



## Great Vic Bike Ride 2026

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*(changes made to wrong year referenced in dates)*

### Terms and Conditions of Entry

These Terms and Conditions of Entry ("Entry Terms") are designed to enable the Great Vic Bike Ride 2026 from 29 November to 4 December 2026 (the "Ride") to run smoothly. By registering to participate in the Ride, you (the "Ride Participant"), and any additional Ride Participants that you purchase entries for, accept and agree to be bound by these Entry Terms:

#### Entry requirements

1. The Ride Participant may elect to take part in the Great Vic 5-day Ride ("Ride Option").
2. The Ride Participant may enter online only using the official entry system.
3. If the Ride Participant is aged 17 years or younger **on the first day of the Ride**, the Ride Participant must be accompanied on the ride by a Parent/Guardian. The Parent/Guardian may agree that another adult, such as a School Teacher, can fulfil this role for them.
4. It is recommended that children under 12 years of age travel on a bike with a parent or guardian such as on a tandem, in a bike seat, trailer, tag-a-long or similar. For further details, please see [babies and toddlers on the Great Vic Bike Ride](#).
5. Bicycle Network may, in its absolute discretion and without giving reasons for its decision, accept or refuse an application for entry.

#### Ride Participant categories for fee structure

1. An adult is defined as a person who is 18 years or older **on the first day of the Ride**.
2. An "Under 18" ticketed rider is defined as a person who is 17 years or younger on the first day of the Ride.
3. An infant is defined as a person who is 5 years or under on the first day of the Ride.
4. A School Group is defined as an organised group with a coordinating teacher who is endorsed to attend the event by the school that they represent.

#### Early bird entry period

1. The early bird entry period is from Friday 28 November 2025 until 11:59pm AEST Sunday 2 August 2026
2. The early bird entry period is open to all Bicycle Network members and friends.

#### Standard entry period

1. The standard entry period is from 12:00am AEST Monday 3 August 2026 until 11:59pm AEDT Sunday 29 November 2026.
2. The standard entry period is open to all Bicycle Network members and friends.

#### Bicycle Network Members

1. Bicycle Network members receive 10% off event entry tickets, excluding transport, merchandise and other ride extras or products.
2. To receive the discount, members must supply their membership or rider number during the registration process.
3. Member discount is only available to Standard, Premium or Family members. It excludes Advocacy memberships.

#### Exclusive promotional offers

1. Bicycle Network has the right to offer special promotional offers throughout the marketing campaigns as incentives to different segments of riders. These offers include value additions and discounts. These offers are not available to all riders and can be added or removed at the discretion of Bicycle Network.



### **Ride Extras**

1. Ride Extras will be available from 12:00pm AEST on Tuesday, 5 May 2026.
2. Additional Ride Extras may be added at a later date.
3. Ride Extras are limited and subject to availability.
4. Ride Extras include but are not limited to tent upgrades, phone charging, transport and long-term carpark on the event.
5. Bicycle Network is not responsible for any damage to property incurred when utilising the Great Vic Ride Extras, this explicitly includes damage or loss of vehicles.

### **Cancellations**

1. Cancellations made 90+ days before the event (Monday, 31 August 2026, 11:59 pm) are eligible for a 100% refund (less processing fee).
2. 21–90 days before the event (Sunday 8 November 2026, 11:59 pm):
  - a. Medical exemptions with an Australian Doctor's Certificate are eligible for a 50% transfer to the following year's event (less processing fee).
  - b. Refer to the "Defer to the Following Year" section for details.
3. No cancellations are possible for any reason within 21 days of the event.
4. **Exclusively for Bicycle Network Members:** Cancellations made 60+ days before the event (Wednesday 30 September 2026, 11:59pm) are eligible for a 100% refund (less processing fee).
  - a. This member benefit overrides any conflicting terms stated above and does not require medical documentation.
  - b. For the purposes of this policy, "Bicycle Network Members" refers to individuals whose memberships are valid and financially up-to-date at the time of the ticket purchase and the time of the cancellation request. It includes Standard, Premium and Family members. It excludes Advocacy memberships.
5. Cancellations must be received in writing, and can only be requested by email: [riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au)
6. Except as otherwise stated in these Entry Terms and as required by law, Bicycle Network is under no obligation to refund monies or entry fees due to non-use, cancellation, failure to participate or dissatisfaction by the Rider.
7. If a processing fee is applicable, the amount is \$50.
8. Merchandise items or selected add-ons are not refundable.

### **Changes to Ride Extras, Add-Ons and Merchandise**

1. Merchandise items are not refundable.
2. Bicycle Network Membership is not refundable.
3. Donations are not refundable.
4. The Rider may add, change and remove other selected add-ons or ride extras, under the complete discretion of Bicycle Network, up until 30 days prior to the Event.
  - a. Where applicable, a refund will be provided for removed items.
  - b. Any change or removal is subject to a \$20.00 processing fee.
  - c. Any change of ride extra or add-on is subject to availability.
5. Changes to, or additions of, transport options may not be permitted within 7 days of the scheduled transport date, as all transport services are subject to availability and advance booking requirements
6. Bicycle Network reserves the right to limit the sale of any ride extra or add-on.

### **Upgrades and Downgrades**

1. As there is only one ride option, upgrades and downgrades are not applicable to event entry tickets

### **Transfer of Name**

1. The Rider may request to transfer their registration for the ride to another rider by emailing Bicycle Network at [riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au).
2. Any transfer of Rider name request must be completed by 7 days out from the Event (Sunday 22 November 2026, 11:59 pm).



3. If a transfer is requested within 21 days of the start of the Ride (Sunday 8 November 2026, 11:59 pm), the Rider's dietary requirements may not be able to be accommodated due to meal production timelines.
4. Transfers are not possible for entries that have been deferred from a previous year.
5. Any free inclusions associated with the original entry are not transferable or changeable.
6. Add-ons and ride extras may not be transferable – this depends on production timelines and supplier.
7. A \$50 fee applies for all ride options.
8. Transfer of name is at the absolute discretion of Bicycle Network.

#### **Defer to the Following Year**

1. Deferrals are only available for medical reasons, supported by an Australian doctor's certificate.
2. If a deferral for medical reasons is requested more than 21 days before the event (Sunday 8 November 2026, 11:59 pm): a 50% credit (minus the processing fee) will be applied to the following year's event. The request must be supported by an Australian Doctor's Certificate.
3. Any deferral is subject to the absolute discretion of Bicycle Network.
4. If granted, any deferral is valid only for a maximum of 12 months.
5. Deferrals may be offered to the rider in the form of a credit.
  - a. This credit will be provided to the applicable dollar value as paid (less fee).
  - b. If, for any reason, the event does not run in the following year or substantially changes, the credit is not refundable.
  - c. If the ticket price is higher than the credit, the difference must be paid at the time of entry.
  - d. The credit is not redeemable for monetary value.
  - e. Deferrals are not transferable to another person.
  - f. No refunds will be given for any difference in ticket value.
6. Riders can only submit a deferral request by emailing [riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au](mailto:riderservices@bicyclenetwork.com.au)
7. Any deferral will be subject to a \$50 processing fee.

#### **Transfer to a Different Event**

1. It is not possible to transfer to a different event.

#### **Travel insurance**

1. The Ride Participant may choose to purchase an external optional travel insurance policy to cover themselves in case of cancellation.
2. Bicycle Network members that participate in the ride have limited travel insurance cover as part of their membership. Refer to the [policy wording](#) for full details.
3. Bicycle Network strongly recommends the Ride Participant consider purchasing Bicycle Network membership and external travel insurance at the time of or prior to purchasing a Ride Entry.

#### **Ride communications**

1. Ride communications are principally made via email and the Ride Participant must provide an email address to enter.
2. It is the Ride Participant's responsibility to read all information that is made available on the Bicycle Network website, in email newsletters, the Ride Guide and all other literature concerning the Ride.
3. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure that emails from Bicycle network are not block, treated as junk or otherwise filtered from their inbox. Critical safety information will be provided through this channel.



### **Acknowledgment and Waiver**

1. The Rider acknowledges and agrees that participation in the ride is inherently dangerous and that they do so at their own risk.
2. In consideration of Bicycle Network permitting the Rider to enter and participate in the Ride, the Rider hereby releases and indemnifies Bicycle Network, the sponsors of the Ride and any of their respective representatives from and against all and any claims, suits, demands, liabilities, loss and damage (including indirect and consequential loss), costs, expenses and, interest, whether pursuant to common law or statute, that the Rider may suffer or incur arising from or connected with the Rider's participation in the Ride including as a result of the negligence, breach of duty, breach of care or other fault or responsibility of Bicycle Network, the sponsors of the Ride and any of their respective representatives.
3. If the Rider is a parent/guardian of a person under 18 years ("Under Age Child") who is participating in the Ride, that Rider consents to the Under Age Child participating in the Ride and agrees to take full and sole responsibility for the Under Age Child's safety and participation in the Ride. The Rider further agrees and undertakes to Bicycle Network for and on behalf of the Under Age Child that the release and indemnity contained in clause 2 above applies with full force and effect to the Under Age Child and that the Rider and any spouse or defacto spouse or partner will take no steps of any sort on behalf of the Under Age Child that would result in the release and indemnity in clause 2 above being rendered inoperative, of no effect or being declared or ordered by a court of law as not applying to the Under Age Child.
4. **WAIVER for recreational services or activities provided in Victoria**  
For recreational services to which the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria) applies:  
Warning under the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012

Under the Australian Consumer Law (Victoria), several statutory guarantees apply to the supply of certain goods and services. These guarantees mean that Bicycle Network is required to ensure that the recreational services it supplies to you:

- (a) are rendered with due care and skill; and
- (b) are reasonably fit for any purpose which you, either expressly or by implication, make known to Bicycle Network; and
- (c) might reasonably be expected to achieve any result you have made known to Bicycle Network.

Under section 22 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012, Bicycle Network is entitled to ask you to agree that these statutory guarantees do not apply to you. By accepting and agreeing to the Terms and Conditions, you will be agreeing that your rights to sue Bicycle Network under the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 if you are killed or injured because the services provided were not in accordance with these guarantees, are excluded, restricted or modified in the way set out in the Terms and Conditions.

**NOTE:** The change to your rights, as set out in the Terms and Conditions, does not apply if your death or injury is due to gross negligence on Bicycle Network's part. "Gross" negligence, in relation to an act or omission, means doing the act or omitting to do an act with reckless disregard, with or without consciousness, for the consequences of the act or omission. See Regulation 5 of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Regulations 2012 and section 22(3)(b) of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012.



### **Compliance with laws**

1. During the Ride, the Ride Participant must comply with all traffic and road laws, all directions issued by Police and all instructions given by Bicycle Network at the Ride. Failure to do so may result in the Ride Participant being removed from the Ride.
2. The Ride Participant must wear an approved bicycle helmet securely fitted and fastened when riding a bicycle during the Ride. The helmet must meet the current Australian and New Zealand standard (AS/NZS 2063:2008).
3. Any e bike used on the Ride must comply with Victorian requirements for power assisted bicycles under the Road Safety Act 1986 and the Road Safety Road Rules 2017, including the requirement that pedal assist e bikes meet the EN15194 standard. It is the Ride Participant's responsibility to ensure that their e bike meets the legal definition of a power assisted bicycle in Victoria before entering the Ride.

### **Preparation, training, health and safety**

1. The Ride Participant is responsible for ensuring that they have adequately prepared both physically and mentally for the Ride. If the Ride Participant has any health issues or doubts prior to the Ride, they should immediately seek appropriate medical advice.
2. If, during the Ride, the Ride Participant becomes ill or is injured, Bicycle Network will endeavour to arrange medical transport, usually in an ambulance. Any medical transport will be at the Ride Participant's expense. Bicycle Network recommends that Ride Participants hold current ambulance service membership and /or health insurance to cover such costs. Bicycle Network membership includes personal injury and public liability insurance for bike crashes in Australia and New Zealand. Refer to the Bicycle Network membership [policy details](#).
3. If, during the Ride, the Ride Participant becomes ill or injured, Bicycle Network reserves the right to contact the Ride Participant's nominated emergency contact
4. If a Ride Participant becomes seriously ill or injured and is unable to ride, the Ride Participant will be considered no longer participating in the Ride.
5. If a Ride Participant is diagnosed with a communicable disease whilst on the Ride, the Participant is required to immediately retire from the Ride.
6. If a Ride Participant is either expelled from, or chooses to discontinue the Ride, the Ride Participant is responsible for their own transport and associated costs.
7. If a Ride Participant engages the use of the Bicycle Network SAG Wagon on three (3) or more occasions, excluding medical or mechanical reasons, the Ride Participant will be asked to leave the ride, at the discretion of the Event Manager, and the Ride Participant's ride ticket will be cancelled.
8. A Ride Participant understands that should they fail to complete the required riding distance within a reasonably foreseen time frame, they will be required to be driven in the SAG Wagon the remainder of the day's riding distance. Should the Ride Participant refuse, they will be considered outside of the Ride and accept all associated risks.

### **Mode of transport**

1. Only human-powered, including recumbents and standard bicycles, and Victorian Government approved e-bikes are permitted on the Ride.
2. Motorised micro mobility devices, including e-scooters, motorised bicycles and E-bikes that do not meet the legal standard in Australia are expressly prohibited on any ride option.
3. The Ride Participant must ride a bicycle that is in a serviceable condition and complies with all relevant legislation.

### **E-Bikes**

1. E-bikes must comply with [Victorian regulations for power assisted bicycles](#)
2. The Ride Participant is responsible for supplying enough battery power to complete all ride days on Great Vic.
3. E-bike charging will be available via Bicycle Network. There is an E-bike package available with unlimited secure overnight charging that is to be purchased pre-event via the registration system.
4. We highly recommend bringing multiple E-Bike batteries to ensure sufficient charge. Charging times are limited to opening hours. (1pm – 6pm)



### **Common sense**

1. The Ride Participant must ride in a safe and responsible manner during the Ride and use common sense at all times.
2. The Ride Participant must exercise caution on all public roads and other thoroughfares and ride defensively and courteously.

### **Special requirements**

1. When advised and where reasonably able to do so, Bicycle Network will endeavour to cater for people with disability.
2. Bicycle Network will consider written requests before the Ride for personal assistance with specific health matters including refrigeration of prescription drugs.
3. If a Ride Participant requires a sleep apnoea machine, they will be required to bring a battery powered machine. Bicycle Network will assist in charging the batteries each day and will transport of this device.

### **Meal and dietary requirements**

1. Bicycle Network offers six meal types during the Ride: Standard, Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-free standard, Gluten-free Vegetarian and Gluten-free Vegan.
2. All Great Vic Bike Ride meals will be produced without the inclusion of peanuts and other tree nuts. However, whilst reasonable measures are taken to ensure meals don't contain nuts, all meals are processed in a factory containing nuts and may contain traces of nuts.
3. Bicycle Network cannot cater for any other specific allergies and if the six available meal types do not meet a Ride Participant's dietary requirements, the Ride Participant must consider alternate ways in which to personally cater for their own meals.
4. Due to food safety regulations, Bicycle Network cannot, under any circumstances, facilitate the storage, transport or cooking of self-catered meals.
5. All meals served by Bicycle Network and its caterers are prepared in a controlled environment and abide by all necessary food health and safety regulations. All nutritional data is available on the Bicycle Network website pre-event.
6. BBQs, gas burners or other cooking equipment are not permitted on event sites.

### **Mobile phone charging**

1. The sale of mobile phone charging via the Bicycle Network website is on behalf of the mobile phone charging contractor, EzyCharge and is not operated by Bicycle Network.
2. Unlimited charging is per battery pack unit, and cannot be used for charging of e-bikes.
3. Bicycle Network is not liable for any for any loss, damage, cost or expense, whether direct or indirect, incurred by the Ride Participant that may result from any action taken by EzyCharge.
4. EzyCharge is responsible for operating the mobile phone charging station on event, and as such the sale of all unlimited charging is subject to EzyCharge's terms and conditions.
5. EzyCharge will request a \$30 per unit refundable deposit for security of their asset. Bicycle Network is not liable for this deposit.

### **Behaviour**

1. Ride Participants are not permitted onto the Campsite until 12:30pm daily, or unless specified otherwise. From time to time, this may be later if it is deemed unsafe for participants to access the site.
2. Conduct which, in reasonable opinion of Bicycle Network, is inappropriate may result in the Ride Participant being expelled from the Ride.

### **Alcohol and illicit drugs**

1. Bringing, consuming or possessing alcohol or illicit drugs on to the campsite is strictly prohibited. Ride Participant's must not remove alcohol from the licensed area.
  - a. Alcohol purchased consumed in the event bar area is exempt from this term.
2. Drunkenness or under-age drinking is not tolerated and will be referred to the Police.
3. The campsite is a non-smoking area, this includes vaping and e-cigarettes.



### **Private support vehicles**

1. Private support vehicles of any kind are not permitted on the Ride.

### **Photography**

1. The Ride Participant acknowledges and agrees that they may be photographed or filmed during the Ride and consents to Bicycle Network using their picture and likeness contained in any photographs or film for the purpose of publicising the Great Vic Bike Ride and for promoting any future ride or event held by Bicycle Network.

### **Weather**

1. The Ride is held outdoors and will proceed notwithstanding poor weather conditions on the day of the Ride. Bicycle Network is not liable to the Ride Participant for any loss, damage, cost or expense of any kind including, but not limited to, refund of entry fees, in the event of poor weather before or during the Ride.
2. Ride Participants are expected to take all care to prepare for adverse weather events incurring during the ride and must come prepared with appropriate clothing and equipment for all weather.

### **Privacy**

1. Bicycle Network collects, uses, discloses and otherwise handles Ride Participants personal information in accordance with the terms of its Privacy Policy Statement (see <https://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/about-us/governance/#documents> – *Privacy Policy*). All information remains the property of Bicycle Network.
2. The Ride Participant gives permission for his/her contact details to be passed onto suppliers and stakeholders for the fulfilment of event services. This includes, but is not limited to; **Medical Edge, Ballarat Coachlines, AllTrails, Echo Printing, ChargeSpot, Race Atlas.**
3. The Ride Participant gives permission for his/her registration details to be shared with Ambulance Victoria, if required, to assist in facilitating an emergency response.

### **Other**

1. Bicycle Network reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to cancel, postpone, reschedule or change the time and/or place of the Ride and any of the Ride Options for any reason and at any time prior to the commencement of the Ride, without prior notice.
2. Bicycle Network is not or liable to the Participant for any loss, damage, cost or expense, whether direct, indirect, incurred by the Participant that may result from any action taken by Bicycle Network.
3. Bicycle Network reserves the right, in its absolute discretion, to refuse to allow the Participant to participate in the Ride, or to remove the Participant from the Ride for breach of these terms and conditions, or if it determines it appropriate to do so.
4. No animals are permitted on the Ride with the exception of an approved request made by a Ride Participant for a Guide Dog or other Assistance Animal.
5. Bicycle Network will transport the Ride Participants' luggage between campsites. Each Ride Participant is allowed two bags weighing a maximum of 10kg each. Overweight bags will not be handled by Bicycle Network and will incur a \$50 fee.
6. Reasonable care will be taken with the Participants' luggage. Except as required by law, Bicycle Network does not accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any luggage, bicycle or other item carried. Leaving items in the care of Bicycle Network is entirely at the risk of the participant.
7. "Bicycle Network" means the Bicycle Network Victoria Incorporated ABN 41 026 835 903 and includes where appropriate Bicycle Network's employees, volunteers, agents, contractors and officers.
8. Bicycle Network reserves the right to alter these terms and conditions at any time. All registered Participants who have agreed to the terms and conditions prior to these amendments will be notified of changes.
9. Bicycle Network recommends pregnant Participants consult a medical professional prior to entry. For further details, please see [Pregnancy on the Great Vic Bike Ride](#)