

Rider and Support Crew Information

The Tooraweenah Endurance and Canobolas Endurance Clubs would like to welcome all riders and their support crews to the 49th annual Tooraweenah Ride, to be held at the foot of the majestic Warrumbungle Mountains on the 11-13th April 2026.

RIDE BASE:

Tooraweenah Showgrounds, Yootha Rd Tooraweenah. (First, turn to right when coming into the township from the Newell highway).

EVENT secretary: Sonia Bonham: 0428550909

CHIEF STEWARD: Robyn Parnell, Tom McCormack and Peter Bonham:

GROUNDS PERSONEL:

Anthony Blessing 0417371177

Ben Gale 0409959144

Peter Bonham 0428 254330

ALL MANURE and HAY MUST BE PLACED IN THE DESIGNATED MANURE DISPOSAL SHUTTLES OR DUMPS, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE GROUNDS. Yards must be cleaned prior to departure as the grounds are to be left as we found them. Thanks heaps.

Camping:

Is in the paddock to the right hand side, opposite the show ground. We have limited space in the show ground / golf course and this is reserved for volunteers, sponsors and officials.

FIRES:

Fires are allowed dependent on weather conditions and fire risk rating. Please use a fire bucket, , to keep fires contained. Bring own fire wood.

DOGS:

Dogs must be on a lead at all times and must have their droppings disposed of correctly. They are not allowed in the food areas or pavilion.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

Jo Arblaster will be on course providing all riders with amazing photos to have forever. Drones may also be in attendance to help promote our sport and take footage of this event.

PRIVATE PROPERTY:

All tracks are on private property so please do not leave any rubbish, and thank any locals you may see out on track as it is most likely their place you are riding on.

NO horses, walkers or vehicles are permitted on any of the track which is on private property prior to the event. We are very fortunate to have amazing landowners and do not want to damage the relationship the club has with them. At no time except riders competing in the event is anyone allowed on private property. Emergency access needs to be agreed with the chief steward.

THE OFFICE:

The office will open on Saturday at 9 am - please bring your logbook, number and lanyards if you have them.

Your ride base temperature log and any Forms 6 or 7 are to be presented to the office when finalising nominations.

THE VETTING TEAM:

Matthew Walker heads the vetting team with a great group of vets under his leadership over the ride weekend. There will be no acceptance of abusive behaviour to the Vet team, if you have a concern or complaint please see one of the Chief Stewards.

PRE RIDE EXAMINATION:

Vetting will start at different times depending on ride length, Listen for announcements on the day.

The ride is being conducted under VGIH rules and as such your riding time for each leg does not finish until you scan at the Vet Gate. All riders must be present at the pre ride talks to hear parameters and hold times decided.

PRE RIDE BRIEFING: Will take place 1 hour prior to departing for 7, 20, and 50 km rides on Saturday. Sunday rides will have pre ride briefing at 6 pm in the pavilion.. This is mandatory for all riders and support crew.

THE COURSE:

120km elevator and FEI legs are 40km, 40km , 20km 20km.

START TIME:

Saturday:

40km 12 midday

20km 1pm

7km 2pm

Sunday

120km elevator- 5am

40km- 6am

20km- 9am

HOLD TIMES:

TBC

ASSISTANCE ON COURSE AND MOBILE PHONES:

Riders are permitted to carry and use mobile phones. However, please be aware that coverage on course can be poor and patchy in places. If you require assistance and you have coverage, phone the designated number **0428 550 909**, which will be advised at the Pre-ride briefing. If you do not have coverage pass your message to the next rider and ask them to tell the next checkpoint. In the case of broken tack or similar problems, support crew are not permitted on course without the express permission of the Chief Steward. If you have a problem, have your support crew locate the Chief Steward in the vet ring who will arrange to have them escorted on course. Riders will be eliminated if their support crew or associates are reported on course without the Chief Stewards permission.

DRUG TESTING:

Riders and Trainers are reminded that it is your responsibility to present your horse to the event drug free. Your horse may be selected for drug testing once the horse has undertaken it's pre-ride vetting all the way through until you receive your logbook back at the presentation ceremony. If your horse is selected for swabbing, then the rider and/or the "responsible person" must be present throughout the entire swabbing process. Failure to co-operate fully with the Swabbing Steward at all times will result in disciplinary action from the AERA and NSWERA.

HORSES LEAVING RIDE BASE:

A horse, which has undertaken pre-ride vetting cannot leave the ride base until the rider is in possession of the horses' logbook duly signed by the head veterinarian and the ride secretary. Riders seeking early release of logbooks in order to journey home must appreciate that the Secretary's office will be extremely busy and your patience will be required.

TRAINING TRACK: The Yootha road until the 4 ramp is available for training, it is out and back only. Please do not follow any arrows into private property. Shut all gates and watch for ramps.

PRESENTATION: The 120km elevator presentation will be Monday morning. Fittest horse will be under saddle at 8am followed by presentation.

Saturday rides will be presented at 6pm in pavilion

Sunday rides will be presented at 2 pm

120 elevator – Monday morning. If wish to not elevate and leave ride base Sunday please see office for log book etc.

CATERING:

The local CWA will be available for all types of meals from Saturday midday to Sunday 4pm. With breakfasts, lunches and dinners to help beat the hunger, in addition, the local Coffee Float will be providing amazing coffee and beverages all weekend. The Mountain View hotel will be available for meals aswell. Please bring own food for any other additional days you are staying.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A checkpoint board will be present in the Pavillion to help you keep an eye on your riders throughout the ride.

HORSE FEED:

Some basic feeds are available for the event, please phone Lester at Tooraweenah trading on 02 68 481011. Hay, chaff and small selection of horse feeds available. You will need to ring and order /confirm feeds.

THE PUB:

The Mountain View Hotel have great beer and meals available all week and over the weekend, drop down to see Ash, and the staff for an enjoyable break.

FIRST AID:

Please see the CS if in need of any first aid. First Aid over the weekend will be provided by the the committee in the office/ first aide room. If needed the Police and Ambulance are 000. The Gilgandra hospital 68805900 and the Coonabarabran hospital 68491600.

The Gilgandra Pharmacy: 68472108.

The Coonabarabran Pharmacy: 68421815.

OTHER NUMBERS:

In Gilgandra:

Doctor: 68471202

Dentist: 68471939

Rural Store: 68472411

Gilgandra Vets: 68471129

Tyre Repair: 68472966

Auto Electrical: 68471777

Mechanic: Myers Motor Clinic: 68472425

Gilgandra Motors: 68472703, 68471319

Gilgandra Toyota: 68472106

Heavy Vehicle Repair: 0428470742

In Coonabarabran:

Doctor: 68423366

Dentist: 68423442

Rural Store: 68421648

Coonabarabran Vet: 68421251

Tyre Repair: 68421707

Auto Electrical: 68422550

Mechanic: 68421167

Mechanic: 68421707

Heavy Vehicle Repairs: 0428617273

There is NO FUEL and limited ICE in Tooraweenah. Please fuel up in Coonabarabran or Gilgandra prior to arrival and get some ICE on the way.

We hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the rural hospitality of a small town and community, so please be mindful that we are all volunteers doing our best to give you a most memorable event. Good luck and stay safe.

