



GOLD COAST
TRIATHLON
LUKE HARROP MEMORIAL



PHOENIX
KIDS
TRIATHLON
by
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Event Information
11 & 12 April 2026



WELCOME MESSAGE



Thank you for signing up to take part in the Pho3nix Gold Coast Triathlon.



As a passionate advocate for triathlon for over 30 years, I know it is vitally important to give our kids and community opportunities to get involved in an active lifestyle. The Pho3nix Foundation is a sport not-for-profit established by Polish businessman Sebastian Kulczyk to assist and inspire children to engage in sport so they can live healthy and full lives.

More than half a million children have now participated in a Pho3nix Kids program across nine nations on three continents since its inception, supporting the Pho3nix Foundation's goals to bring sport to kids all over the world.

Programmes in Switzerland, Spain and the UK are headed up by dual Olympic medallist Nicola Spirig, dual Olympic champion Alistair Brownlee through the Brownlee Foundation, and 7-time world champion Javier Gomez. We are proud to continue partnering with The Event Crew to help get Aussie kids outdoors and active – and there's no better way than to swim, bike and run with their friends.

Check out all we do @pho3nixfoundation and visit the [Pho3nix Foundation](https://www.pho3nixfoundation.com) website for more information and to donate.

Welcome to the Pho3nix movement.

Chris McCormack
4x triathlon world champion, Pho3nix Foundation board member

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Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge and pay respects to the Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast and all their descendants both past and present.



We also acknowledge the many Aboriginal people from other regions as well as Torres Strait and South Sea Islander people who now live in the local area and have made an important contribution to the community.

EVENT TIMETABLE

SATURDAY 11 APRIL	
Time	Activity
6.00am	Pho3nix Kids Event Check In, Transition & Expo Opens
7:15am	Pho3nix Kids Triathlon Check In Closes - all ages
7.20am	Pho3nix Kids Triathlon Transition Closes - all ages
7:30am	Bike - Run (no swim) start, all ages. Meet at swim start area.
7.35am	12-14 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.00am	Pho3nix Kids Fun Run Check In Closes - all ages
7.40am	11 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.00am	10 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.15am	9 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.20am	Bike Collection for 12-14 years commences
8.30am	8 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.40am	7 years wave starts (Triathlon & Aquathon)
8.50am	Bike Collection for 9-11 years commences
9.15am	10 years+ 1km Fun Run starts
9.25am	9 years and under 1km Fun Run starts
9.35am	Bike Collection for 7-9 years commences
2:30-4:00pm	Event Check In Open & Optional bike racking (for Sunday Events)
3:00pm	Tips & Tricks session for novice athletes and first timers
SUNDAY 12 APRIL	
5:00am	Event Check In, Bike Racking & Expo Opens
6:00am	10km & 5km Fun Run Race Start
6:30am	Event Check In Closes all distances
6:40am	Australian Elite Sprint Championships - Men
6:42am	Australian Elite Sprint Championships - Women
7:10am	Transition Closes all distances
7:10am	Sprint Races Start - wave starts published race week
8:35am	Enticer Races Start - wave starts published race week
9:50am	Transition Opens for Bike Collection (approx.)
10:00am	Event Presentation (approx.)

WELCOME MESSAGE

All eyes are on the Gold Coast as they best triathletes in the country chase glory at the Pho3nix Gold Coast Triathlon - Luke Harrop Memorial.



This event honours champion Gold Coast triathlete Luke Harrop, who left behind a legacy when he died in 2002.

As Mayor, I pay respect to Luke and his family and thank them for everything they have done for the sport over many years.

The Pho3nix Gold Coast Triathlon is one for all competitors including the kids with free events and activities over the two days. Offering a range of free activities is the ideal way to take part in the sport, with the majestic Broadwater Parklands as backdrop.

It's time to get out, get active and take on the swim, bike and run. Be part of triathlon and good luck to sponsors, athletes and officials.

Tom Tate
Gold Coast Mayor

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the Pho3nix Gold Coast Triathlon - Luke Harrop Memorial, an event that celebrates the energy and diversity of the Gold Coast.



The Queensland Government is proud to support Pho3nix Gold Coast Triathlon - Luke Harrop Memorial through Queensland Destination Events Program – Round 1 (2025) – Destination Signature Event Funding, which backs events developed in our state and helps connect them with the unique destinations they call home.

Homegrown events play an important role in showcasing new ideas, celebrating culture, and creating memorable experiences for visitors, all while contributing to Queensland's vibrant and diverse events calendar.

Beyond the event, there is so much to see and experience in the Gold Coast region. I encourage visitors to take the opportunity to explore the area and enjoy the wide range of tourism opportunities that Queensland has to offer.

I want to congratulate The Event Crew and all those involved in delivering this event for their outstanding efforts and playing a vital role in Queensland's dynamic Homegrown events sector.

Andrew Powell MP
Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation

IT'S YOURS TO
experience



DISTANCE AND LAPS



SATURDAY EVENTS	SWIM	CYCLE	RUN
PHO3NIX KIDS TRIATHLON 7-14yrs	100m 1 lap	1.2km 2 laps	500m 1 lap
PHO3NIX KIDS DUATHLON 7-14yrs	100m Run	1.2km 2 laps	500m 1 lap
PHO3NIX KIDS AQUATHLON 7-14yrs	100m 1 lap	-	500m 1 lap
PHO3NIX KIDS FUN RUN 3-14yrs	-	-	1km 1 lap

SUNDAY EVENTS	SWIM	CYCLE	RUN
SPRINT TRIATHLON 14yrs+	750m 1 lap	20km 3 laps	5km 2 laps
ENTICER TRIATHLON 12yrs+	300m 1 lap	6.7km 1 lap	2.5km 1 lap
GOLD COAST 10 FUN RUN 12yrs+	-	-	10km 3 laps
GOLD COAST 5 FUN RUN 7yrs+ (U12 must be accompanied by an adult)	-	-	5km 1 lap

PHO3NIX KIDS EVENT INFO



FREE KIDS EVENT

Thanks to the Pho3nix Foundation, all kids aged 7–14 can take part for free. Options include triathlon, duathlon, aquathlon and a 1km fun run for those who prefer not to swim or ride.

EVENT DISTANCES

- Triathlon: 100m swim / 1.2km bike / 500m run
- Duathlon: 100m run / 1.2km bike / 500m run
- Aquathlon: 100m swim / 500m run
- Fun Run: 1km

EVENT DAY FLOW

There are **NO RACE NUMBERS** for kids this year. When you arrive at the venue, the process below outlines where you need to go 😊

- Arrive at the venue
- Collect your event t-shirt
- Set up bike, helmet and run gear in transition
- Collect your swim cap at transition exit - these are by age.
- Head to the start line - all events start at the swim start except the Fun Run, which starts in the north-eastern corner of the park

WHAT TO WEAR

Most kids race in swimmers, the supplied t-shirt and running shoes. Swim caps are provided and the t-shirt must be worn for the bike and run.

BIKES & HELMETS

Bikes must have working brakes and closed bar-end plugs. Helmets must meet Australian standards and be worn (clipped up) into transition for checking.

MEDALS

Each child who takes part in one of our kids events will be awarded a finishers medal when they cross the finish line. As this free event is for fun and participation, there are no awards or presentations for category placings.

IS THE EVENT TIMED?

As this free event is for fun and participation, there is no timing on any race or distances for our Pho3nix Kids events.

GENERAL EVENT INFO



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I'VE ENTERED, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Race numbers (eKit) and Event Information emails will be emailed out on Thursday of race week.

Prior to this please read this event manual and stay up to date via social media.

COLLECTION OF YOUR RACE PACK

Once you receive your race number, simply save a screenshot of your race number and bring with you on Saturday or Sunday during Event Check-In times - this is what you need to collect all your event gear. If you haven't received it just check out the alphabetical list on the Event Information board at the event site or see the Help Desk.

TEAM INFORMATION

- All team members need to wear the provided timing chip on the left ankle.
- Change over point for the timing chip is at the cyclist's bike.
- The race number bib is to be worn by the runner only.

BAG STORAGE

Participants will receive a numbered bag tag which must be fixed to your bag before dropping it off. We advise that you leave your belongings at your own risk.

WETSUITS

A provisional temperature measure will be taken and posted to the event info board in the park on Saturday 5th April, with a final measure then taken Sunday morning. Please check the Event Information board on event morning for a final decision. Please prepare for the possibility of a wetsuit optional swim.

TRANSITION INFO

Transition is where you need to place your bike and change over between the swim / bike / run.

Setup in Transition: find the bike rack allocated for your category, place your bike on the rack and set up your race equipment to the right (chain side) of your bike. Remove any non-race equipment.

Familiarise Yourself: check the start & finish points to transition.

Transition Access: only competitors are allowed in transition. Jumping transition fences will lead to disqualification.

THE VENUE AND PARKING

The event is located at Mitchell Park in Southport. Parking in the surrounding area is limited. Recommended parking at Broadwater Parklands, Australia Fair or Nind Street.

Refer to council parking signs as all parking regulations will still apply throughout the event.

SUNDAY ROAD CLOSURES

- Marine Parade - between Burrows St & Brisbane Rd, 5am-11am
- Gold Coast Hwy Northbound - between Brisbane Rd & North St, 5am-11am. Vehicle crossings at Broad St & Robert St
- Marine Parade - between Central St & Gold Coast Hwy, 5am-12pm
- Gold Coast Hwy Southbound - between Brisbane Rd and North St, 5am-12pm

EVENT BRIEFING



COMPETITION RULES

AusTriathlon is the sanctioning body of this event and therefore all [Triathlon Australia rules apply](#).

SWIM

If you are a slow or not a confident swimmer, please start at the back. If you need any assistance during your swim leg, please raise your hand and call for one of the lifeguards. If you choose to warm up before your race you must do this away from the race area.

BIKE

- Roads will be closed for the cycle leg; however you must stay alert for official and emergency vehicles. Please be cautious around other cyclists and keep left at all times unless overtaking. This is a non-drafting event.
- No blocking [see rules for more info](#)
- No drafting [see rules for more info](#)
- Upper torso must be covered at all times during the ride.
- Helmet must be on and done up before you touch your bike and you must rack your bike before undoing your helmet

RUN

- There are drink stations along the run course so please make use of these to ensure proper hydration.
- Please keep left on the run course Upper torso must be covered at all times during the run.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to secure and maintain a safe, fun and enjoyable atmosphere for our participants, The Event Crew has implemented a code of conduct. Repeated or serious breaches of this code may result in disciplinary actions including exclusion at future events and the disqualification.

WHAT TO BRING

SWIM

- Goggles
- Swim suit / tri-suit
- Sunscreen
- Swim cap (provided)
- Timing chip (provided)

BIKE

- Bike
- Bike shoes or running shoes
- Helmet
- Bike pump
- Spare tube / tyre lever (optional)
- Drink bottle

RUN

- Running shoes
- Socks
- Hat/ sunglasses
- Race number bib (provided)
- Race belt or pins to attach bib

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please leave all headphones at home - we have an insurance and safety requirement that you can hear event marshals and volunteers at all times. Headphones will be removed if seen.

GENERAL EVENT INFO



Welcome to the all-new sunrise Gold Coast 10 and Gold Coast 5 events, starting and finishing on the lawn in the Broadwater Parklands

The event will start on sunrise at 6am and utilize the cool early Autumn condition and the super fast, flat highway road surface.

Every entrant will also receive a finisher gift of a branded drink bottle.

10KM COURSE

The 10km event is a three lap run course, starting on the Fisherman's Lawn and finishing inside the parklands under the Gold Coast Tri finish line. The first lap of the run is 5km utilising the fast, flat highway road surface before turning in the park and heading out for two waterside laps up Marine Parade and back. Drink stations will be located at 5km, 7.5km and the finish.

5KM COURSE

The 5km event is a one lap run course, starting on the Fisherman's Lawn and finishing inside the parklands under the Gold Coast Tri finish line. The run is 5km utilising fast, flat highway road surface.

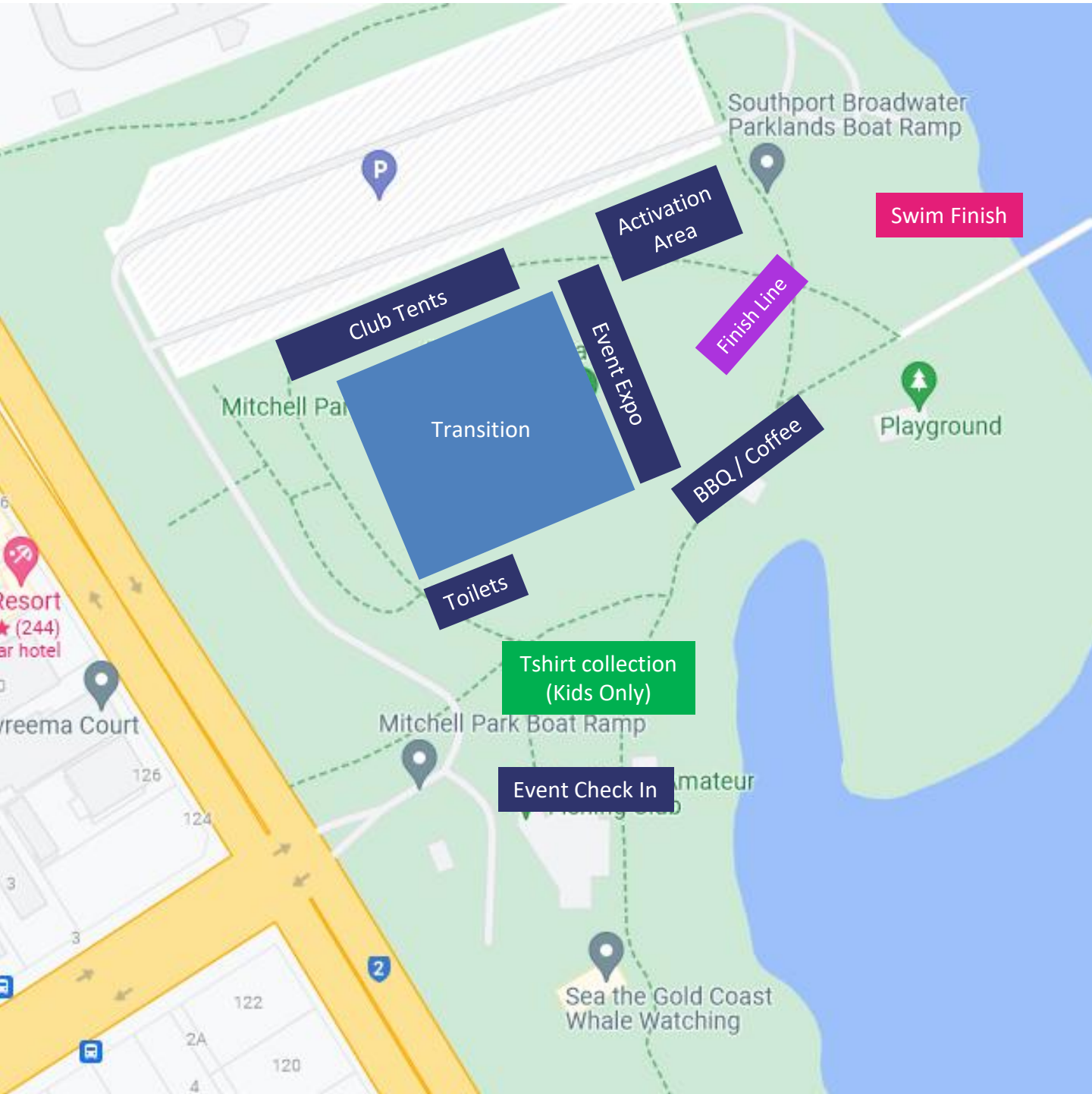


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KIDS EVENT

Note that there is a free kids 1km dash along with other free kids events on Saturday 11th as part of our Saturday Pho3nix Gold Coast Tri Kids Program. Bring them along and also collect your race timing band and bib at the same time.

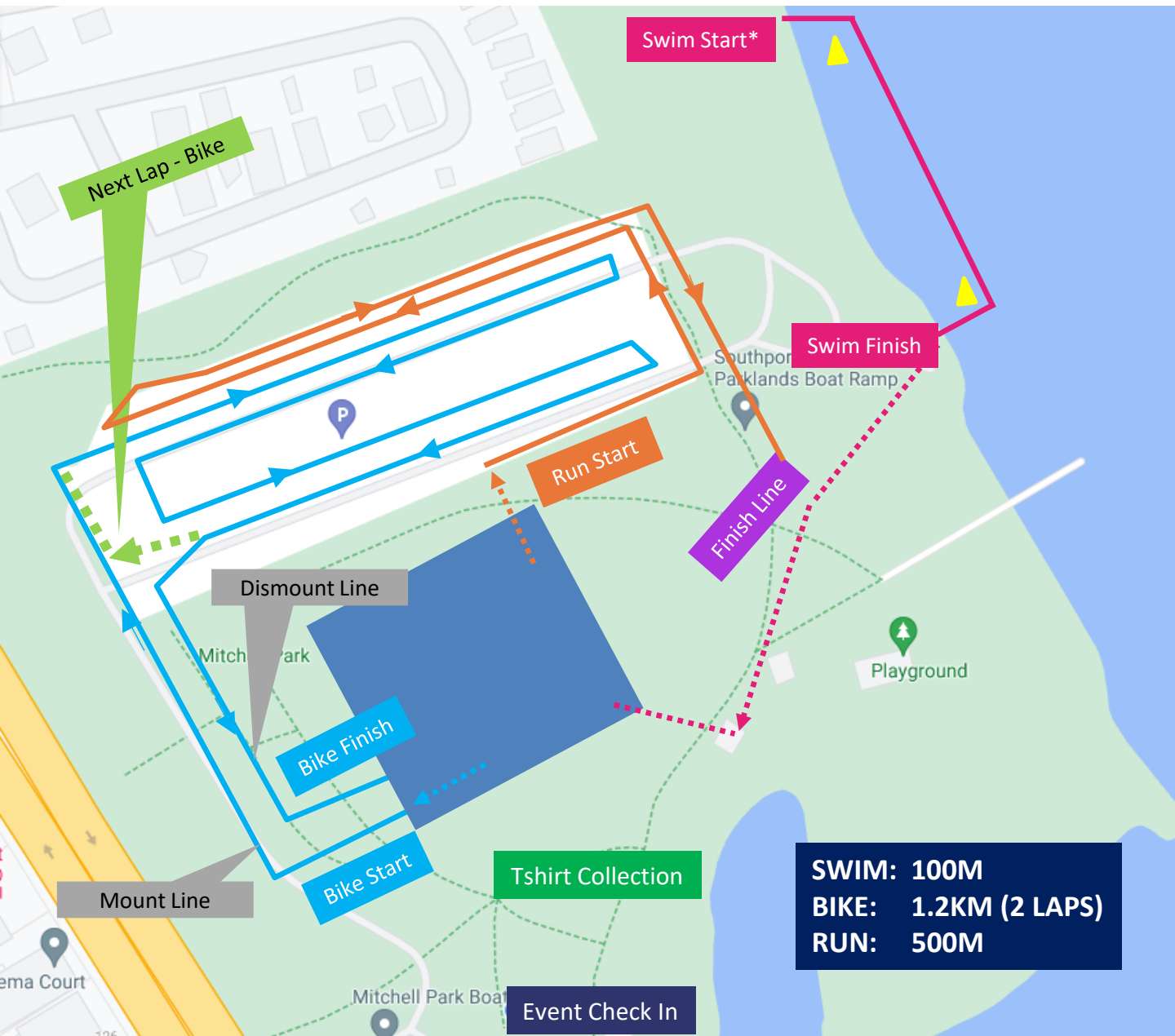
VENUE MAP



* There is no onsite parking. Please park in surrounding area according to signed council instructions



PHOENIX KIDS TRIATHLON



SWIM: 100M
BIKE: 1.2KM (2 LAPS)
RUN: 500M

* All triathlon, duathlon and aquathlon events start at the swim start location



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PHO3NIX KIDS 1KM FUN RUN



Transition Flow





COURSE MAPS

Swim





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COURSE MAPS

Bike

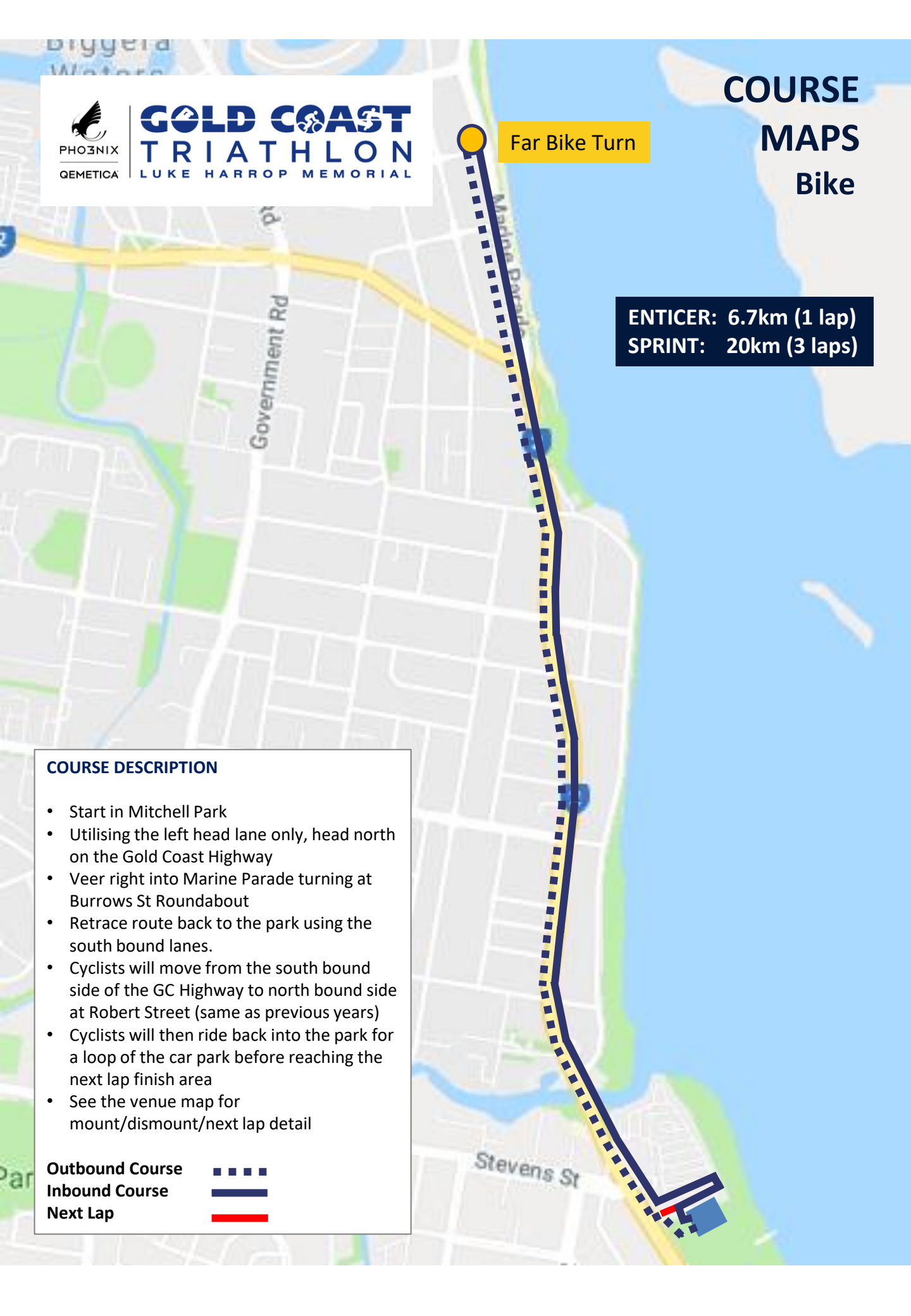
Far Bike Turn

ENTICER: 6.7km (1 lap)
SPRINT: 20km (3 laps)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Start in Mitchell Park
- Utilising the left hand lane only, head north on the Gold Coast Highway
- Veer right into Marine Parade turning at Burrows St Roundabout
- Retrace route back to the park using the south bound lanes.
- Cyclists will move from the south bound side of the GC Highway to north bound side at Robert Street (same as previous years)
- Cyclists will then ride back into the park for a loop of the car park before reaching the next lap finish area
- See the venue map for mount/dismount/next lap detail

Outbound Course ■■■■
Inbound Course ■■■■
Next Lap ■■■■





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COURSE MAPS

Run

Far Run Turn

ENTICER: 2.5km (1 lap)
SPRINT: 5km (2 laps)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Athletes will head out of transition and into the Mitchell Park carpark before turning right onto the Gold Coast Highway
- Turn right into Marine Parade and head up Marine Parade turning just before Central Street
- Retrace route back to Mitchell Park the run will head onto the footpath on the northern side of Mitchell park before reaching the end of the lap/finish shoot at the water side end of the park.
- Sprint athletes will make a right turn and head back out for their second lap or those finishing will head towards the finish line.
- See the venue map for next lap / finish detail

Outbound Course
Inbound Course
Next Lap





GOLD COAST 5K & 10K RUN

COURSE MAPS Fun Run

10km

3 LAPS TOTAL

Lap 1: 5km ———
Laps 2-3: 2.5km ·····

5km

Lap 1: 5km ———

Lap 1 Turn
all distances

Lap 2 & 3 Turn
10km only

Next Lap / Finish

COURSE DESCRIPTION

- Start in Mitchell Park
- Utilising the left head lane only, head north on the Gold Coast Highway
- U-turn just before Brisbane Road and retrace route back to the park using the south bound lanes.
- Once inside the park, 10km athletes will make a right turn and head back out for their second lap or those finishing will head towards the finish line.
- Turn right into Marine Parade and head up Marine Parade turning just before Central Street
- Retrace route back to Mitchell Park the run will head onto the footpath on the northern side of Mitchell park before reaching the end of the lap/finish line at the water side end of the park.