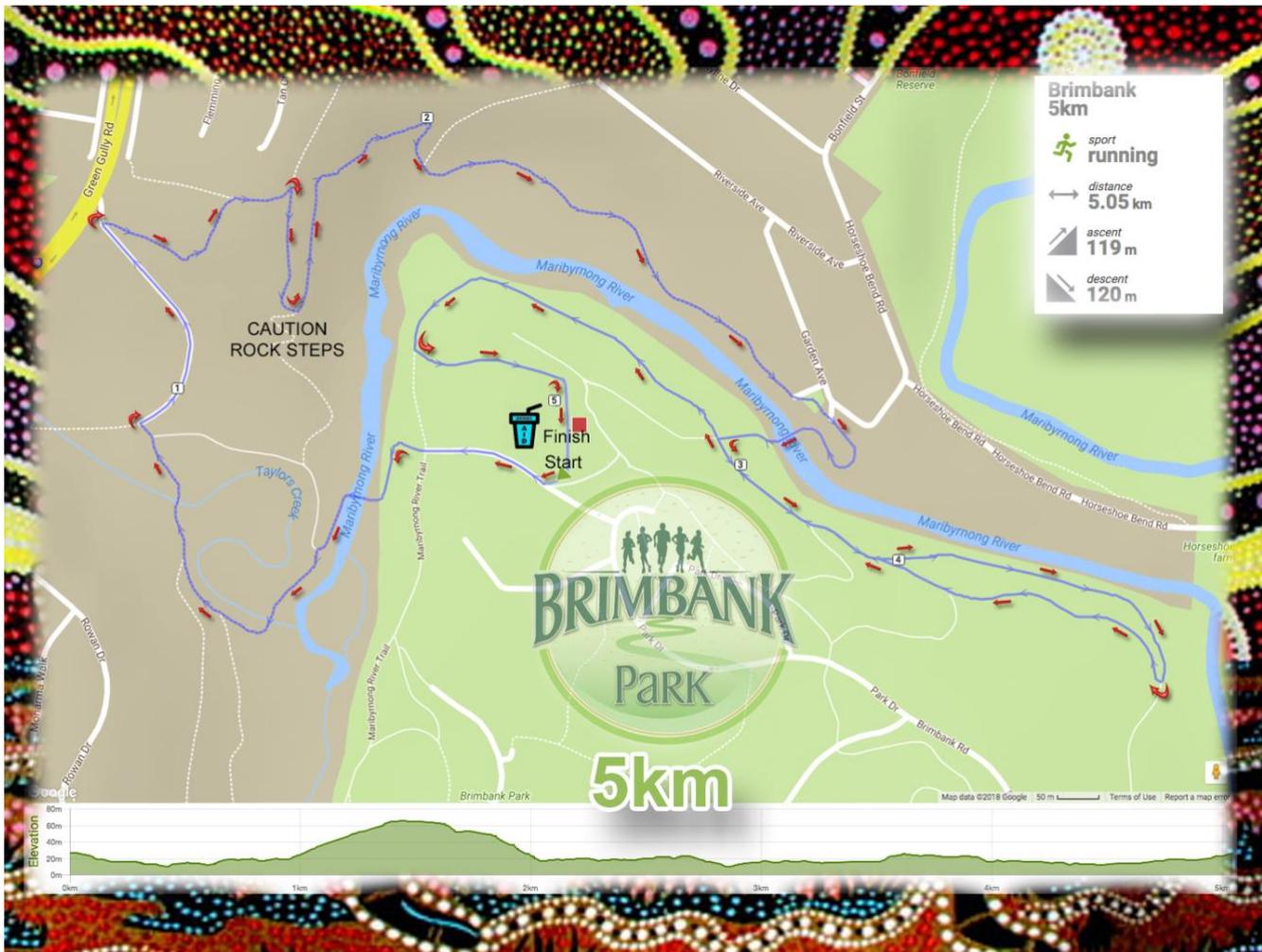


## YOUR COURSE MAPS – STUDY YOUR DISTANCE ONLY



The **2km** course may start a short walk from the main start / finish area near the entrance to the Dodd Homestead or in a reverse direction at the start line. Participants will follow marshal directions before merging with another track you continue straight ahead and will see several signs, YOU go straight ahead at the crossroads and wind down and cross the river. PLEASE take care the surface is rough blue stones. Once you do the short climb out from the river crossing you take the **LEFT HAND** dirt trail and cross the **WOODEN BRIDGE** over Taylor's creek. You now do a clockwise loop, crossing a small concrete causeway then arrive at a junction where you turn **RIGHT**, all other distance events will go straight ahead up the hill. Once you go to the right (**1KM**) stay on the bitumen path and head back to the river crossing. Again take care on the rough surface. Once you come out from the river crossing you will do a **LEFT** turn at the crossroads, continue about 100M and turn **RIGHT**, this will take you back to near where you started and this time you enter the grass area and cross under the finish line. (**2KM**)

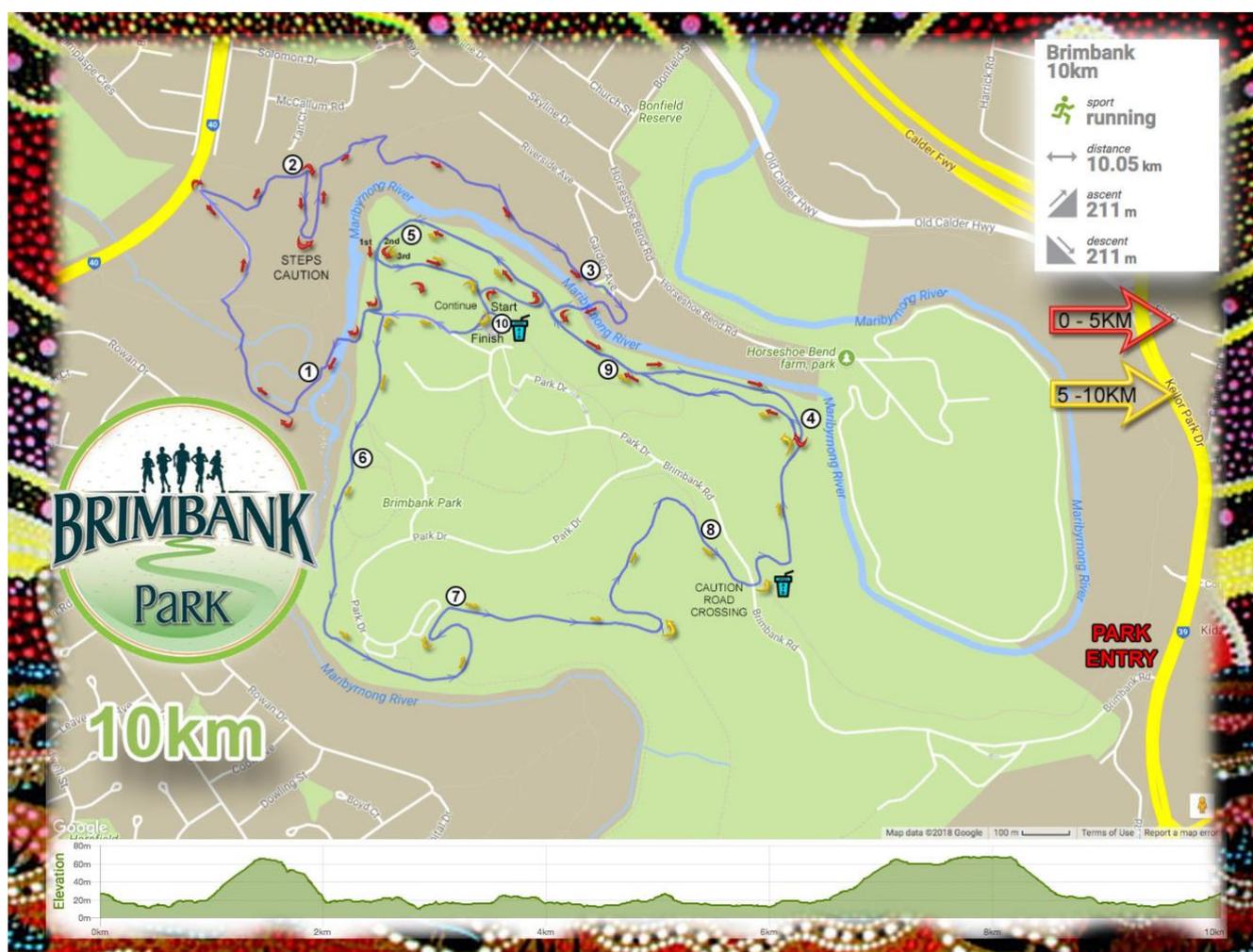
**CONGRATULATIONS** collect your medal enjoy the post race café environment, while supporting others finishing or continuing on for another loop.



The **5km** course Starts on the grass area below the cafe. Participants turn right at the path, then continue straight ahead and will see several signs, YOU go straight ahead at the crossroads and wind down and cross the river. PLEASE take care the surface is rough blue stones. Once you do the short climb out from the river crossing you take the left hand dirt trail and cross the wooden bridge over Taylors creek. You now keep right, crossing a small concrete causeway then arrive at a junction, **(1KM)** you will go straight ahead up the hill. Wind up the hill and across the high escarpment (enjoy the views over the park) once up high you will keep the houses on your left and do a hard right turn at the last house. ( You never leave the Park Boundary ) You will descend a short set of stairs made from rocks, PLEASE TAKE CARE, at the bottom of the stairs you turn left along the trail then descend down to the flats, watch out for the sharp turn on the descent, its tricky. **(2KM)** Once on the flat keep houses on left and river on right, at the end of the houses the dirt trail merges with the rear entry road, join the road and wind down and cross the river. When you climb out of the river crossing you will take the left turn **(3KM)** follow the flat bitumen trail keeping left at each of the next two junctions, keeping the river close to you. After a short sharp climb you will do a

hook turn on the upper river trail, now head back in the direction you came but on the higher trail. You will soon descend to the lower trail you were on earlier **(4KM)** keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the dip and up around the sweeping bend. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade, be sure to dig deep for a great finish, cross under the finish gantry. **(5KM)**

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The **10km** course Starts on the grass area below the cafe. Participants turn left at the path, then continue up behind the café and veer left down the hill, at the 3 way junction Participants will veer right and head down the hill and do a hairpin turn at the 4 way track junction, take the first left and follow the river path. Pass the water drink fountain and continue straight ahead around the sweeping bend, pass one corner ( on your left ) and keep going straight and then turn right at the

next cross roads, you continue down path, YOU wind down and cross the river. PLEASE take care the surface is rough blue stones. Once you do the short climb out from the river crossing you take the left hand dirt trail and cross the wooden bridge over Taylors creek**(1KM)**. You now keep right, crossing a small concrete causeway then arrive at a junction, you will go straight ahead up the hill. Wind up the hill, bitumen at first then dirt and across the high escarpment (enjoy the views over the park) once up high you will keep the houses on your left and do a hard right turn at the last house. **(2KM)** (You never leave the Park Boundary) You will descend a short set of NEW wooden stairs, PLEASE TAKE CARE, at the bottom of the stairs you turn left along the trail then descend down to the flats, watch out for the sharp turn on the descent, its tricky. Once on the flat keep houses on left and river on right, at the end of the houses the dirt trail merges with the rear entry road, **(3KM)** join the road and wind down and cross the river. When you climb out of the river crossing go straight then take the left turn follow the flat bitumen trail keeping left at each of the next two junctions, keeping the river close to you. After a short sharp climb **(4KM)** you will do a hook turn on the upper river trail, now head back in the direction you came but on the higher trail. You will soon descend to the lower trail you were on earlier keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the dip and up around the sweeping bend **(5KM)**. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade as you approach the finish be sure to stay right for your next 5km section. This time you head below the café, keep right then at the cross roads turn left and head down past the gazebo **(6KM)** you head straight past the oval with powerlines overhead continue on path keeping river on right side at the corner climb the short steep hill continue on the bitumen path around the playground **(7KM)** and then up the long straight bitumen hill, At the very top of the hill do a sharp left remain on bitumen DO NOT GO ON DIRT TRAIL. Continue along the path enjoying the views of the whole park below you left, follow path around right to the aid station / pedestrian crossing. **(8KM)** TAKE CARE crossing the road. Once you safely cross the road you turn left and go down hill, enjoy but don't get out of control. Near the bottom take the first path to the left, you have been here before at your 4Km distance, now you do exactly as you did earlier. You will soon

descend to the lower trail you were on earlier (**4KM**) now (**9KM**) keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing much earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the dip and up around the sweeping bend. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade as you approach give it your all you are almost done, turn right onto the grass cross under the finish line. (**10KM**)

CONGRATULATIONS collect your medal, return your timing chips enjoy the post race café environment, while supporting others finishing or continuing on for another loop.

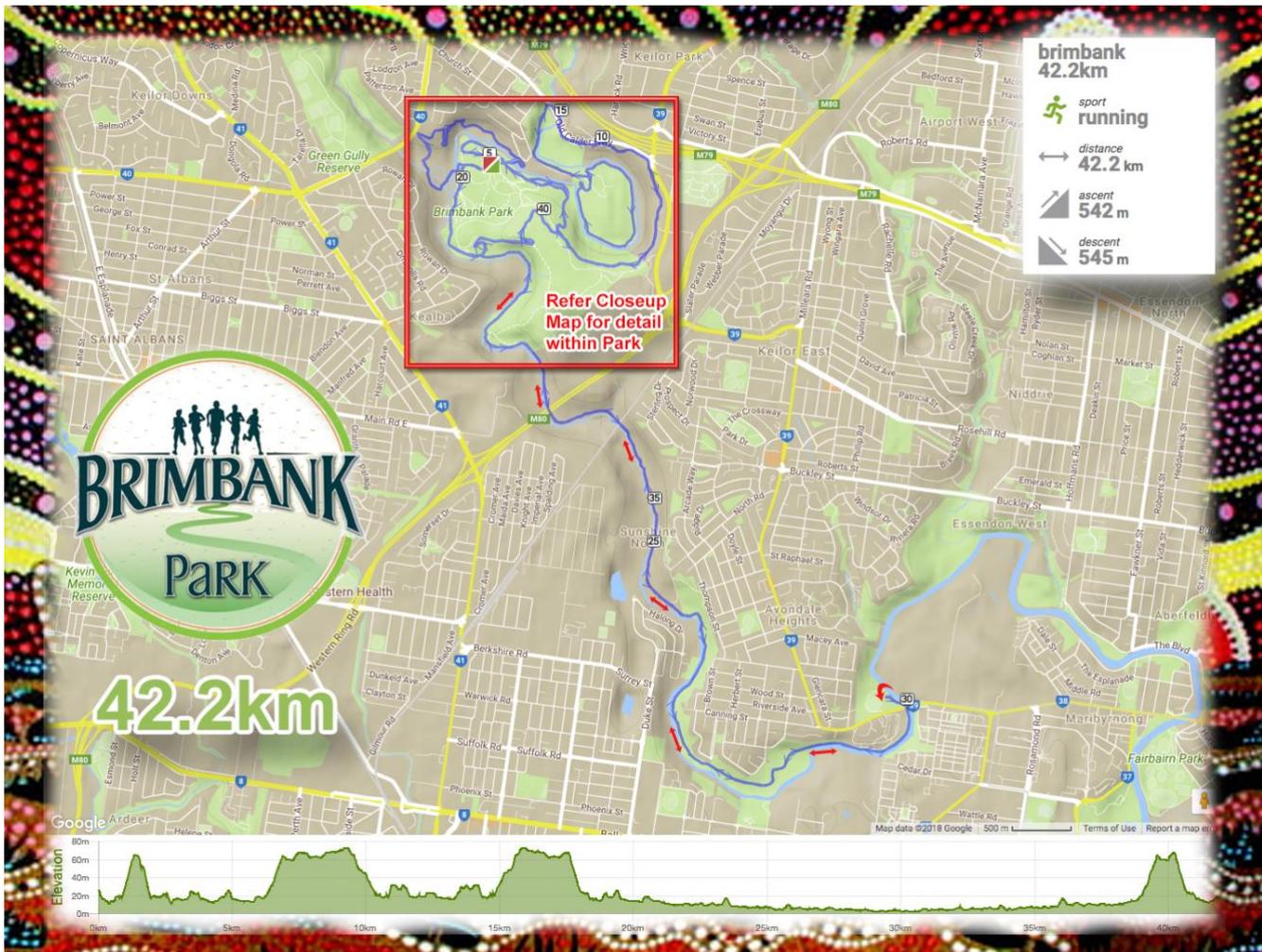


The **21.1km** course Starts on the grass area below the café. Participants turn left at the path, then continue up behind the café and veer left down the hill. Participants will veer right and head down the hill and do a hairpin turn at the 4 way track junction, take the first left and follow the river path for approximately

2km always keeping the river over on your right. As you approach the playground, you veer right onto the dirt river trail, a short downhill drop. You will remain on the river trail for approximately 9km, having passed under the Western Ring Road, The trestle railway bridge then later on the Water Pipe bridge and then Maribyrnong road where you arrive at the Rotunda Aid Station. At this point refuel and retrace your footsteps back to the finish line. The final 500M is different to the first 500M, it will be signed as required. You turn right off the river path and head to the finish line, the finish has a slight uphill, pass under the gantry. **(21.1KM)**

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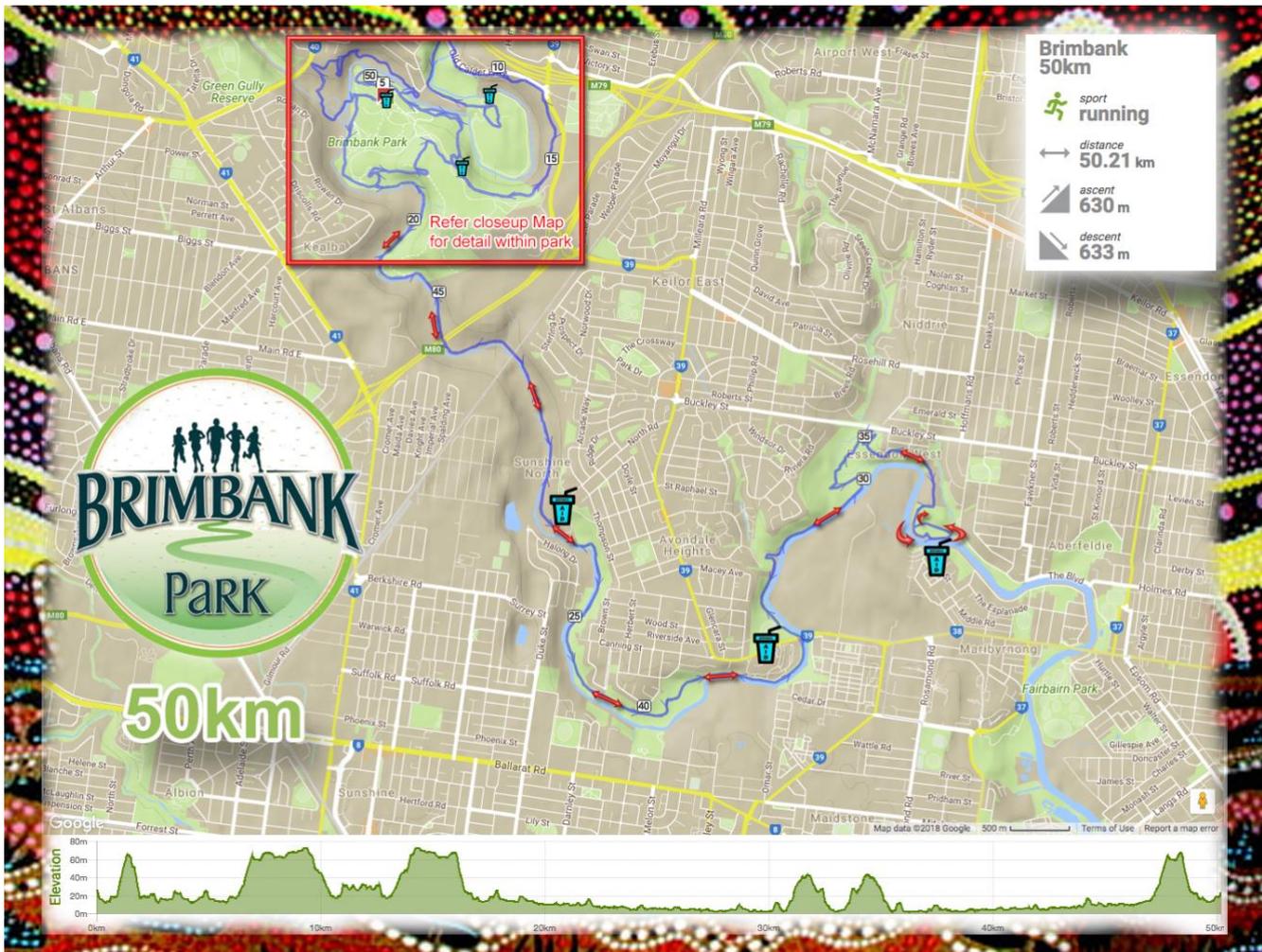


The **42.2km** consists of 3 x sections, Section 1 is the 5km course West (5km), Section 2 takes in Horseshoe Bend Farm (15km) and Section 3 takes in the river trail to canning reserve and back (20km). Please refer to both maps above. The course Starts below the cafe. Participants will veer right onto the path, you continue straight ahead and will see several signs at the cross roads, YOU go straight ahead at the crossroads and wind down and cross the river. PLEASE take care the surface is rough blue stones. Once you do the short climb out from the river crossing you take the left hand dirt trail and cross the wooden bridge over Taylors creek. You now keep right, crossing a small concrete causeway then arrive at a junction, **(1KM)** you will go straight ahead up the bitumen road hill. Wind up the hill and across the high escarpment (enjoy the views over the park) once up high you will keep the houses on your left and do a hard right turn at the last house. You will descend a short set of stairs made from rocks, PLEASE TAKE CARE, at the bottom of the stairs you turn left along the trail then descend down to the flats, watch out for the sharp turn on the descent, its tricky. **(2KM)** Once on the flat keep houses on left and river on right, at the end of the houses the dirt trail merges with the rear entry road, join the road and wind down and cross the river. When

you climb out of the river crossing you will take the left turn **(3KM)** follow the flat bitumen trail keeping left at each of the next two junctions, keeping the river close to you. After a short sharp climb you will do a hook turn on the upper river trail to your right, now head back in the direction you came but on the higher trail. You will soon descend to the lower trail you were on earlier **(4KM)** keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the a dip and up around the sweeping bend. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade, turn right on to the grass and approach the finish pass by the finishline and start your next 15km section. **(5KM)** Again turn right on to the path, but at the cross roads turn left and head down past the Gazebo, continue on path keeping river on right side at the corner climb the short steep hill **(6KM)** continue on the bitumen path around the playground and then up the long straight hill, At the very top of the hill **(7KM)** keep left on the bitumen and wind around to the pedestrian crossing and aid station. At the aid station **(8KM)** take the right hand path, follow this path all the way around the perimeter of the Park, Pass the entry gate and car park **(9KM)** continue toward the traffic lights. Descend the hill and cross under the Highway **(10KM)** and turn left over the old arch bridge, descend the new concrete path and go back under the Highway. Head over through the hole in the fence follow the single dirt trail to the wooden stairs **(11KM)**. At the top of the Stairs veer left alongside the river below, continue to the end of the trail and exit the gate onto the entry road into Horseshoe Bend Farm. Enter the farm via the gate, continue straight ahead to the aid station. Go straight past the aid station and follow the road around through the old buildings and past the toilet block **(12KM)**. Follow trail back up the hill then take a sharp left hand turn and wind down onto the river trail. Complete an anti clockwise loop of the river trail through **(13KM)** and **(14KM)** then arrive back at the aid station. Turn right at the aid station and exit the Farm. Retrace your steps back toward the wooden steps, descend the steps with care **(15KM)**, follow the single trail back to the hole in the fence and head under the highway bridge and on the new concrete path then onto the old arch bridge. Turn right off the arch bridge and under the highway and backup the hill **(16KM)**. Continue up to the traffic lights remaining in the park follow the trail all the way around passing the old car park **(17KM)** on

your left. Head through the gate and for the Aid station near the pedestrian Crossing **(18KM)**. Descend the winding hill to the right, take care it's a fast decent, at the bottom take the upper left path, you were here much earlier now head for the finish line, rejoin the lower river trail **(19KM)** and continue straight ahead until the sweeping rising bend, where you turn at top hard left and head toward the finish with a slight uphill, turn right onto the grass and head past the gantry veer right on to the path again **(20KM)** and prepare for the river trail section. Just like the first 300M of the race leave the start finish area and head to the 4 way junction, take the first left and follow the river path for approximately 2km **(22KM)** always keeping the river over on your right. As you approach the playground, you veer right onto the dirt river trail, a short downhill drop. You will remain on the river trail for approximately 9km, having passed under the Western Ring Road, The trestle railway bridge then later on the Water Pipe bridge and then Maribyrnong road where you arrive at the Rotunda Aid Station. **(31KM)** At this point refuel and retrace your footsteps back along the river trail. On arrival back to the bitumen path and play ground **(39KM)** take a hard right turn and wind up the bitumen path to the top. **(40KM)** At the very top of the hill remain on bitumen DO NOT GO ON DIRT TRAIL. Continue along the path enjoying the views of the whole park below you left, follow path around right to the aid station / pedestrian crossing. TAKE CARE crossing the road. Once over the crossing turn left and head down hill, enjoy but don't get out of control. Near the bottom take the first path to the left, you have been here before at your 3.5Km distance now at **41KM**, now you do exactly as you did earlier. You will soon descend to the lower trail you were on keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing much earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the dip and up around the sweeping bend **(42KM)**. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade as you approach give it your all you are almost done, turn right on to the grass cross under the finish line. **(42.2KM)**

CONGRATULATIONS collect your medal enjoy the post race café environment.





The **50km** consists of 3 x sections, Section 1 is the 5km course (5km), Section 2 takes in Horseshoe Bend Farm (15km) and Section 3 takes in the river trail to canning reserve and back (20km). Please refer to both maps above. The course Starts below the cafe. Participants will veer right onto the path, you continue straight ahead and will see several signs at the cross roads, YOU go straight ahead at the crossroads and wind down and cross the river. PLEASE take care the surface is rough blue stones. Once you do the short climb out from the river crossing you take the left hand dirt trail and cross the wooden bridge over Taylors creek. You now keep right, crossing a small concrete causeway then arrive at a junction, **(1KM)** you will go straight ahead up the bitumen road hill. Wind up the hill and across the high escarpment (enjoy the views over the park) once up high you will keep the houses on your left and do a hard right turn at the last house. You will descend a short set of stairs made from rocks, PLEASE TAKE CARE, at the bottom of the stairs you turn left along the trail then descend down to the flats, watch out for the sharp turn on the descent, its tricky. **(2KM)**

Once on the flat keep houses on left and river on right, at the end of the houses the dirt trail merges with the rear entry road, join the road and wind down and cross the river. When you climb out of the river crossing you will take the left turn **(3KM)** follow the flat bitumen trail keeping left at each of the next two junctions, keeping the river close to you. After a short sharp climb you will do a hook turn on the upper river trail to your right, now head back in the direction you came but on the higher trail. You will soon descend to the lower trail you were on earlier **(4KM)** keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the river crossing earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the a dip and up around the sweeping bend. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade, turn right on to the grass and approach the finish pass by the finishline and start your next 15km section. **(5KM)** Again turn right on to the path, but at the cross roads turn left and head down past the Gazebo, continue on path keeping river on right side at the corner climb the short steep hill **(6KM)** continue on the bitumen path around the playground and then up the long straight hill, At the very top of the hill **(7KM)** keep left on the bitumen and wind around to the pedestrian crossing and aid station. At the aid station **(8KM)** take the right hand path, follow this path all the way around the perimeter of the Park, Pass the entry gate and car park **(9KM)** continue toward the traffic lights. Descend the hill and cross under the Highway **(10KM)** and turn left over the old arch bridge, descend the new concrete path and go back under the Highway. Head over through the park gate follow the single dirt trail to the wooden stairs **(11KM)**. At the top of the Stairs veer left alongside the river below, continue to the end of the trail and exit the gate onto the entry road into Horseshoe Bend Farm. Enter the farm via the gate, continue straight ahead to the aid station. Go straight past the aid station and follow the road around through the old buildings and past the toilet block **(12KM)**. Follow trail back up the hill then take a right hand turn back to the aid station at the aid station turn left and head out of the farm. Retrace your steps back toward the wooden steps, descend the steps with care **(13KM)**, follow the single trail back to the gate and head under the highway bridge and on the new concrete path then onto the old arch bridge. Turn right off the arch bridge and under the highway and backup the hill **(14KM)**. Continue up to the traffic lights remaining in the

park follow the trail all the way around passing the old car park **(15KM)** on your left. Head through the gate and for the Aid station near the pedestrian Crossing **(16KM)**. Descend the winding hill to the right, take care it's a fast decent, at the bottom take the upper left path, you were here much earlier now head for the finish line, rejoin the lower river trail **(17KM)** and continue straight ahead until the sweeping rising bend, where you turn at top hard left and head toward the finish with a slight uphill, don't pass under the gantry veer right at the aid station **(18KM)** and prepare for the river trail section. Just like the first 300M of the race leave the cafe aid station and head to the 4 way junction, take the first left and follow the river path for approximately 1km **(19KM)** always keeping the river over on your right. As you approach the playground, you veer right onto the dirt river trail, a short downhill drop. You will remain on the river trail for approximately 9km, having passed under the Western Ring Road, The trestle railway bridge then later on the Water Pipe bridge and then Maribyrrnong road where you arrive at the Rotunda Aid Station in Canning Reserve. **(28KM)**

Continue on the concrete path for 1km (29KM) then turn off on the single track after the drain, head toward the river, follow the river for 1km before turning left and climbing a small hill, once up the hill you will head down over the Steel Creek Bridge ready to climb the zigzag track (31KM) to Lily St where you get awesome views of the city. Continue on the path until you descend turn right off the concrete path through the fence opening on to the dirt track. You are now in Afton St Conservation area. (32KM) Follow the signs, you head toward the river and do a small loop before retracing your steps back to Canning St. (38KM) At this point refuel and retrace your footsteps back along the river trail. On arrival back to the bitumen path and play ground **(47KM)** take a hard right turn and wind up the bitumen path to the top. **(48KM)** At the very top of the hill remain on bitumen DO NOT GO ON DIRT TRAIL. Continue along the path enjoying the views of the whole park below you left, follow path around to the aid station / pedestrian crossing. TAKE CARE crossing the road. Once over the crossing turn left and head down hill, enjoy but don't get out of control. You have done this before. Near the bottom take the first path to the left, you have been here a couple of times, now you do exactly as you did earlier. You will soon descend to the lower trail (49KM) keep going straight on this trail keeping the river on your right, continue straight past the junction you came out from the

river crossing much earlier, keeping the river on your right continue through the dip and up around the sweeping bend **(49.8KM)**. At the top of the sweeping bend you turn left and head for the finish line, it's a gentle up hill grade as you approach give it your all you are almost done, cross under the finish line. **(50KM) legend.**

## REMINDER

On completion of your event we will present you with a Finishers Medal, it is extremely important that we get the timing chip off your race bib at this time, please do not leave with you timing chip. The chip is on the foam in the plastic pouch. The pouch is open at the top, so don't flick your bib around and loose it.



WEATHER FORECAST

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### Saturday 20 March



Min **13** Max **27**

**Mostly sunny.**

Chance of any rain: **5%** □□□□□□□□

#### Melbourne area

Mostly sunny. The chance of morning fog in the northeast suburbs. Winds east to southeasterly 20 to 30 km/h.

Sun protection recommended from 10:20 am to 4:30 pm, UV Index predicted to reach 7 [High]

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### Sunday 21 March



Min **14** Max **27**

**Partly cloudy.**

Chance of any rain: **20%** ■□□□□□□□

#### Melbourne area

Partly cloudy. Slight (20%) chance of a shower, most likely later in the day. Winds easterly 15 to 20 km/h.

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### Monday 22 March



Min **15** Max **24**

**Showers possible.**

Possible rainfall: **0 to 15 mm**

Chance of any rain: **40%** ■■■□□□□□

#### Melbourne area

Cloudy. Medium (40%) chance of showers. Winds east to northeasterly 15 to 20 km/h turning south to southeasterly during the day.

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So it looks pretty warm for running, but will be cool early morning so be sure to slip slop slap and stay protected from the sun and be sure to have a cup or bottle to drink from as we do not provide cups at aid stations [#savetheplanet](#)

## COMPETITIONS

All distances from 2km to 50km will be awarded trophies to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place male and female. We don't have our normal sponsors ready to go this year, but are hoping to have a couple of small prizes available for winners.

There is an overall team category too, whereby team members can combine their total Km's, its not about speed its about distance. So if 20 team members sign up for the 5km they earn 100 points, if another team signs up as 4 for the marathon they accumulate 168 points.

If you need to leave before presentations and were a place winner, please be sure to collect your trophy from us.

## YOUR REWARD FOR FINISHING YOUR EVENT

1<sup>st</sup> Place Blue Design

MEDAL

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Red Design



3rd Place Green Design



All competitors who complete their event distance will receive a custom designed medal to commemorate your achievement. Colour may vary Blue / Green / Orange/yellow/Pink ribbon Ribbon.

**IF MEDALS DON'T ARRIVE WE WILL POST THEM TO YOU AS SOON AS THEY DO.**

BUT WE ARE FAIRLY CONFIDENT WE WILL HAVE ALL WE NEED FOR 2021

# ACCESS TO THE PARK FROM KEILOR PARK DRIVE – GATES OPEN 6AM

KEY LOCATIONS TO NOTE AND TAKE CARE

ROAD CROSSING – MARSHALS - CARPARKS – TOILETS – REGISTRATION – FIRST AID  
- CAFE



## Parks Victoria

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to conduct this event in the Brimbank Park. We appreciate the opportunity to stage a trail running event in the City of Brimbank and express a sincere appreciation to the team who look after the park for us to enjoy.

## Wurundjeri People

We acknowledge and show our respects to the original land owners of the Maribyrnong Valley the Wurundjeri people, past and present and emerging.

## **INSURANCE**

The event insurance policy does not extend to personal injury; it is highly recommended that you have personal insurance cover or at least ambulance cover in time for the event.

## **TOILETS**

There are 3 main toilets that are accessible within the park. Refer to map above. These are found as part of the Café complex, A toilet block in Car Park B and another in Car Park C. Where possible try to use the car park toilets on arrival and keep the café as clean and clear as possible before the event.

There will be 2 portable toilets near the start line on the course and available to use easily mid race if needed.

## **COVID SAFE PLAN AND ATTENDEE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Trailsplus**

Continues to monitor the Victorian Government's coronavirus website (<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au>) to ensure legislative requirements and specific restrictions are met.

Commits to supporting any public health investigations, and support any required actions requested by public health officials, as necessary.

Will allocate a Covid Monitor for each event to oversee the observance of this plan.

Will provide a refund if a ticketholder must cancel due to COVID-19, or if the event is cancelled due to COVID-19.

Will reinforce public health messages during the event via announcements and posters.

Will provide visible cues to facilitate physical distancing, including ground marking, barriers and signs as necessary.

Will provide hand sanitiser stations and encourage people to use them regularly.

Will implement procedures to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

## All Attendees (Competitors, Volunteers and Supporters)

Must register via the QR code provided for each event's record keeping, or via the backup hardcopy if necessary. These records are stored securely and destroyed after 28 days.

### Must not attend if

- Feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms (temperature, sore throat, runny nose)
- Is required to be in quarantine or isolation under Victorian COVID rules

### If attendee develops symptoms,

- Trailsplus will make arrangements to send the person home in suitable and safe private transport so the risk of potential COVID-19 transmission is reduced.
- If the person cannot travel home, the person will remain in an isolation area until they are able to travel home

Must maintain 1.5 metres social distancing.

Must carry a mask and use it if 1.5 metres social distancing is not possible.

Must wash hands or sanitise regularly.

Trailsplus will provide sanitising stations.

Are encouraged to download and activate the Australian Government COVID-19 App. The App assists in contact tracing if a COVID case arises.

## Volunteers

Will be briefed on the COVID-safe protocols pertaining to their role.

Will be provided with appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.

Must wash hands or sanitise regularly.

## **Competitors**

Must carry their own cup or bottle for drink.

Are responsible for ensuring their supporters observe these rules.

## **Start and Finish Areas**

Event entries will be capped at a conservatively low number for each event.

Race schedules will be set to minimize crowding at start and finish times.

Rolling starts will be used to avoid competitors crowding the start line.

Competitors will be ushered through the finish corale and out into the open area to reduce crowding of the finish line.

Competitors will remove their own timing chip from their bib after they finish, and return it in a box provided.

## **Registration and Bib Collection**

There will be no cash transactions on event day.

Bib collection will be outdoors where possible.

Instructions to avoid crowding while queuing must be observed.

## **Aid Stations**

Competitors are encouraged to provide their own food and drink as much as possible.

A small selection of food items will be provided. Competitors must not help themselves.

Volunteers will serve food and drink

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We would like to express our appreciation to our sponsors for supporting this event

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