



McDonald's®  
**TOWNSVILLE**  
**RUNNING**  
**FESTIVAL**

# COMPETITOR GUIDE 2026

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**

**54<sup>th</sup>**

**Townsville  
Marathon**

**27<sup>th</sup>**

**Townsville Running  
Festival**





## WELCOME TO THE TOWNSVILLE RUNNING FESTIVAL

### **Welcome to the 2026 McDonald's Townsville Running Festival!**

Since 1973, the Townsville Marathon has been a proud part of North Queensland's sporting history, celebrating its 54th year in 2026. Building on this legacy, the Townsville Running Festival was established in 1999 by the Townsville Road Runners and has grown into one of the region's premier community sporting events.

From first-time participants to seasoned runners, we're excited to welcome you to an event that brings together thousands of competitors, volunteers, supporters and spectators each year.

**Please take a few moments to read through this Competitor Guide, which contains everything you need to know for a safe, enjoyable and successful race weekend.**

Thank you for being part of the Townsville Running Festival. We look forward to seeing you on the start line and celebrating with you at the finish line.

## WELCOME TO TOWNSVILLE

Welcome to Townsville, the capital of North Queensland and home to the iconic Strand, Castle Hill and Magnetic Island.

With beautiful winter weather, stunning waterfront views and a vibrant outdoor lifestyle, Townsville provides the perfect backdrop for race weekend.

Whether you're visiting for the first time or returning for another year, we encourage you to explore everything our region has to offer while you're here.

Enjoy your stay and soak up the North Queensland sunshine!

# LETTER FROM THE MAYOR – NICK DAMETTO



As one of the true staples of our city's events calendar and a proud tradition that has brought our community together for more than 50 years, I'm honoured to welcome locals and visitors alike to the 2026 McDonald's Townsville Running Festival.

Townsville City Council is proud to support this iconic event, which showcases not only the spirit of our community but the very best of our city. There's nothing quite like running along the Strand, with Magnetic Island as your backdrop, and experiencing the energy and atmosphere that makes this event so special.

Whether you're chasing down a personal best or simply taking part for the first time, this festival is about community, connection and getting active together. Importantly, your grit and determination out on the course also supports Ronald McDonald House, helping families when they need it most.

Signature Townsville events like this are a big part of what makes Townsville the events capital of Northern Australia, bringing people together and delivering real benefits for our local economy.

Thank you to the organisers, sponsors and volunteers who make it all possible. Best of luck to every participant, and most importantly enjoy the run here in beautiful Townsville.

Nick Dametto, Mayor of Townsville.

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# - MEET YOUR 2026 EVENT TEAM -

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## Joel Savage

### Event Director

Joel has more than 15 years of event management experience and over 22 years in the fitness industry. He is passionate about creating memorable event experiences and loves seeing the Townsville Running Festival bring the community together. Outside of events, Joel enjoys basketball, spear fishing and surf ski kayaking.



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## Ross Johnston

### Race Director

Ross is the logistics mastermind behind race weekend, overseeing course operations and event delivery. Alongside his partner in crime, Jen, he has travelled extensively through his involvement in events and the running community. A passionate ultra-marathon runner, Ross brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the Townsville Running Festival.



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## Tamara Savage

### Registrations & Volunteer Coordinator

With more than 15 years of event experience, Tamara coordinates registrations and volunteers, ensuring participants and volunteers have a seamless race weekend experience. Her strengths in organisation, communication and attention to detail help keep everything running smoothly behind the scenes.



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## Volunteers

The Townsville Running Festival is only possible thanks to the incredible volunteers who generously give their time to support the event each year.

From registrations and race pack collection to course marshals, drink stations, event setup and pack-down, every volunteer plays a vital role in creating a safe, enjoyable and memorable experience for participants.

If you see a volunteer on race weekend, please take a moment to say thank you. A smile, wave or kind word is always appreciated and means a lot to those giving their time to help.

We're always looking for more helping hands. Whether you can assist for a few hours or throughout race weekend, every contribution makes a difference. If you know someone who isn't running this year but would still like to be part of the event, we'd love to welcome them to our volunteer team.



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## Townsville Road Runners

Established in 1972, Townsville Road Runners is the proud owner of the McDonald's Townsville Running Festival. Led by President Colleen Newnham, the club brings together runners and walkers of all ages and abilities.

The festival would not be possible without the ongoing support, dedication and volunteer efforts of the Townsville Road Runners community.



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## Special Thanks

The Townsville Running Festival would not be possible without the incredible dedication of our event team, volunteers, community groups and supporters. Year after year, people generously give their time and energy to help deliver a safe, enjoyable and memorable event for all participants.

To everyone who helps make the Townsville Running Festival happen (you know who you are!) thank you.

Your commitment, enthusiasm and support are truly appreciated, and we couldn't do it without you.

## - FESTIVAL DAY GENERAL INFORMATION -

### Race Weekend Overview

#### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

- Corporate Challenge Race Pack Pick up ONLY

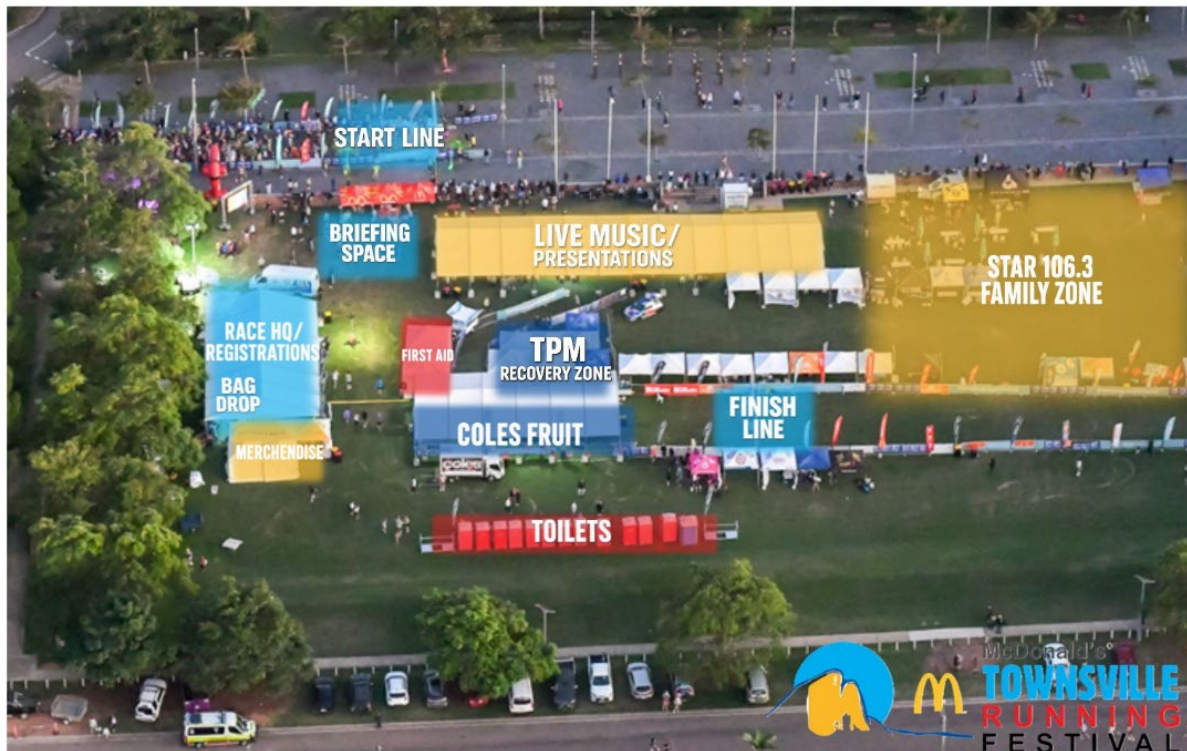
#### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August

- Race Pack Collection
- Merchandise Collection
- Meet the Race Director Q&A

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

- Race Day!
- Star 106.3 Family Zone
- Presentations

### The Festival Hub:





# 2026 RACE SCHEDULE

TOWNSVILLE AIRPORT MARATHON & KX MARATHON RELAY	4:45 AM
QUEENSLAND COUNTRY HEALTH FUND HALF MARATHON	6:10 AM
7NEWS 10KM CLASSIC	6:45 AM
TOWNSVILLE BULLETIN JUNIOR 5KM FUN RUN & WALK	7:15 AM
KENNARDS HIRE 5KM FUN RUN & WALK	7:30 AM
PARADISE OUTDOOR 5KM CORPORATE CHALLENGE	7:30 AM
TRAFFIC QLD 2.5KM HERO RUN & WALK	7:40 AM
MASCOT RACE 200M	9:10 AM
PRESENTATIONS	9:30 AM

**SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026**

\*Please double-check your start time as some events have changed for 2026.

## YOUR REGISTRATION -

Changes notified prior to **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026** can be made without administration fees but are subjected to any processing fees set by Race Roster.

Changes made between **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026** will incur a **\$15** administration charge and any processing fees set by Race Roster.

Changes cannot be made after **5:00pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July August 2026**.

Email: [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com)

## Changing Your distance

Should you decide to change the run distance you are registered for to another run distance, we can accommodate such changes so long as we have sufficient notice.

You must email customer service as soon as possible and changes can not be made after 5:00pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026.

## Transferring Your Entry to Another Runner

Should you wish to transfer your entry to another person, we can accommodate this provided we receive sufficient notice.

For the 2026 event, you must notify the event organisers if you wish to transfer your entry to another participant.

You must email customer service as soon as possible and changes can not be made after **5:00pm Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

**Does my Early Bird entry fee transfer to the new participant?**

No. When an entry is transferred, the new participant is required to pay any difference between the original Early Bird entry fee and the current entry fee applicable at the time of transfer.

**Does the Townsville Running Festival handle payment transfers between participants?**

No. The Townsville Running Festival does not facilitate or process payments between individuals. Any reimbursement or payment arrangements must be made directly between the original entrant and the person receiving the transferred entry.

**How do I request a registration change to another runner?**

Please contact the event customer service with the details of both the original entrant and the new participant before the registration changes deadline.

Email: [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com)

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## Late Entries

Entries will **not** be accepted on the day.

Entries are capped so be sure register early so you don't miss out!

Registration for all events closes on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 9pm **unless sold out earlier**.

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**- BEFORE EVENT DAY -**

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## Race Pack Collection

Participants are required to collect their race bib (race number), included in their race pack, from the Jezzine Barracks Race Precinct between **10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturday, 1 August 2026** (the day before the event).

**FAQ:**

**Can I pick up my race bib early**

Unfortunately not, prior to pick up time, bibs are being processed and not available for pick up.

**Can I pick up my race pack on event day?**

No, to ensure a smooth race morning for all participants, race bib collection will generally not be available on event day unless prior arrangements have been made with the event organisers.

### **Can someone else pick up for me?**

Yes, if someone else picks up your race pack we will write down their name in our system to keep track.

### **Will I receive a singlet if I register after Singlet cut off?**

No, but leftover excess stock will be available to purchase at the merchandise tent.

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## **Corporate Challenge Bib Collection**

Corporate teams are strongly encouraged to collect their race bibs and event shirts on **Friday, 31 July 2026, between 12:00pm and 4:00pm** from the Jezzine Barracks Race Precinct.

**Prior to this contact [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com) so they can prepare the race packs.**

We ask that each team nominate one representative to collect race bibs and shirts on behalf of the entire team. This will help streamline the collection process and reduce wait times for all participants.

Once collected, team members can receive their bibs and shirts directly from their nominated team representative prior to race day.

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## **Merchandise Collection**

Pre-ordered merchandise can be collected with your race pack from the Jezzine Barracks Race Precinct between **10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026.**

A dedicated Merchandise Tent, operated by the Townsville Road Runners, will also be available on race day for merchandise collection and purchases.

\*Please note that race morning can be busy, so participants are encouraged to collect pre-ordered items on Saturday where possible.

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## Once You have your race bib

Your race bib contains the timing chip used to record your result at the start line, finish line and key checkpoints throughout the course.

Please wear your bib on the **front** of your shirt and attach it securely using the safety pins provided. **Do not fold, bend, crumple or damage your bib**, as this may affect the timing chip and result in missed checkpoints or an incomplete result.

Before race day, please check your bib details and complete the **medical information** section on the back.



**No Bib = No race time.**

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## Medical information

If you have a medical condition, allergy, injury, medication requirement or any other health information that may be relevant on race day, it is important that this information is included in your event registration.

If you did not provide these details when registering, or if your circumstances have changed since registering, please contact [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com) as soon as possible so we can update our records.

For your safety, we also strongly encourage you to complete the medical information section on the back of your race bib prior to race day. This information can assist event staff and emergency services should medical assistance be required.

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# - EVENT DAY: RACE INFO -

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## Compulsory Briefing:

**Race Briefings:** A compulsory event-specific safety briefing will be held **15 minutes** before each race start time on event day.

**Questions?** Visit Race HQ on Saturday, 1 August 2026, from 12:00pm–2:00pm to view course maps and speak with the Race Director. Or email; [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com)

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## Course Descriptions:

More Info: <https://www.townsvillerunningfestival.com/course-maps>

### **Townsville Airport Marathon & Marathon Relay**

Runners in this event must complete 3 laps of the City Loop before heading past the 10km turn point (3rd time you arrive at this turn) and heading off on the Pallarenda Loop and back to the finish.

### **Half Marathon**

Runners will begin one lap of the City Loop then continue past Race HQ and head to complete the Pallarenda Loop and return to finish.

### **10km Classic**

Runners will complete a single lap of the City Loop.

### **5km Events**

Runners will exit Jezzine Barracks and head down the Strand to their turn point and return via Cook St to the finish.

### **Hero Run**

Runners will exit Jezzine Barracks and head down the Strand to their turn point at Landsborough St and return via Cook St to the finish.

# - FUEL & HYDRATION ON COURSE -

## Drink stations

Drink stops are located at approximately 2km intervals along the course. Drink stops have marathoner's special drinks, electrolytes and water. Positions are marked on course maps and distances are listed in table below:



### DRINK STATION LOCATIONS

DRINK STATION	LOCATION	MARATHON & RELAY	HALF MARATHON	10KM	JUNIOR 5KM	ADULT 5KM	CORPORATE 5KM	HERO RUN
DS1	Strand – Anzac Memorial Park	2.95 12.85 22.75	2.95	2.95	2.37	2.37	2.37	-
DS2	Strand – Seaview Hotel	5.44 15.34 25.24	5.44	5.44	3.88	3.88	3.88	-
DS3	Strand – Odyssey Café	6.95 16.85 26.75	6.95	6.95	-	-	-	1.34
DS4	Ryan Street	8.22 18.12 28.02 41.74	8.22 20.42	8.22 9.28	-	-	-	-
DS5	Heatleys Parade / Esk Street	29.44 40.32	9.64 19.00	-	-	-	-	-
DS6	Cape Pallarenda Road – Beach Access 9	31.76 38.00	11.96 16.68	-	-	-	-	-
DS7	Cape Pallarenda Road – Seaward Crescent	33.50 36.26	13.70 14.94	-	-	-	-	-

## What's Available at Drink Stations?

- Water
- Hydration FX Electrolyte Drink
- Special Drinks (Select Locations)
- Toilets at Select Locations
- First Aid Support on course

## Special drinks

Your special drinks (for Marathon and Half Marathon only) can be left at registration on **Saturday, 1st August or up until 4.30am Sunday, 2nd August.**

Please place your drinks – marked clearly with your race number and the Drink Stop (DS) number in the boxes provided. Drink Stops (DS1, DS2 etc) are marked on the course maps.

We cannot guarantee return of all bottles/containers used for special drinks. We recommend disposable bottles. Any returned bottles will be in the HQ area in the afternoon and disposed of in the evening.

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## - RACE DAY ESSENTIALS -

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### Parking

Best race day parking options are in North Ward with access via Howitt Street. Marathoners can access early parking in Cook Street prior to **4:15am**. There will be limited parking in Isley Street.

**Course roads will be closed from 4:15am.** Vehicles parked in Cook St and Isley St will not be able to leave the event precinct until closed roads reopen around **12 noon**.

Please do not park across driveways. Allow extra time to travel, park and walk to the event. We suggest you plan to arrive at the event one hour prior to race start to allow plenty of time to find parking, secure bags, warm up and get to the assembly area.

There will be designated pedestrian crossing points in Mitchell and Isley Streets for access into the event precinct.

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### Bag Drop

A Bag Drop area will be located race HQ at Jezzine Barracks.

Please leave sufficient time to drop your bags prior to race start times. Bag tags will be provided in the bag drop area.

**This is facilitated by volunteers.**

**Tip:** Make your bag unique and recognisable, add ribbon or tape to make pick up easier.

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### Amenities

There will be plenty of great food and drink available from the array of vendors around the festival precinct.

Post-race massage will be available in the race precinct.

Portable toilets will be available adjacent to Race HQ and by the race start zone. On course, public toilets are available at the Rock Pool, Strand Park (next to Picnic Bay SLSC), the Waterpark on the Strand, Rowes Bay (opposite Caravan Park), at 3 Mile Creek and in Pallarenda at Freemasons Park.

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# - RUNNING SMART -

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## Event Policies

- No animals are allowed to accompany a competitor on course.
- Personal assistance to any competitor is not allowed except for medical emergencies.
- Personal pacers are not permitted unless also registered to run in the same event as the competitor.
- Runners requiring accommodations such as companion runners must contact the Event Director prior to registration and provide appropriate supporting information.
- The use of bicycles, scooters, roller blades, skates, skate boards or other wheeled vehicles are not permitted in any race.
- Jogging strollers and prams are permitted in the 2.5K Hero Run, 5km & 10km events provided they start at the rear of the field and stay to the left on course to allow other athletes to pass easily.
- Disputes should be directed to Event Administration within 30 minutes of finishing.
- Walkers can enter all races except the Marathon.
- Every effort is placed on delivering this event on the published courses however, race organisers retain the right to alter, or to adjust courses as required to ensure the safety of all participants, event staff, volunteers and spectators.

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## Race Etiquette

Please be mindful of the following points in the interests of safety and a fair go for all competitors:

- The use of iPods and earphones is discouraged: or, if you need music, leave one earpiece out please.
- Race starts are self-seeding so position yourself on the start line relative to your speed, this makes for a safer and more efficient start for everyone. If you are walking in a race, please position yourself at the rear of the field.
- Always run on the left-hand side of the lane in the direction of travel, this allows faster runners room to pass.
- When running with a group try not to form a roadblock across the lane, be mindful of runners coming from behind and allow them room to pass.
- Do not suddenly change direction or stop, especially at the start where crowding is most pronounced and such actions are most dangerous.
- Do not get frustrated with the lack of speed at the start, take it easy and savour the experience.

- Always obey the directions of race officials and emergency services personnel.

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## Special Assistance

Runners/Walkers that require special assistance can participate in this event. This may include the visually impaired runners who require a running guide, intellectually/physically impaired runners that require an on-course support person, etc. If you fall into this type of category, you will need to contact event organisers (info@townsvillerunningfestival.com) prior to registration to ensure your needs are correctly catered for.

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## Self-seeded Start Zones

Race starts are self-seeded to ensure the smoothest and safest egress of runners onto the course. Please be thoughtful when positioning yourself for the start; faster runners towards the front, slower runners behind, and walkers at the rear of the field.

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## Road Safety

Cape Pallarenda Road will have vehicle traffic using one lane. Traffic movements will be managed by Police and Traffic Controllers so for your own safety please obey any directions from Police/Traffic Control and from Course Marshals and remain in the allotted lane for runners.

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## Pacers

Official pacers will be on course to assist you to the time you are chasing. Pacers will be helping you to more popular target times (e.g. 25 min for 5 km; 40 min for 10 km) across distances from 5 km to Marathon. Pacers volunteer to undertake that role and frequently give up their time goals to support others to achieve new heights, consequently we may not be able to fill all the pacer positions we would like to provide. We will do our best to have pacers for:

<b>Marathon</b>	4hr	4hr 15min	4hr 30min	4hr 45min	5hr
<b>Half Marathon</b>	1hr 40min	1hr 50min	2hr	2hr 15min	2hr 30min
<b>10 km</b>	40min	55min	60min	1hr 10min	
<b>5km</b>	20min	25min	30min	35min	

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## Cut-off Times

Cut-off time on the City Loop is 7:45 am. The City Loop encompasses the entire 10 km course, however cut-off times relate to runners along The Strand heading east towards Sir Leslie Thiess Dr, and runners on Sir Leslie Thiess Dr.

Slower runners heading west along the Strand may also be requested to move to footpaths ahead of the reopening of The Strand to traffic. Any runner still in those sections of the City Loop at 7:45 am will be allowed to continue in the race provided they follow the directions of race marshals and move onto the adjacent pedestrian paths along The Strand and Sir Leslie Thiess Dr. Runners may move back onto the closed roads around Jezzine Barracks after exiting the Strand.

Cut-off time on the Pallarenda Loop is 9:50 am. Any runners still on the loop heading out to, or returning from, Pallarenda will be asked to move to the pedestrian footpath at 9:50 am. Those runners will be allowed to continue in the race provided they follow the directions of race marshals and move onto the adjacent pedestrian path all the way to Primrose St on their return journey. They may continue along the side of the road from the intersection of Heatley Pde and Primrose St to the finish in Jezzine Barracks.

Race course closes at 11:45 am.

<b>City Loop</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>	<b>Participants ushered to Footpath.</b>
<b>Pallarenda Loop</b>	<b>9:50 am</b>	<b>Participants ushered to Footpath.</b>
<b>Total Course Close</b>	<b>11:45</b>	<b>Participants ushered to Footpath, no guaranteed finishers time.</b>

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## Race Withdrawal

If you withdraw from an event for any reason, please advise the nearest course marshal or Event Administration at race HQ as soon as possible. If, for some reason you will not be attending please email [hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:hello@townsvillerunningfestival.com) and let us know.

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## - KX PILATES MARATHON RELAY INFORMATION -

### Changeover Zone

All Marathon relay runners must enter the Marathon changeover zone regardless of whether you are handing over the team timing chip or not. The changeover zones are where the Marathon relay times/legs will be recorded. If you do not pass through the

official changeover zone your times, and confirmation of completion of all legs, will not be recorded and may lead to a Did Not Finish result.

### **The runner doing leg 1 (~7.6 km)**

Will commence from the Marathon start line alongside all other marathon runners and will follow the 10 km course description (city loop) out along the Strand to the turn around point near the Casino then back around to Cook St and into the Marathon Relay changeover zone (7.6 km) which is located on the left just before the intersection with Hayes St. Timing chips may only be handed to the next runner in the designated changeover zone.

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### **The runner doing leg 2 (~9.9 km)**

Will take the team timing chip from the previous runner then exit the changeover zone and continue along Cook St to the 10 km turn around in Primrose St, then follow the 10 km course back through the start line. Do not turn right towards the finish line after passing through the start line/arch but continue straight ahead to the Strand, then the Casino turn around point and back around to Cook St and into the marked Marathon changeover zone to hand the team timing chip to the next runner.

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### **The runner doing leg 3 (~ 9.9 km)**

Follows exactly the same course as the runner doing leg 2.

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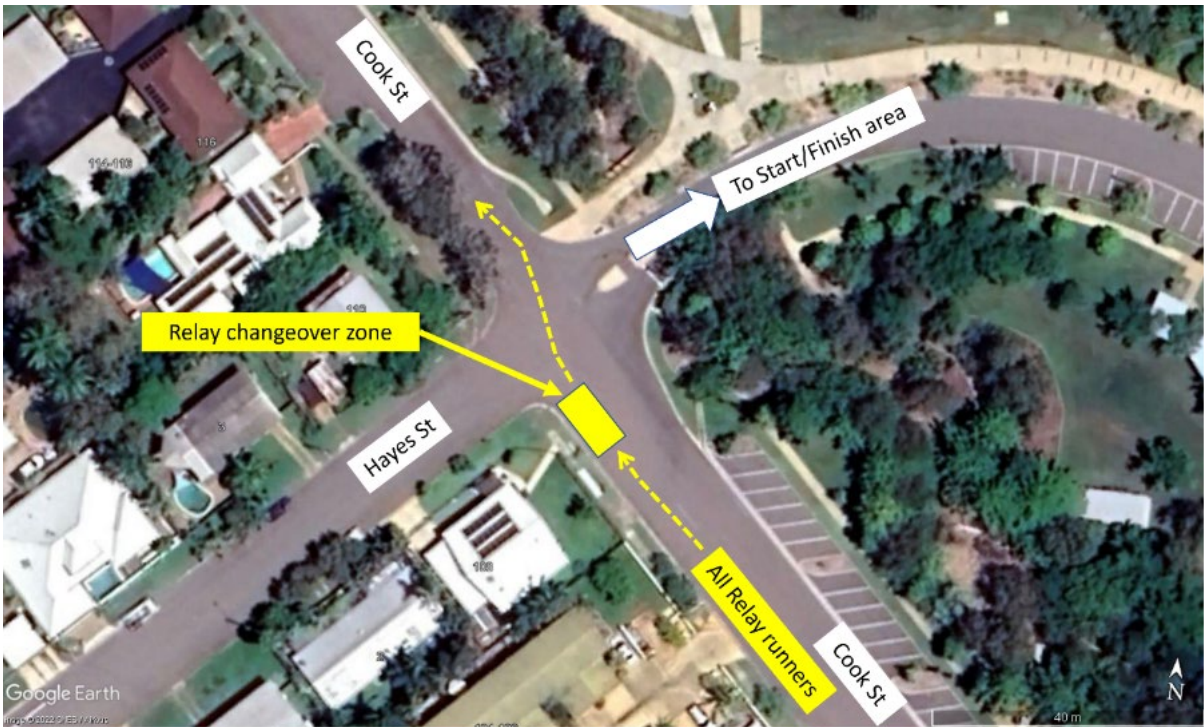
### **The runner doing leg 4 (~14.8 km)**

Will exit the changeover zone and continue along Cook St to the 10 km turn around in Primrose St. From the 10 km turn this runner will continue onto Heatleys Pde and out to the Marathon turn around point at Pallarenda then return to the 10 km course in Primrose St and follow that course to the finish line. The runner for this final leg is the only one to make the right hand turn to the finish line after passing the start line in the event HQ.

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### **Teams with two (2) members**

Follow the same procedure whereby each runner must pass through the Marathon changeover zone on Cook St before continuing along the course. For example, if a runner is going to run two consecutive legs, that runner must pass through the change over zone on the first lap before continuing to the 10k turn around to have a time recorded for both the first and subsequent legs to ensure every leg is recorded and timed.



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# - AFTER YOUR RACE -

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## Finisher Pix

This year we welcome back FinisherPix to capture the amazing achievements of the competitors.

You can pre order your photos via this link: <https://www.finisherpix.com/en/event/10688/>



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## Results

Live results will be available throughout the day online and displayed in the Event Village. Scan one of the QR codes located around the village to access the latest results.

If you believe there is an error with your result, please visit the Customer Service Team as soon as possible. All results remain preliminary until presentations have been completed and any timing queries have been resolved.

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## Finisher medallions

Every finisher will receive a finishers medallion for their event when they cross the finish line.

Individual Marathon Finishers medals are 80mm wide and all others are 60mm wide.

\*Participants who ordered personalised iTABS will receive them in the mail in the weeks after the event.

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## Recovery Tent

After crossing the finish line, you'll receive your finisher medal before being directed into the **TPM Recovery Zone**.

Inside the recovery area, participants can enjoy complimentary drinks, fresh fruit supplied by **Coles**, seating, cooling fans, ice baths and other recovery services to help you recharge after your event.

To ensure all finishers have enough space to recover comfortably, the TPM Recovery Zone is reserved for **participants only**. Family and friends are welcome to meet you just outside the recovery area once you've finished your post-race recovery.

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# First Aid

Mr Paramedic and Queensland Ambulance Service will provide medical services. The major medical facility is located near the finish line. Mr Paramedic has mobile services around the course. If you have a medical problem on course, advise a course marshal (located on each intersection or turn point) or a water stop attendant.

## - PRESENTATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT -

### Master of Ceremonies - Jason "Wolfie" Wolfgram

North Queensland media personality Jason 'Wolfie' Wolfgram brings more than three decades of experience across radio, television, digital media and communications. A well-known and trusted voice throughout regional Queensland, Wolfie has built a strong reputation for engaging audiences both on-air and on-stage. He is also a highly regarded Master of Ceremonies (MC), recognised for his professionalism, quick wit and natural ability to connect with crowds at community events, corporate functions, festivals and major public events across North Queensland.



### Presentations & Age Categories

#### TSV Airport Marathon, QCHF Half Marathon, 7News 10km Classic & Kennards Hire 5km

- Top 3 Male & Female Overall
- 1st Place in each Age Category
- 1st Male & Female Wheelchair Athlete

#### KX Marathon Relay

- Top 3 Overall Teams
- 1st Female, Male & Mixed 2-Person Team
- 1st Female, Male & Mixed 4-Person Team

#### POA 5km Corporate Challenge

- 1st Male Team
- 1st Female Team
- 1st Mixed Team
- Largest Team

#### Traffic QLD 2.5km Hero Run

- Top 3 Male & Female Overall
- 1st Male & Female Wheelchair Athlete

#### Townsville Bulletin Junior 5km

- Top 3 Male & Female Overall
- Top 3 in each Age Category
- 1st Male & Female Wheelchair Athlete

# Age Categories

## Townsville Airport Marathon, QCHF Half Marathon & 7 News 10km Classic

Under 18  
18–29  
30–39  
40–49  
50–59  
60–69  
70+

## Kennards Hire 5km Fun Run & Walk

18–29  
30–39  
40–49  
50–59  
60–69  
70+

## Townsville Bulletin 5km Junior Fun Run

Under 13  
13–15  
16–17

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## Minimum Age Requirements

- Townsville Airport Marathon: 18 years
- Queensland Country Health Fund Half Marathon: 15 years\*
- 7News 10km Classic: 15 years
- Kennards Hire 5km Fun Run & Walk: 18 years\*

\*Participants under 18 years of age are not permitted in the Kennards Hire 5km event and will be automatically entered into the Townsville Bulletin 5km Junior Fun Run & Walk.

\*Conditions apply for Half Marathon entrants under 18 years. Please contact [info@townsvillerunningfestival.com](mailto:info@townsvillerunningfestival.com) for further information.

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## Prizes and Prize Money

Prize money will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd male and female in the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K Classic and the 5K Junior Fun Run/ Walk; as well as for course records in all races. All prize money winners will be asked to provide bank details at the conclusion of presentations.

Please make this process easy for us by seeing our customer service rep in the Race HQ tent before leaving presentation.

## - SUPPORTING RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: MAJOR BENEFICIARY -

The McDonald's Townsville Running Festival is a very proud supporter of Ronald McDonald House Charities, North Queensland. A portion of all entry fees are donated to Ronald McDonald House.

In addition to supporting such a fantastic charity through entry fees you can assist your friends that are runners/walkers towards even greater feats and possibly some prizes by contributing to their fundraising efforts. Just visit the fundraising page to boost their contributions, start fundraising yourself or simply to help Ronald McDonald House Charities North Australia, support seriously ill children and their families. Alternatively, you can donate directly through RMHC event portal below.

<https://nafundraising.rmhc.org.au/event/2026-mcdonalds-townsville-running-festival/home>



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Here when you need us.



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