



BQ's Weekend at The Downs in partnership with the Rotary Club of Toowoomba – Event Guide

When: 23–25 October 2026

Where: Brymaroo Rodeo and Campdraft

Welcome to BQ's and Rotary Club of Toowoomba's Weekend at The Downs – a 2.5-day riding weekend based at Brymaroo Rodeo and Campdraft. Across Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday there are ride options to suit families, less experienced riders and riders looking for a longer challenge. This guide covers what to bring, event timings, ride safety and important information for the weekend.

This event is proudly supported by the Queensland Government, plus support from Toowoomba Regional Council.

Before you leave home

Please check over your bike before travelling and make sure it is in good working order. It is best to be as self-sufficient as possible for minor mechanical issues during the weekend. We recommend getting your bike serviced before the event. Nick from NRG Cycles will be at the event with limited spares, to take care of running repairs.

What to bring

- Ride ticket or booking confirmation – print it or have a screenshot available on your phone
- Tent, sleeping bag, mat and pillow (if not staying offsite or your own caravan/campervan)
- Plate, bowl, cutlery, mug and cup – we are operating a sustainable event, so please bring your own utensils (washing up areas are provided) - and a tea towel!
- Bicycle and helmet
- Pump, at least two spare tubes or suitable tubeless repair kit, and basic bike tools/multi-tool
- Bike lock
- Bike GPS or smart phone with the event routes loaded, plus chargers
- Front and rear lights
- Two water bottles or hydration backpack, plus larger water bottles or extra water for the campsite - prefill at home if possible.
- Riding snacks
- Riding clothing suitable for warm, cool and changeable conditions
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat – a long-sleeve shirt is also a good idea for sun protection
- Wind shell or rain jacket
- Wallet and small change, particularly \$5 notes and gold coins for donations to the two P&Cs that the rides stop at. You can use pay wave or cash at the event bar
- Camp chair
- Power board with your name on it, particularly if you need to charge an e-bike or other devices.
- Torch or headtorch
- Umbrella or other portable shade if desired
- Towel, toiletries and suitable footwear for the showers if camping

Navigation and phone reception

Route maps and GPX files are listed in the Ride with GPS event link. Different routes will use colour-coded navigation instructions during the event.

Phone reception in the area can be limited, so we **highly recommend** downloading the routes to your bike GPS or smart phone before the event for easy reference. The routes are all within the Ride with GPS app, and the event link below has them listed.

You **do not** need a paid account with Ride with GPS to access the routes.

[BQ's Weekend at The Downs – Ride with GPS event link](#)

[Friday Evening Cruise – 34km out and back](#) (turn around anytime)

[Saturday Long Challenge 77km](#)

[Saturday Medium Explorer 50km](#)

[Saturday Short Family Ride 32km](#)

[Sunday Medium Adventure 55km](#)

[Sunday Short Family Ride 36km](#)

We also **strongly recommend** downloading the local area for offline use in Google Maps before you leave home. Do not rely on having mobile reception while you are out riding.

	Total kms	Word and Colour Code	"Name"	%gravel/ %paved	elevation	Rest stop	distance to rest stop	Food	facilities	Comment
Friday	34km		Evening Cruise	48/52	235m	na				All riders on same route; multiple turn around points
Saturday	32km	S	Family Ride	39/61	195m	Quinalow	16km	P&C	toilets	shorter route to Quinalow
	50km	M	Explorer	57/43	432m	Quinalow	24km	P&C	toilets	longer route to Quinalow
	77km	L	Challenge	60/40	772m	Quinalow	24km	P&C	toilets	same route to Quinalow as 50km
			Challenge			Muntapa	41km	RtD	toilets	U-turn at Muntapa tunnel
Sunday	36km	S	Family Ride	50/50	249m	Kulpi	20km	P&C	toilets	
	55km	M	Adventure	47/53	484m	Kulpi	20km	P&C	toilets	same route to Kulpi as 35km

Be aware that routes may have last minute changes if conditions require it. This will be communicated at the rider briefings before each ride.

Friday 23 October

Friday is arrival day, with registration from late morning before an optional afternoon ride, dinner and the first evening of entertainment. There are limited powered sites, so please be aware that they will be allocated based on when riders arrive. There are charging stations at the BQ Hub for e-bikes, phones, devices etc.

From 11.00am – Registration opens at Brymaroo Rodeo and Campdraft

3.50pm – Riders taking part in the Evening Cruise gather at the entrance and sign on at the sign on board

4.00pm – Safety briefing

4.10pm – 34km Evening Cruise departs – as an out and back you can turn whenever suits

5.45pm–7.00pm – Dinner

7.00pm – Entertainment – South St

Saturday 24 October

6.00am – Breakfast and coffee van

From 6.45am – Registration for day riders – sign on for riders for each ride

32km “S” – “Family Ride” - suitable for families and inexperienced riders

50km “M” – “Explorer” - suitable for moderate to experienced riders

77km “L” – “Challenge” – for the fitter, stronger riders

7.05am – Safety briefing for 77km Challenge riders.

7.10am – 77km Challenge riders depart.
7.20am – 50km Explorer riders assemble for their safety briefing.
7.25am – 50km Explorer riders depart.
7.35am – 32km Family Ride riders assemble at the departure gate for their safety briefing.
7.40am – 32km Family Ride riders depart.
12 noon–1.30pm – Lunch
2.00pm–4.00pm – Afternoon entertainment and family-friendly activities
5.15pm–6.30pm – Dinner
7.00pm – Entertainment – bush dance with BandOCoots

Sunday 25 October

6.00am – Breakfast and coffee cart
7.00am – Registration opens for day riders – sign on via the board
36km “S” – “Family Ride” - suitable for families and inexperienced riders
55km “M” – “adventure” - suitable for moderate to experienced riders
7.30am – Safety briefing for 55km Adventure riders
7.35am – 55km Adventure riders depart
7.40am – Safety briefing for 36km Family Ride riders
7.45am – 36km Family Ride riders depart
12 noon–1.00pm – Lunch
2:00pm – event site closes

Ride safety

All rides use open roads. Riders must follow the road rules and ride to the conditions at all times.

- Obey all Queensland road rules and follow directions from ride leaders and event officials
- Riders may ride two abreast where permitted, but should move to single file when conditions require
- Many sealed roads in the area are narrow or single lane. Be prepared to move safely off the road and stop for heavy vehicles where necessary
- Carry essential spares, and BQ recommends a small front and rear light for visibility
- Be alert for approaching and oncoming vehicles, particularly on narrow roads
- Be aware of native animals, including kangaroos and echidnas
- Carry enough water for your ride and refill whenever the opportunity is available
- Make sure your route is downloaded before departure and attend the safety briefing for your chosen ride
- In an emergency requiring immediate assistance, call 000. Where mobile coverage is poor, 112 may also be used from a mobile phone

Bike Mechanic

Nick from NRG Cycles will be at the event to look after any mechanical issues. While Nick will have limited spares on hand, if you have any bike specific spares for your unique bike – bring them along!

Gears tune up - \$50
Tyre/tube change - \$25
Brake adjustments - \$30 per end
Safety check including gear adjustments - \$80

Ride Reception

Ride Reception is the Bicycle Queensland event hub at Brymaroo – you'll see us under the big, green BQ tent. This is your first port of call for registration, ride information, event timings, lost property and general questions during the weekend.

We will have a sign on board for each ride, put your number down and then check in after each ride and take your number off the sign on board, so the event team knows you have returned safely.

First aid and emergency contacts

First aid and event contact details will be confirmed in the final rider guide. Save the relevant event numbers to your phone before riding. If an incident requires immediate emergency assistance, call 000 first and then contact the event team once emergency services have been notified.

[Download the Emergency Plus app before the event.](#)

Key contacts

Role	Name	Phone Number	Location
Event Director	Andrew Demack	0411 688 460	Brymaroo
Co-event Director	Matt Burke	0402 346 464	Brymaroo
First Aid (riding)	Peter Fiechtner	0431 831 400	On the rides
First Aid (onsite)	Dr Megan Poppi	0408 982 300	Brymaroo
Route Director	Steve Wilson	0428 351 196	Brymaroo/routes
Co-route Director	Jon Giles	0422 289 374	Brymaroo/routes
BQ Ride Reception	BQ staff	0459 701 318	Brymaroo

At Brymaroo



		Shower	Toilet
Block 1	male	2	2
	female	4	4
	disable	1	1
Block 2	male		2
	female		2
Block 3	unisex	4	4
	total	11	15

The site plan above is based on keeping clear access to all areas required for the event, including catering areas, powered sites and amenities.

Please be considerate of other riders and keep showers to around three minutes, particularly during busy periods.

- Generators are permitted but must be turned off by 8.00pm
- No personal campfires **at any time**
- No pets permitted at the event
- Keep the campsite tidy and follow directions from Brymaroo and Bicycle Queensland staff. Consider bringing your own rubbish bag and taking it home
- Please be considerate of other campers, particularly early in the morning and after the evening entertainment

[Event terms and conditions are online](#)

Event sponsors

Alongside the Queensland Government and Toowoomba Regional Council, BQ and Rotary have received support from Ground Effect Cycle Clothing, Winners Nutrition and PieProof Helmets for this event.