

# WAIKARI CLASSIC – BRUCE DAWE MEMORIAL

RACE MANUAL – 13 DECEMBER 2025

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## 1. Welcome to the Waikari Classic

Kia ora team – welcome to one of the great rural road races of Canterbury. This year's course takes you through the Waikari–Hawarden valleys, a mix of quiet country roads, rolling terrain, and a proper sting in the tail for anyone with racing ambitions.

The race is run on **open roads** under **NZTA-approved Traffic Management**, and rider safety – yours and everyone else's – is the absolute priority.

**Registration opens 7:45 am**

**Mandatory briefing 8:20 am**

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## 2. Getting There

**Location:** Waikari Hall, Princess Street, Waikari

**Distance from Christchurch:** approx. 60 km north

**Travel Time:** around 1 hr 15 min depending on traffic

Please allow plenty of time. There is minimal cellphone coverage outside the township and riders must be at the venue early enough to register, gear up, and hear the pre-race briefing.

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### 3. Parking Instructions

Parking is available at the **designated park just up from the Waikari Hall**.

#### Absolutely no parking:

- Directly outside the hall
- On the opposite side of the road
- Anywhere blocking farm gateways or private property

The hall is a community facility — please respect the space that the locals allow us to use.

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### 4. Inside the Hall

- **Remove cycling shoes** before entering — the hall committee is kind enough to let us use the venue and we want to keep it tidy.
- **Registration** happens inside.
- **Prizegiving & morning tea** will also be held here after the race.

#### Morning Tea / Prizegiving

A short, relaxed gathering with:

- Biscuits
  - Tea & coffee
  - A chance to acknowledge the winners and share a yarn before everyone heads home.
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## 5. Course Overview

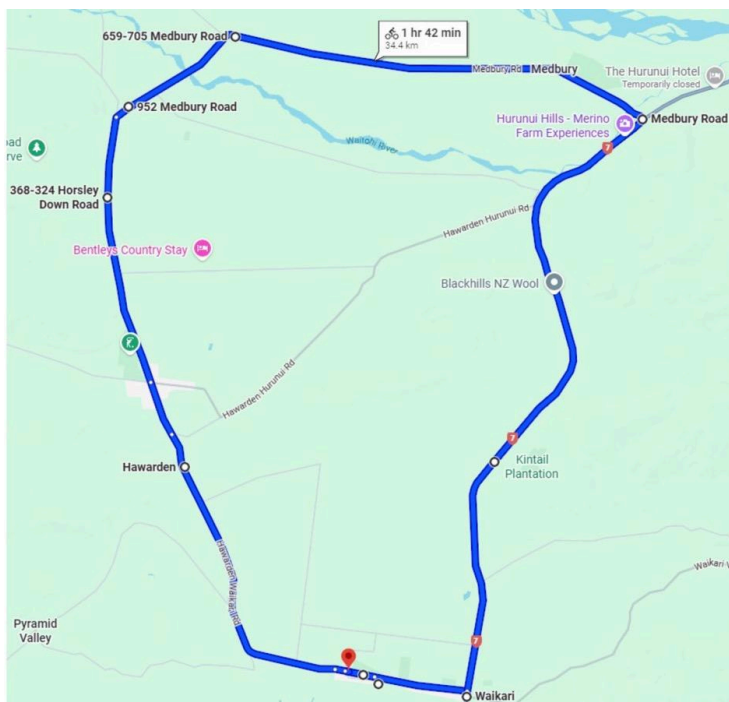
Total distance: \*\* ~100 km (3 × 33–34 km laps)\*\*

Start/Finish: **Princes Street, outside Waikari Hall**

Lap direction: **Clockwise loop via SH7 → Medbury Rd → Lake Sumner Rd → Hawarden → Waikari**

The course includes:

- One **managed intersection** (SH7 at Princes St)
- Two one-lane bridges
- One **left-hand turn** at Medbury → Lake Sumner Rd
- One **roundabout** in Hawarden



## 6. Key Safety Points

This event operates under an approved **Traffic Management Plan**, but **it is still open-road racing**. You must obey the **NZ Road Code** at all times.

### 6.1 Managed Intersection – SH7 Turn (Princes St)

This is the only intersection where northbound SH7 traffic may be stopped temporarily using an **e-stop** system.

A Traffic Management crew will manage this point.

### 6.2 One-Lane Bridges (Medbury Road)

There are **two** of these.

Marshals will:

- Warn you if traffic is present
- Tell you to slow or stop if required

**Riders MUST give way** to vehicles already on or entering the bridge.

This applies even if it affects your race — safety overrides results.

### 6.3 Left-Hand Turn – Medbury Rd → Lake Sumner Rd

This turn is **open to road rules**.

- If traffic is coming, you must **give way**.
- A marshal will signal if it is unsafe.
- It is **your responsibility** to ensure it is clear before turning.

### 6.4 Hawarden Roundabout

This is a normal roundabout under normal road rules.

- You must **give way to traffic from the right**.
  - Marshall present to assist, but again: **you hold the legal responsibility**.
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## 7. Race Rules

These rules exist to keep the race safe and to protect the future of road racing in Canterbury.

### 7.1 Core Rules

- **Keep left** at all times.
- **Never, under any circumstances, cross the centreline.**
  - Instant disqualification + stand-down if this occurs.
- Maximum **two abreast** riding.
- Use common sense around traffic — your race is not more important than someone's Sunday drive.

### 7.2 Marshal Instructions

If a marshal tells you to slow or stop, **you must obey**.  
This is not negotiable.

### 7.3 Support Vehicles

Only official support vehicles (lead, tail, and the three motorbikes) are allowed on the course.

No private following vehicles.

### 7.4 Accidents

If someone crashes:

- Stop if safe and check on them.
  - Notify the nearest marshal.
  - Call 111 if it is serious.
  - The race director may neutralise or cancel the event if required.
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## 8. What to Bring

Waikari can serve up anything from scorching heat to biting winds.

Bring:

- Plenty of **food** — this is a long morning.
- **Two full bottles** minimum.
- Wet-weather gear.
- Warm, dry clothes to change into after the race.
- A towel if needed (sweaty lycra + hall floor = not ideal).
- Any medication or health essentials.

This is a full day out — prepare like you're going on a mission.

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## 9. After the Race

- Cool down safely — the finish chute will be cleared for the sprint on the last lap.
  - Continue riding until you're well clear of the finish area.
  - Head inside for **results, prizegiving, and morning tea**.
  - Check out with the race director if you've had to abandon the race.
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## 10. Respect the Region

Hurunui locals are letting us use their roads and their facilities.

Please:

- Be polite on the road
- Don't litter
- Don't block driveways
- Say thanks to the marshals
- Ride safely so we can return next year

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## 11. Final Message

This race will be fast, tough, and memorable — and with your cooperation, it will also be safe. Look after yourself, look after each other, and help us keep road racing alive in Canterbury.