

SHUNTERS & GRUNTERS RELAY

6 SEPTEMBER 2025

OTAGO CENTRAL
RAIL TRAIL



Start:
11:15am
Old Hyde
Railway
Station



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

4 PERSON RELAY RACE

Lap 1 Hyde- Tiroiti 8km

Lap 2 Tiroiti- Daisybank 5km

Lap 3 Daisybank- Kokonga 4.2km

Lap 4 Kokonga- Waipiata 9.3km

Teams are allocated with the goal of everyone finishing at the same time.

If you wish to enter a team that is not allocated, then you will not be eligible for the title.

Participants can Run or Walk any number of legs they want.

Cycling is welcome.

To enter (for free), complete the form on the event webpage.





2025 Shunters and Grunters Relay Teams

Team Bib #	Lap 1 (8km)	Lap 2 (5km)	Lap 3 (4.8km)	Lap 4 (9.2km)
1 Barker	Evelyn Armstrong	Glenda Norris	Sandra Winton (W)	Vincent Walters
2 Mayhem	Anita Dunbier	Janice Hughes (W)	Heather Nelson (W)	Georgy Pakeho
3 Radich	Joanna Hare	Phil Bray (W)	Eileen Bray (W)	Richard Murphy
4 Vandervis	Ian McDonald	Jocelyn Springthorpe	Annmarie McMullen (W)	Armin Burgmeier
5 Hougahan	Amy McMullen	Barbara Anderson (W)	Rachel K McConnell (W)	Mark Geddes
6 Ong	Paul Anderson	Cathy Weatherston	Jane Townsend (W)	Leon Miyahara
7 Laufiso	Nick Heng	Katherine van der Viet (W)	Shona McDonald (W)	Ollie O'Sullivan
8 Simms	Phil Morris	Lara Findlater (W)	Keiran Columb (W)	Lewis Anglemeyer



Timetable, key details, and Records

Timetable:

11:00 am- Race Debrief and Team Introduction,
11:15 am- Race Start time,
2:00 pm- Approx Race End Time/ Prizegiving,
2:15 pm- Waipiata Country Hotel/ Tavern- drinks/ eat,
Return to Dunedin (Carpool)

Key Details:

We encourage carpooling to the [Hyde Railway Station](#); please bring your car, if you have one, and be willing to give a ride to others.

We have allocated teams, so all teams should finish as close to each other as possible. Allocated teams are mixed between clubs and unregistered athletes.

The lap 4 participant in each team is the 'team captain', they shall be responsible for ensuring numbers are collected/ returned after the race and ensuring their team has transport between laps.

Records:

Leg 1 (Male)– 8km, Luke Geddes (30:58) (2023),
Leg 1 (Female)– 8km, Meg Barnes (McKay) (32:39) (2022),
Leg 2 (Male)– 5km, Kevin Murphy (20:10),
Leg 2 (Female)– 5km, Anna Frost (20:43),
Leg 3 (Male)– 4.2km, Flynn Morris Clarke (15:27),
Leg 3 (Female)– 4.2km, Jo Murdoch (18:50),
Leg 4 (Male)– 9.2km, Nathan Shanks (31:22) (2022),
Leg 4 (Female)– 9.2km, Margie Campbell (36:26) (2023)

Overall course record: Caden Shields, Kevin Murphy, Teri Moore, Jeff Spillane (1:42:54).



Health and Safety, Toilets, and Post-Race

Health and Safety:

Read and follow the key notes section for your lap on the following pages.
We will have two first aid packs en route- one travelling with the timers at each changeover and another with the tail-end Charlie biker.

We encourage you to bring your own drink bottles.

Main road crossings will be marshalled, but apply caution and look before crossing.

There must be no more than 5 people at any time on the bridges.

Bridges can be slippery- apply caution.

Keep left and give way to bikes/ vehicles.

Key Contacts:

Mark Geddes- 0220331890,

Timothy Dawbin- 0273159642,

hcyharriers@gmail.com

Toilets:

Near start, 50m into lap 1 on left,

1.7km into lap 1 on the left,

5.4km into lap 1 on the left,

1.7km into lap 2 on the right,

7.5km into lap 4 on the left,

Near finish at the Waipiata Country Hotel/ Tavern

Post-Race:

Once all teams have finished and results have been sorted, we will host a quick prizegiving.

Afterwards, we will head to the famous Waipiata Country Hotel/ Tavern for a bite to eat and drinks. They are particularly renowned for their pies; you can see the [range here](#).

**Thank you all for supporting this race and to our volunteers
and officials without whom we could not host this event!**



Lap 1 (8km)

Strava link

Course:

Hyde Railway Station to Tiroiti, 8km, Flat with a gentle rise to the finish.

Run 1.6km to Hyde township. Care must be taken crossing the road at 1.5km. Continue over the small rail-bridge.

After covering 5.3km negotiate through a 151-metre-long slightly curved rail tunnel (lights are encouraged).

At 6km, cross a 91-meter-long viaduct/ bridge (32 meters above the Taieri River). Carry on until the Capburn Railway/ Tiroiti Bridge (at 7.8km); it is 40 metres in length and 7 metres in height.

The first change is reached shortly after running over the Capburn Railway/ Tiroiti bridge and arriving at the shed positioned just after the intersection of the main road with Horseburn Road.

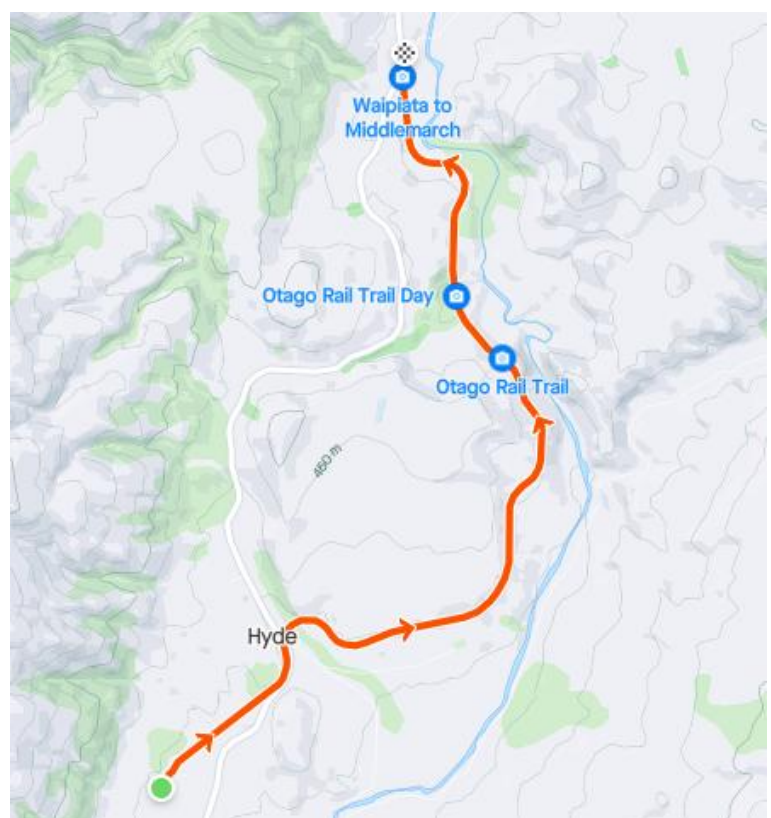
Key Notes:


Care must be taken crossing the road at 1.5km just past the Otago Central Hotel Hyde before the small rail-bridge. Lights are encouraged for the tunnel section.

There must be no more than 5 people at any time on the bridges and no bungy jumping is allowed.

Bridges can be slippery- apply caution.

Keep left and give way to bikes/ vehicles.





Lap 2 (5km)

Strava link

Course:

Tiroiti to Daisybank, 5.0km, mainly flat, with some slight undulations.

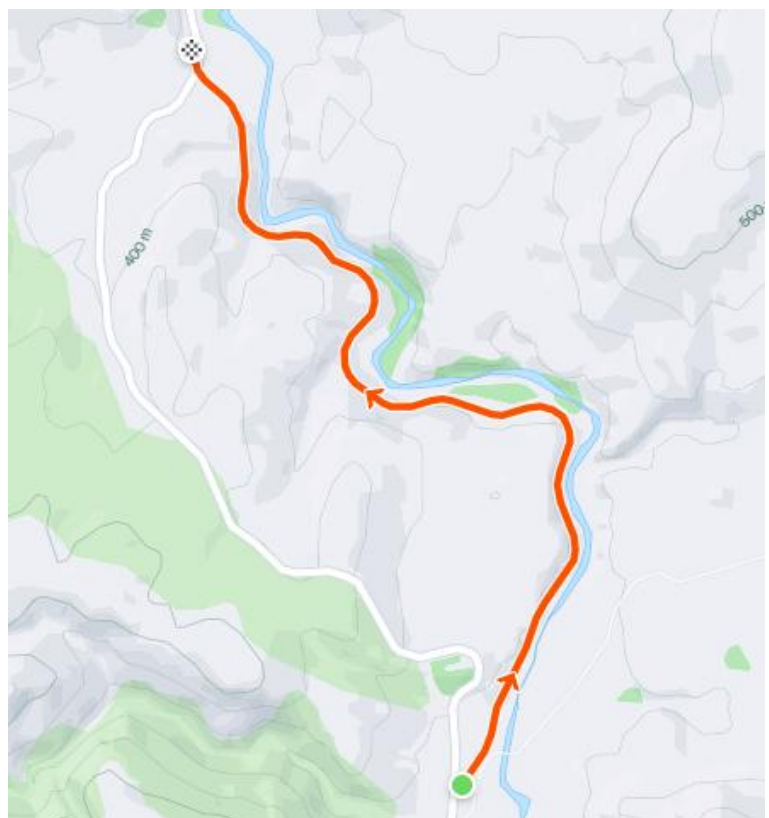
There are several single-width gates to run through.


Extreme care must be taken when crossing the road. A Marshal will be in attendance to signal participants when to cross.

Finish the lap by crossing the main highway and changing alongside the 'Beware' sign. The second change is shortly after the road crossing by the car park area along the Rail Trail.

Key Notes:

Extreme care must be taken when crossing the road near the end of this lap.
Keep left and give way to bikes/vehicles.





Lap 3 (4.8km)

Strava link

Course:

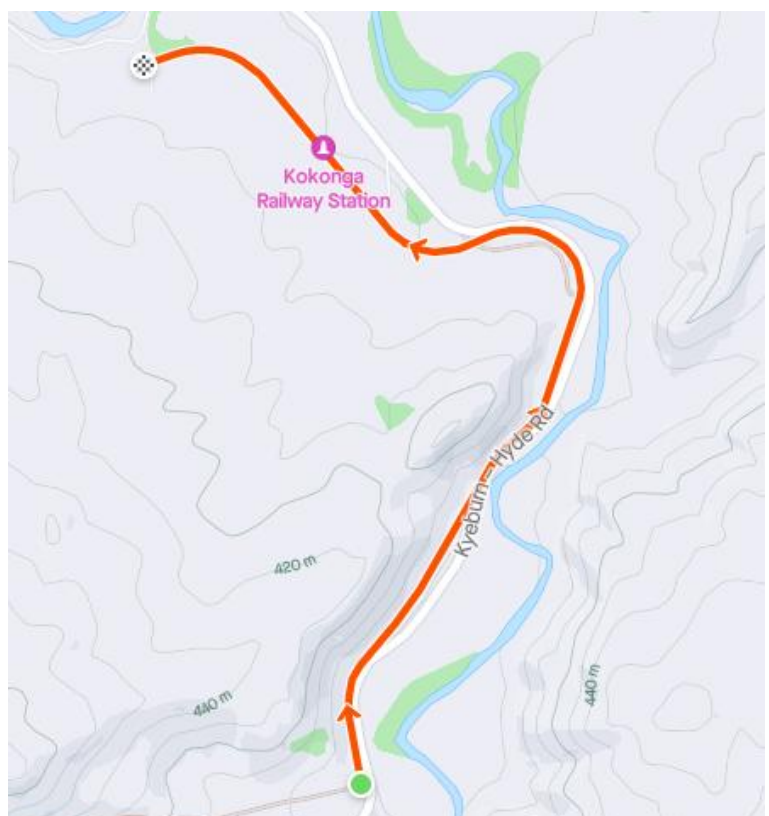
Daisybank to Kokonga, 4.2km, flat with some uphill and downhill undulations.


At the 3.2km mark, you'll spot the small Kokonga Railway Station (resembling an open shed) on the left.

Observe the pitted volcanic rocks blown from the extinct Flat Cap Volcano beside the trail. The second of these gates marks the completion of the lap.

Key Notes:

Keep left and give way to bikes/vehicles.





Lap 4 (9.2km)

Strava link

Course:

Kokonga to Waipiata, 9.3km, Mainly flat with a gradual 500m climb before a downhill descent to finish.

Those with a passion for bridges will enjoy fast footing it across the 97-meter-long Waipiata bridge before tackling the only challenging uphill section of the entire relay.

The 97m long and 6m high Taieri River Rail Bridge is the only crossing of the Taieri River on the Rail Trail.

The relay ends at the rail head opposite the Waipiata Tavern.

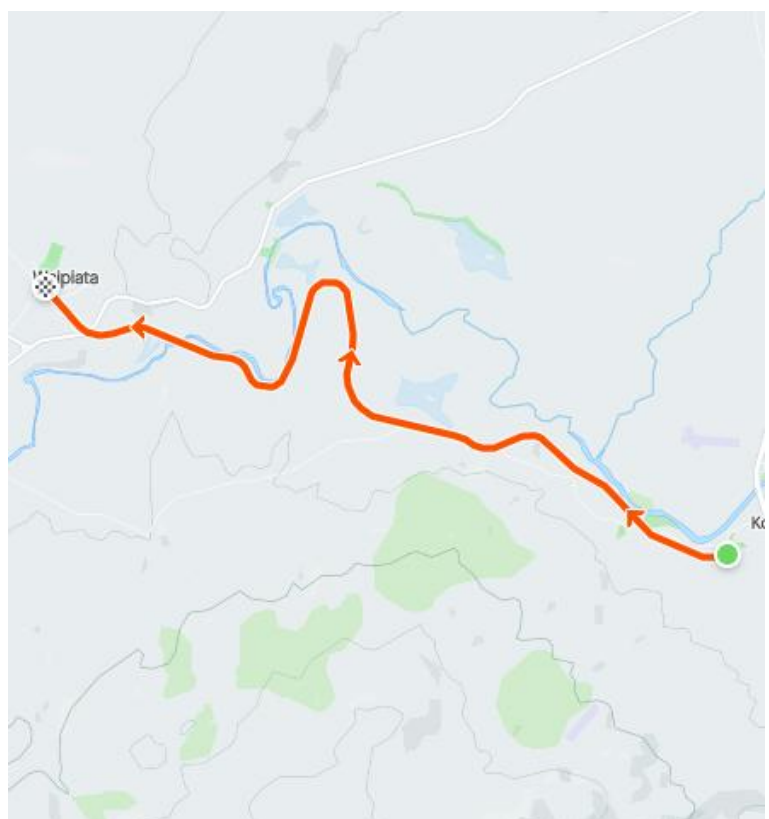
Key Notes:

Take care when crossing the small gravel/ dirt roads on this lap.

There must be no more than 5 people at any time on the bridges and no bungy jumping is allowed.

Bridges can be slippery- apply caution.

Keep left and give way to bikes/ vehicles.



Photos and videos

Share/ view here

We encourage people to take photos and videos- especially of their team members! Please share these in the Drive album in the QR Code link:



A big thank you to our volunteers and officials, without whom we would not be able to host this event!

In particular, thanks to Mark Geddes (event director) and Phil Morris (handicapper).

Also, thank you all for supporting this race! It's great to have such good representation across clubs and between runners and walkers.

