

## BELLARINE RAIL TRAIL RUN 2021 COVID SAFE PLAN

Will be determined based upon State Government requirements at the time of the event and may require wave starts with as few as 10 runners in each wave or event cancellation. If cancellation is required, all entry fees will be refunded and the event postponed until 2022.

The below COVID safe plan applies to the most severe restrictions still being in place that still allow the event to proceed. It will be modified as required leading up to the event.

All state (<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>) and local government (<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/covid19>) requirements as outlined at the time of the event will be followed. Provisions in place include:

- participant numbers may need to be capped (maximum expected participants from previous years is 300 runners)
- a “COVID marshal” will be responsible for overseeing the COVID safe plan at both the Queenscliff and Drysdale start points
- multiple prominent QR code check ins will be displayed and mandatory. Back up system is that we will have a record of all participant details through the event registration system and a record of who participated by event finish times
- hand disinfectant will be available at check in locations and toilets
- given this event is not a race, there are no presentations that might lead runners to congregate afterwards in groups
- pre-event email will be sent approximately 2 days prior containing information found below.
- mask rules (if required) will be enforced by the COVID marshal
- use of wave starts if required
- provision will be made for runners to collect their bib plates in the 7 days prior from The Running Company Geelong (providing restrictions do not prohibit this) to minimise the need to attend registration on the day. Runners would then simply need to check in via QR code and present to the start line at the required time.
- the event team will be asked to contact the event organiser and do not attend if they meet any of the DO NOT ATTEND requirements outlined below for runners.
- the Bellarine Railway will be adhering to their own COVID safe plans appropriate at the time of the event. This option will be cancelled if the Bellarine Railway is unable to safely provide such a service.
- those helping out at aid stations will be provided with disposable gloves and hand sanitiser.

## PRE-EVENT EMAIL COVID CONTENT

DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT if you:

- display any COVID symptoms or are awaiting the results of a COVID test
- have been in contact with a COVID case or suspected COVID case within the last 14 days
- have been to a Tier 1, 2 or 3 exposure site within the last 14 days who has not fulfilled the Government's requirements for visitors to that site
- are not a competitor. We strongly request that no spectators or non-runners attend the event centre

FOLLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING

- all attendees are asked to social distance and remain at least 1.5m apart and be no more concentrated than 1 person per 4sq/m. If you are unable to social distance then please wear a mask
- we request minimal person-to-person contact at the event – such as high 5's, hugging and handshakes. We'd prefer elbow bumps only.

CHECK IN

- all event attendees must check-in via the Service Victoria QR Code displayed at the event centre (both Queenscliff and Drysdale Railway Stations)
- runners are asked not to arrive at the event centre more than 20 minutes before your race start, and to leave the event centre no more than 30 minutes after finishing

WAVE STARTS

- we will have wave starts 5 mins apart if required by the state government for maximal outdoors group sizes. Wave start allocations will be emailed 2 days prior if required. Please don't arrive to the event centre more than 30 mins before your wave start.
- Please maintain a distance of at least 1.5m from other runners

PERSONAL HYGIENE

- use the hand wash / sanitisation stations established at the finish and other areas
- respect others and help leave toilets, shared surfaces and common touch points clean. Use disinfectant provided to help staff keep things clean and safe
- bring your own supplies – there will be no cups, bottles provided