

2025

Ride the first day with you head.... BE SMART
Ride the second day with grit... BE STRONG
Ride the third day with your heart... BE INSPIRED

Welcome to the Mil Lel Marathon

South Australian Endurance Rider's Association and the Heinrich/ Bright Family from Meldana Arabians, proudly welcome you to the Mil lel Marathon.

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that we ride and camp on. The Bungandidj people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

Running since 2011, we look forward to sharing our thirteenth Mil Lel event with you. This is a special place for our family and we enjoy returning to our old stomping ground to bring you this event.

At Mil Lel we pride ourselves on creating a family event. We endeavour to run a ride that is inclusive of all ages and abilities. We hope that your participation can foster that ethos too.

So good luck, happy riding and we wish you every success for the 2025 Mil Lel Marathon!

Kind Regards

Team Meldana



Volunteers and Ride Officials

Ride Contacts: Melissa Bright 0434 606 727

Chief Stewards: Digger Lehane 0427 073 607

Ride Secretary: Damien Little

Course: Adrian Bright 0409 280 838

Kieran Bright 0436 485 757

Vet Team: Rory Spiers (Treatment Vet)

Helen Spencer (Head Vet)

2024 Event Information

Where: 62 Sherwin Rd, Mil Lel, SA

Events on Offer:

240km Marathon - \$320

120km Mini Marathon - \$190

60km Micro Marathon - \$120

80km Endurance ride on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - \$115

40km Training Ride on Friday, Saturday or Sunday - \$65

20km Introductory Ride on Friday, Saturday or Sunday - \$45

Additional Costs:

Forestry SA Entry - \$7 per riding day (please obtain pass before entering event) ForestrySA Reservations (rezdy.com)

Camp Fee - \$5 per horse per night

Day Membership – Adult \$40 per day and Junior \$30 per day

Late fee - \$30 if entering after 10pm Monday 14th April

Also on Offer:

A catered 3 course dinner on Sunday 20th April at 6pm- \$25 per person. Please book your tickets when entering.

Facilities:

Toilets and Showers Available.

Mount Gambier is 12km away and includes all services

2025 Event Program

Thursday 17 th April	
Entries Open	2pm
Pre - Ride Vetting	3 – 5pm
Ride Talk	6pm
Day 1: Friday 18 th April	
Marathon Ride Start	5am
80km Ride Start Time	6am
Mini Marathon Ride Start	7am
40km Ride Start	8am
Entries Open	9am
Micro Marathon and 20km Ride Start Time	10am
Vet Ring Open	7am – 4pm
Course Closed	4pm
Presentations and Ride Talk	6pm
Day 2: Saturday 19 th April	
Marathon Ride Course Open Time	5am
80km Ride Start Time	6am
Mini Marathon Course Open Time	7am
40km Ride Start	8am
Entries Open	9am
Micro Marathon and 20km Ride Start Time	10am
Vet Ring Open	7am – 4pm
Marathon Course Closed	4pm
Presentations and Ride Talk	6pm
Day 3: Sunday 20 th April	
Marathon Ride Course Open Time	5am
80km Ride Start Time	6am
Mini Marathon Course Open Time	7am
40km Ride Start Time	8am
Micro Marathon and 20km Ride Start Time	10am
Vet Ring Open	7am – 4pm
Course Closed	4pm
Presentations and Catered Dinner	6pm

The Course

Consists of easy-going scrub and forest tracks with some road verge and sand.







2025 Marathon Details

Marathon

Vetting Type: VGIH

Day 1/Leg 1: 40km – Red 1 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 60mins

Day 1/Leg 2: 40km – Black 2 Arrows, HR 60

Day 2/Leg 3: 40km - Black 2 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 60mins

Day 2/Leg 4: 40km – Blue 3 Arrows, HR 60

Day 3/Leg 5: 40km - Red 1 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 60mins

Day 3/Leg 6: 40km – Blue 3 Arrows, HR 60

Mini Marathon

Vetting Type: Standard

Day 1/Leg 1: 40km – Red 1 Arrows, HR 55

Day 2/Leg 2: 40km - Black 2 Arrows, HR 55

Day 3/Leg 3: 40km – Blue 3 Arrows, HR 55

Micro Marathon

Vetting Type: Standard

Day 1/Leg 1: Green 4 Arrows, HR 55

Day 2/Leg 2: Green 4 Arrows, HR 55

Day 3/Leg 3: Green 4 Arrows, HR 55

2024 One Day Event Ride Details

80km Endurance Ride

Vetting Type: VGIH

FRIDAY:

Leg 1: 40km – Red 1 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 40mins

Leg 2: 40km – Black 2 Arrows, HR 60

SATURDAY:

Leg 1: 40km – Black 2 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 40mins

Leg 2: 40km - Blue 3 Arrows, HR 60

SUNDAY:

Leg 1: 40km - Red 1 Arrows, HR 60

Hold time 40mins

Leg 2: 40km - Blue 3 Arrows, HR 60

40km Training Ride

Vetting Type: Standard

FRIDAY: 40km – Red 1 Arrows, HR: 55

SATURDAY: 40km – Black 2 Arrows, HR: 55

SUNDAY: 40km - Blue 3 Arrows, HR: 55

20km Introductory Ride

Vetting Type: Standard

FRIDAY: 20km – Green 4 Arrows, HR: 55

SATURDAY: 20km – Green 4 Arrows, HR: 55

SUNDAY: 20km – Green 4 Arrows, HR: 55

Ousley Best Managed Perpetual Award

Consistent with Rule 20.18, it is Mandatory that a Best Managed award be judged by the Head Veterinarian for a marathon ride. As such the Ousley trophy was created in the name of Harry and Michelle Ousley. Vet Harry and his wife Michelle have been long-time supporters of the annual Mil Lel ride.

The trophy is in the form of beautiful, locally crafted, redgum apple and is awarded to the horse and rider combination of the vet's choice. The Apple is representative of the Apple trees that line the road around the Mil Lel grounds. The fruit ripens around Easter time each year, fuelling both the horses and riders.

In the selection of the BM award the following should be considered.

- a) the condition of the horse at the final veterinary inspection, and
- b) the time taken to complete the course, and
- c) the horse's heart-rate recoveries during the ride, and
- d) the weight carried by the horse, and
- e) the relative or total absence of problems encountered during the ride, and
- f) the success with which the rider overcame any problems during the ride, and
- g) the skills displayed during the ride that made the ride the least strain on the horse and/or most promoted the horse's welfare to endure the ride.

Past Mil Lel Marathon Completions

2019

Lainie Ray (Ousley Trophy) Diamond R Turbo

Melanie Scott Eminem Missella

Emma Kirby Springfield Park Stellah

Allix Jones Firenze VES

Trish Smith Veloce Finale

Alison Noble Mizzie Couger

2021

Kasey Thomas (Ousley Trophy) Rocky Point Sands of Sinhalite

Melanie Scott Eminem Missella

Shannon Decker Cooroora Bold Dancer

Amanda Smith Nicari Shareefa

Nicole Porter Mydadjumpeddefence

Heather Stuchbree Sangah Sahreen

2022

Melanie Scott (Ousley Trophy) Eminem Missella

Simon Thomas Rocky Point Sands of Cymophane

Ashleigh Van Leeuwen Kaisa SE

Shea Reynolds Karraway's Gazelle

Jodie Luck Almazaan Elementary

Jil Bourton Veloce Finale

Shannon Decker Cooroora Bold Dancer

Kasey Thomas Rocky Point Sands of Sinhalite

Cheryl Bullock Steel Poppy Midnight Rum

Kelsey Bright Meldana Kesi

2023

Kimberly Measham (Ousley Trophy)

Antola Exstream

Jodie Luck West Coast Asher

Simon Thomas Rocky Point Sands of Sinhalite

Jessica Williams Sahara Park Miss Rubicon

Stuart Lymbery Garonne Park Elmo

Noni Seagrim Honey Bee

Nicole Porter Avondale Silverton

Cheryl Bullock Steel Poppy Midnight Run

Heather Stuchbree Veloce Encore

Kieran Bright Meldana Aeron

2024

Kimberly Measham (Ousley Trophy)

Antola Exstream

Simon Thomas Rocky Point Sands of Sinhalite

Mark Carson Mr Brown

Nicole Porter Avondale Silverton

Melanie Scott Eminem Missella

Jane McLaughlin Tonki Dee Boo Harley

Tanya Meares Abrielle Spa

Kerryn Agnew Performance Park La Diva

Erin Short TMB ES Silver Supernova

Kasey Thomas Optimus MI

Rebecca Williamson Pyrenees Stardom

Heather Stuchbree Veloce Encore

