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Fields of Gold

RIDE: 160KM | 100KM | 60KM | 20KM | 10KM  
RUN: 14KM | 5KM

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EVENT GUIDE

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SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024

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**Backroads would like to acknowledge the Yamatji people, traditional custodians of the land in which we will meet, we pay our respect to Elders past and present. We extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people today.**

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM  
HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA, DEPUTY PREMIER; MINISTER FOR TOURISM  
AND  
HON DON PUNCH MLA, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Western Australian Government is a proud sponsor of the Backroads Gravel – Fields of Gold through Tourism Western Australia’s Regional Events Scheme (RES).

RES was established to support event holders across the state with the development of events to drive tourism to regional Western Australia. The scheme plays an important role in positioning the State’s five tourism regions as exciting destinations by showcasing and promoting the host region’s unique and diverse attractions.

A total of 73 regional events across Western Australia have been funded through the 2024-25 RES, which also includes a \$250,000 funding pool for the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which exclusively allocates funding to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

The Western Australian Government is proud to sponsor all these regional events, which help bring vibrancy to local communities and drive visitor spend, injecting millions into regional economies.

Tourism is a key part of the Western Australian Government’s plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia. Events play an important role in this plan and also contribute to the vision for Perth and Western Australia to be the fastest growing events destination in the South East Asian region.

The Western Australian Government sponsors a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across the state, to attract visitors and encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and spend more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys this event and takes the time to explore the Mid West region.



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- Swim alongside gentle whale sharks, humpback whales or manta rays in the Ningaloo Reef World Heritage Area.
- Visit Carnarvon's Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre, which celebrates the stories and culture of the five Aboriginal language groups of the Gascoyne Region.
- Explore the mysterious moonscapes of the Pinnacles Desert.
- Swim with endangered Australian Sea Lions — playful 'sea puppies' only found in Western Australia.
- Discover Geraldton (Jambinu), the Coral Coast's only city and the gateway to the 122 Houtman Abrolhos Islands.

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# President's Message



## Welcome Message from the Shire of Chapman Valley



**Welcome participants, competitors, spectators, event organisers, and volunteers to the 2024 Backroads Gravel Race.**

It is with great pleasure that the Shire hosts this event for the third consecutive year, following the fantastic successes of 2022 and 2023.

For 2024, we extend a warm welcome to both returning and new participants. Your presence here today allows us to highlight the unique beauty and spirit of Chapman Valley.

We are immensely grateful for the recent rain, which has revitalized the Valley, bringing it to life with lush greenery and vibrant yellow fields of gold canola. This natural splendour, combined with the thrill of the Backroads Gravel Race, makes this event truly remarkable.

Supporting dynamic community events like the Backroads Gravel Race and promoting greater community engagement are core values of our Shire. This race not only boosts tourism but also unites our geographically diverse community.

Our heartfelt thanks go to the Backroads Local Organising Committee for their tireless efforts in making the 2024 event a reality. Their collaboration with property owners, the local community, and the cycling enthusiasts has been incredibly positive.

During this season, the Valley is flourishing, a testament to the hard work and dedication in cultivating these strong crops. These fields not only create a stunning landscape but also contribute significantly to the Western Australian economy. We hope that as you participate in the race, you take a moment to appreciate the spectacular surroundings.

Wishing everyone the best of luck in today's event. Participate safely and savor the experience of traversing our beautiful Valley. We look forward to seeing each of you cross the finish line.

Kirrilee Warr, Shire President



SHIRE OF

# Chapman Valley

*Love the rural life!*



Delivering pristine ocean access at Coronation Beach through to carpets of wildflowers just beyond the Moresby Ranges, the Shire of Chapman Valley provides visitors with superb experiences all within easy reach of Geraldton. Local facilities include BBQs, picnic areas, playgrounds, toilets, camping and dump points.

[www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au](http://www.chapmanvalley.wa.gov.au)

# Course Director's Message

## Roger Swan

Backroads Gravel is entering its third year and we continue to be excited by the constantly changing landscape on offer to both cyclists and runners.

My weekend bike rides regularly include elements of this amazing course, and I love the adventure that gravel bike riding offers. The Shire of Chapman Valley offers an absolute jewel location for the course with pure gravel, set amongst spectacular countryside and lush crops. It is pretty perfect and so, so green! Epic!

We remain forever humbled that sharing our little piece of heaven on social media led to a phone call from the legend that is Tony Tucknott, and an introduction to the super awesome The Event Team. Backroads Gravel combines fantastic riding and running with networking and social opportunity through pre and post event activations within the City of Greater Geraldton.

Riding a variety of gravel roads, cohesively linked through private farming property, affords riders a unique experience that will require a constant pedal effort. The scenery is looking spectacular and the countryside is pure serenity.

We are also very excited to offer the new 5km run course, which will compliment our existing 14km course and offer runners the option to focus on the run alone, or to combine a run and a ride. How cool is that!

Heartfelt thanks to the farmers who continue to welcome Backroads to their roads and paddocks, the Shire of Chapman Valley for sharing our excitement and always being willing to assist, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural industries for their guidance, the local organising committee, The Event Team for their vision and energy in driving this event, and the City of Greater Geraldton for providing activities to platform cyclists to Backroads.

Please support our sponsors who are key in ensuring Backroads Gravel happens.

Our slice of heaven can't wait to see you!





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# Event Schedule

Friday 9th of August

Captains Ride With Tasman Nankervis

2:30pm

from  
Mazzuchelli Oval, Nabawa

Backroads Social Hub

Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club

Pack Collection

3pm - 5:30pm

Dinner and Drinks Open

5:30pm

Panel Show QnA

6:15pm - 7:15pm

Social Hub Closes

8pm

# Event Schedule

Saturday 10th August

Mazzuchelli Oval, Chapman Rd, Nabawa

## Registration

7am - 9:15am

Nabawa

### Distance

100 Mile Big Canola

14km Gravel Run

100km Fields of Gold

5km Gravel Run

60km Lupin Loop

20km Farmroad Flyer

10km Gravel Groms

### Start Time

8:00am

8:15am

8:25am

8:35am

9:00am

9:30am

9:45am

### First Finisher

12:40pm

9:05am

11:55am

8:55am

11:15am

10:15am

10:10am

### Presentations

4:00pm

10:30am

1:15pm

10:30am

1:00pm

N/A

N/A

## Cut off Times

160km First Cut-off at Aid Station 1 (45km)

11am

100km Cut-off at Aid Station 2 (59km)

12:15pm

160km Second Cut-off at Aid Station 2 (96km)

1:45pm

ALL Courses Cut-off at Aid Station 3

3:15pm

ALL Courses Closed - Participants must be finished

5:00pm

# Registration & Pack Collection

All riders will need to collect their race plate prior to the event during the following times:

Friday 9th August, 3pm – 5:30pm  
From Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club  
(260 Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats WA)

Saturday 10th August, 7am – 9.15am  
From Nabawa Community Hall, start/finish line

To collect your race plate you will need to bring your eTicket which will be emailed to you from midday Monday 5th August.

You may collect packs for friends/family. Simply bring their eticket with you.

Please note that pack collection will NOT be available outside of these times.



**The next round of our community funding program,  
*Iluka Lends a Hand*, opens on 1 October 2024.**

We welcome applications from community groups and organisations that have projects, events or initiatives that will provide a positive impact in the communities in which we live and work.

For more information on the program, including how to apply, head to [iluka.com/community-engagement/iluka-in-the-community](https://iluka.com/community-engagement/iluka-in-the-community)

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## Workshops

The Geraldton Cycling Academy is offering free workshops for women and teens to get you Backroads Gravel ready! Bring your own bike and wear comfortable clothes that can get a bit dirty. Spots are limited, so registration is essential.

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	<b>WOMEN'S WORKSHOP</b> <b>FLATS: PREVENTION AND CURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre ride checks and maintenance</li> <li>• Patching</li> <li>• Tubes and tubeless repair</li> </ul>	<b>JUL 21</b>
	<b>TEENS WORKSHOP</b> <b>SELF RESCUE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre ride checks and maintenance</li> <li>• Patching and changing tubes</li> </ul>	<b>AUG 04</b>
	<b>WOMEN'S WORKSHOP</b> <b>SADDLE BAGS: WHAT TO CARRY AND HOW TO USE IT.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multitools</li> <li>• Tubes</li> <li>• Levers</li> <li>• Inflators/Pumps</li> </ul>	<b>AUG 04</b>

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SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST *Free Entry*  
6:30PM  
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## Glow Ride

Grab your glow sticks and friends and enjoy the foreshore Glow Ride Presented by Spokes Cycle Club

## Ride to Work / School Breakfast

Grab a bite to eat on your ride to school / work breakfast!

**FREE Ride to Work / School Breakfast**

FROM 6:30 AM  
STOW GARDENS  
(WHILE STOCKS LAST)



**THURSDAY 8TH AUGUST**

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# Backroads Social Hub

## FRIDAY 9TH OF AUGUST

Pack Collection

Panel Show

**Tasman NANKERVIS**  
**MARK CHONG**  
**ROGER SWAN**  
**SARAH TUCKNOTT**

Lasagna, Dinner & Drinks

Meet Fellow Riders



- Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club -

# Backroads After Party

## SATURDAY 10TH OF AUGUST



Live Music

**Ian WEGGLER**

Food Trucks

Bar

Celebrate your Journey

FROM 5:00 PM

Managed by



- Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club -

## Start Times

The town of Nabawa is located approximately 30 minutes drive east of Geraldton. If you're travelling from Geraldton - make your way to the North West Coastal Highway, turn onto Chapman Valley Road when you hit the roundabout in Glenfield and continue to Nabawa, enjoying the sweeping views as you round the first hill!

Please follow the signs to participant and spectator **parking**. Weather permitting, this will be located at Chapman Valley Primary School. Please bring a **gold coin** donation and follow the instructions of Parking Marshals (to avoid sprinklers!).

There will be a designated **bag drop** area, located within check-in at the Nabawa Community Hall. Bag tags will be available. We do not advise leaving valuables as this will not be manned throughout the event.

All riders are required to be at the start line 15 minutes prior to their advertised start time. Start times are as follows:

- 160km Big Canola - 8am
- 14km Gravel Run - 8.15am
- 100km Fields of Gold - 8.25am
- 5km Gravel Run - 8.35am
- 60km Lupin Loop - 9am
- 20km Farmroad Flyer - 9.30am
- 10km Gravel Groms - 9.45am

This event is a self-seeded start, requiring riders to position themselves where they think their riding ability and fitness would place them. Please be honest when doing this and consider other riders who may be impacted by your decision out on course.

## Course Description

The **10km Gravel Groms** is an out and back style course, designed for children 8 years and older. The course gives riders an insight into gravel riding with wide roads and a gentle climb to the turn around high point. The route back has some of the same features, but also takes in farm paddock before riders enter the event arena and pedal hard to the line.

Let's see if the adults can keep up with the kids!

The **20km Farmroad Flyer** gives the novice gravel rider a loop course exploring the views of the local countryside, whilst also enjoying different styles of gravel road. And to really maximise the gravel experience, there is a small climb and the chance of a water crossing or two! The water crossings are rain dependent and could reach 200mm in depth making them fun to ride through.

The Farmroad Flyer is e-bike friendly and welcomes all riders.

The **60km Lupin Loop** is perfect for riders looking for a slightly longer and more varied gravel experience. This route offers varying terrain and 568m of climbing to keep you entertained. Our farmers have again offered new landscape this year with varying crop rotation providing a vista of green, white and yellow.

Water crossings are an exciting part of this loop and may see 300mm in depth that can be rolled through with ease. This course is so lush it can be found on Fulgaz!

The **100km Fields of Gold** will challenge most and is an exciting progression from the Lupin Loop. The Fields of Gold course provides 958m of climbing, ridden on epic gravel roads, and includes a steady uphill on Urch Road before entering private land and taking on "Ward's Wall". Riders will welcome an easy gear to tackle this climb and be rewarded with spectacular views.

Will you achieve bragging rights on "Ward's Wall" or will it be Ward's Walk for you? We can't wait to hear how you fared at the finish line.

## Course Description

The **100mile (160km) Big Canola** is the pinnacle of Backroads Gravel giving riders access to the best gravel and countryside this area has to offer. Big Canola will see riders enjoy 1252m of climbing in what can only be described as a constant push on the pedals. Canola, lupin and wheat lined roads, water crossings, farm access and the infamous “Ward’s Wall” at 138km mark. Fatigued legs will see the climb test most riders and may be crucial as riders head towards the event finish. Will it be “Ward’s Wall” or Ward’s Wallow for you?

This route offers three aid stations along the course, each providing a chance to refuel and be cheered by our volunteers. Look out for each aid station where you can enjoy Koda nutrition products, water, and fruit.

*All riders are reminded to keep their rubbish to themselves - empty gel packets, lolly wrappers etc should be stashed into pockets or bags and then placed into bins at aid stations or the finish lines.*



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## Event Village

The event village will be located at Mazzuchelli Oval in Nabawa. The village will feature a bar on the finish line, food vans, entertainment and retailers. Please support those supporting us!

## Massage

Free 15 min massage at the event village for all participants.

## Course Maps

GPX Links of the maps can be found below:

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD YOUR DISTANCE TO ENSURE YOU DO NOT GET LOST.**

160km

100km

60km

20km

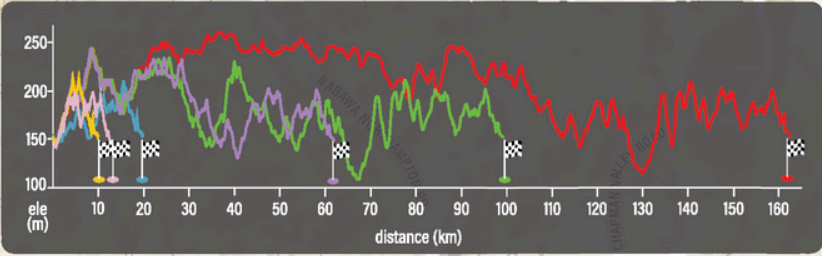
10km

14km

Run

5km

Run



**KEY**

- Start
- Finish
- Aid station (water, toilets, first aid)
- Gravel Run
- Trail routes
- Bitumen surface
- Private land (access only on event day)
- Recommended spectator viewing

# BACKROADS

Fields of Gold

	km	Sealed %	Gravel %	Elevation gain (m)
5km Gravel Run	5	20	80	44
14km Gravel Run	14.3	0	100	169
10km Gravel Groms	9.9	14	86	96
20km Farmroad Flyer	18.7	24	76	143
60km Lupin Loop	64.6	4	96	569
100km Fields of Gold	100	2	98	952
100 Mile (160km) Big Canola	161.7	5	95	1243

Scale: 1km

## Aid Stations

Aid stations are located at various points around the course. It is strongly advised that participants carry sufficient hydration and nutrition provisions to last up to 3 hours of riding.

It is essential that all riders carry spare tubes, tools, and a pump or CO2 inflators.

**10 km Gravel Groms Aid Station** – Hosted by the lovely people at ICPA the new aid station is specifically for those on the 10km course looking to quench their thirst!

**Aid Station 1** – 45km point of the 160km course

- > KODA Gels
- > KODA Electrolyte
  - > Water
  - > Bananas

**Aid Station 2** – Located near the intersection of Station Valentine Road and Station Rd (on Station Rd)

96km point of the 160km course  
22km point of the 60km and 100km course

- > KODA Gels
- > KODA Electrolyte
  - > Water
  - > Bananas
  - > Lollies

# Aid Stations

## Personal Needs – 100 Mile riders ONLY

Riders in the 160km race can also take advantage of the personal needs station located at **Aid Station 2**. To access this, riders must drop off their personal needs bags either at pack collection on Friday afternoon, or to the dedicated event vehicle at the START LINE by 7.30am. Personal needs bags will be transported to Aid Station 2 and laid out in race number order.

Please note that Personal Needs is for the 160km riders ONLY and all personal needs bags must be clearly marked with your race number, using the number sticker provided.

Personal needs bags will be returned to Mazzuchelli Oval and available for pickup from 3pm.

**Aid Station 3** – Located at the intersection of Murphy Norris and Butcher Knife Rd's (Double sided – 160km and 100km riders can access Aid Station 3 at the start and finish of the western loop). Located at the 121km and 144km point of the 160km course, 59km and 82km of the 100km course and at the 47km point of the 60km course.

- > KODA Gels
- > KODA Electrolyte
  - > Water
  - > Bananas
  - > Lollies
- > CWA Surprise & Delight
  - > Salted Chips

In addition to nutrition and hydration, the follow items will be provided at all aid stations:

- > First Aid
- > Toilet
- > Waste bins
- > Essential spares, tubes, tools, track pump



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## 14 September 2024

### 100KM | 60KM | 40KM | 15KM



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## Event Rules

Backroads is an Auscycling sanctioned event and will be conducted under the Rules of the UCI.

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**IMPORTANT:** Although the course is conducted on gazetted government and private gravel roads, the roads are in fact **open to traffic**. The Backroads course is largely on very quiet roads typically with low traffic counts. It is important that road rules are obeyed at all times including staying on the left side of the road. At no time should riders cut corners onto the right side of the road.

Helmets must be worn at all times.

E-bikes are permitted in the 10km, 20km and 60km distances, however riders will not be eligible for category awards. E-bike riders are not permitted to pace riders who are not riding E-bikes. If non E-bike riders are found to be pacing/drafting off E-bikes, they will be disqualified from the race.

In accordance with the UCI regulations relating to group riding, Triathlon or aero bars are not permitted.

Littering along the course can result in disqualification. Waste bins will be provided at the designated Course Aid Stations.

# Course Signage

Whilst all Backroads courses are marked, we strongly encourage all participants to ride with an offline version of the GPX course maps that are available on the event website for the ultimate security.

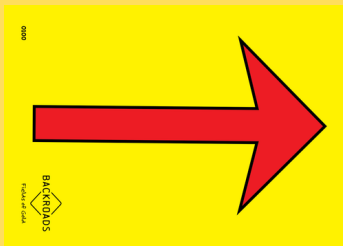
All Backroads courses are marked with A5 directional arrows. Typically, on straight stretches of the course the arrows will be located no more than 500m apart.

At any change of direction there will be larger signs directing riders to turn in the required direction.

At major intersections, course marshals will be positioned to assist in directing you on course.

Some examples of signage to keep an eye out for:

## Directional Signage



## Wrong way signage



## Turn Point Signage



All course GPX files will be available to download to your personal computer, click [here](#) to access these.

## Cut-off Times

All riders are required to familiarise themselves with and adhere to the following course cut-off times:

### 160km Big Canola

- > 45km - 11am
- > 96km - 1.45pm
- > 121km - 3.15pm

### 100km Fields of Gold

- > 59km - 12.15pm

### Aid Station 3

- > All Courses - 3:15pm

Riders who do not meet these cut-off times will be provided with a lift back to Mazzucchelli Oval, or will be redirected to a shorter route to town. There are no on course cut-off times for the 60km Lupin Loop, 20km Farmroad Flyer or 10km Gravel Groms.

**All riders must complete the entire course by 5.00pm.**

In the unfortunate case that you are unable to complete the event, please ensure that you notify our timing team at the finish line.

## On Course Incidents

We would highly recommend that all participants download the **EVENT CHECK IO** app on your phone. In the case of a serious medical incident please use the **EMERGENCY Plus app or St John First Responder App, or dial 000**. For any other medical incident or mechanical requirement call the Event Director, Gemma on 0409 746 486.



## Event App

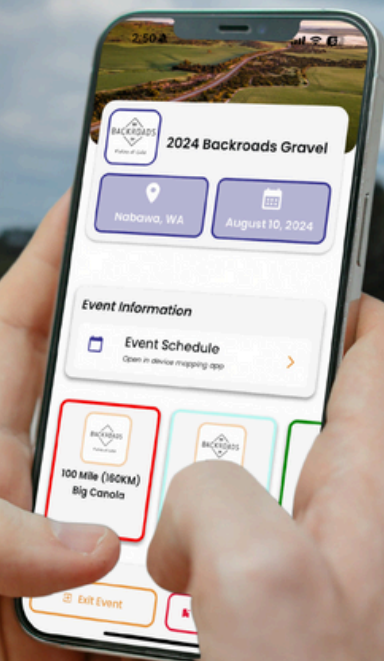
Backroads will again be using an multi-sport event app called Eventcheck IO. The app is great for finding key event information during event time, along with receiving key push notifications for event updates. The app will also have all the event maps including a NEW feature to view courses and locations to be able to get easy directions to locations for spectators.

Click below to download or scan the QR codes below with your phone, or search the stores for Eventcheck IO.

Please note, if you downloaded the app last year you will be required to download a different app/version from the store.



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## Equipment Tips & Tricks

**Suitable Bikes:** gravel bikes, mountain bikes, hybrids. As long as you have tyres 33mm upwards (no road or time trial bikes).

**Tyres:** most suitable tyre would be 38-42mm with a pressure of 30 - 40 psi. Tubeless set up would be beneficial as there can be an occasional double gee prickle around which would dampen spirits.

**Spares:** it is recommended to carry spares tubes (including for tubeless), tubeless repair kit, multi-tool, \$5 note for tyre repair, quick link for your chain. If you run out of spares, check at the next aid station.

**Clothing:** ensure you have suitable riding clothing for the weather conditions. Jacket, gilet, arm warmers, leg warmers, gloves, and glasses. We would also recommend that you have warm clothing (such as Backroads merch) to change into after you've finished your ride.



**Fuel:** riders should carry enough water, hydration, nutrition and food as they need between aid stations, or start and finish. A basic rule is enough to last 2-3 hours before being able to stock up again. Refer to the Aid Station information on page 17-18.

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## Presentations & Awards

There will be presentations held for the 60km Lupin Loop, 100km Fields of Gold and the 160km Big Canola. These will be held during the following times:

5km & 14km Gravel Run - 10:30am

60km Lupin Loop - 1pm

100km Fields of Gold - 1.15pm

160km Big Canola - 4pm

If you finish in the top three riders for your age group, please make sure you stick around so we can present you with your medal. Results can be viewed live on event day by clicking [here](#).



# Community Grants Program

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Applications open in February 2025 for projects, events and initiatives being held in the 2025-26 financial year.

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Up to \$10,000 grants.**

For more information visit:  
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# 14km Gravel Run

## Registration

Your race number can be collected at either of the Backroads Gravel registration days on Friday 9th August at Geraldton SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB or Saturday 10th August at Mazzuchelli Oval pre-event. Your race number includes a timing chip so please take care and do not bend it. Wear your race number on the front of your shirt – pins will be provided.

## Course Information

Actual distance 14.3km

169m of elevation

100% gravel surfaces – there are no sealed surfaces on this run

## Course Description

Backroads Gravel 14km Run will tantalise both the new and experienced trail runner or walker. This amazing course has grass, gravel, hills, sand, firebreaks and the most stunning break away country!

Participants will be able to test their legs and their senses as they head out from the oval and straight into beautiful cropped paddocks.

The first section of the course features lovely technical trail and undulating terrain, before opening out into firebreak roads which surround the lush crop. Inhaling the fresh country air will be a must as you return to the grass oval and sprint to the finish line.

The team is very excited to see the 14km run remain on the event list.

# 5km Gravel Run

Welcome to the inaugural 5km Backroads Gravel Run. Thank you for joining us in this first year. We trust you will enjoy your run and encourage others to join us next year! As an inaugural runner, your constructive feedback is invaluable to us so please feel free to get in touch post-event with any comments or suggestions.

## Registration

Your race number can be collected at either of the Backroads Gravel registration days on Friday 9th August at Geraldton SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB or Saturday 10th August at Mazzuchelli Oval pre-event. Your race number includes a timing chip so please take care and do not bend it. Wear your race number on the front of your shirt – pins will be provided.

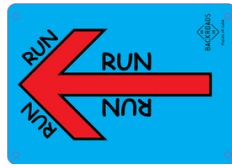
## Course Information

Actual distance 4.9km  
44m of elevation  
80% gravel surfaces

## Course Description

Get your legs ready for an off-road adventure. Whether you plan to run full pace, or take a more gentle approach, the new Backroads Gravel 5km Run will introduce you to mixed surface running at its finest. This course has been designed to offer a dash experience for those wishing to double up their day by combining with a ride, or give new runners or walkers a chance to be introduced to combination surface running. Taking in the town of Nabawa, participants will then enjoy gravel road before crossing a farm paddock to enter the finish chute. Get your entries in and prepare for fun!

## Directional Signage



## Aid Stations

Drink stations will be located at the following points for the 14km run:

- > 2km
- > 4km
- > 7.4km
- > 12.3km

Drink stations will be located at the following points for the 5km run:

- >2.5km

There are no toilets provided on-course. Please make use of amenities at Mazzuchelli Oval.

**Presentations** for the Gravel Run will be held on Mazzuchelli Oval at 10.30am. Medals will be presented to the top three male and female finishers overall.



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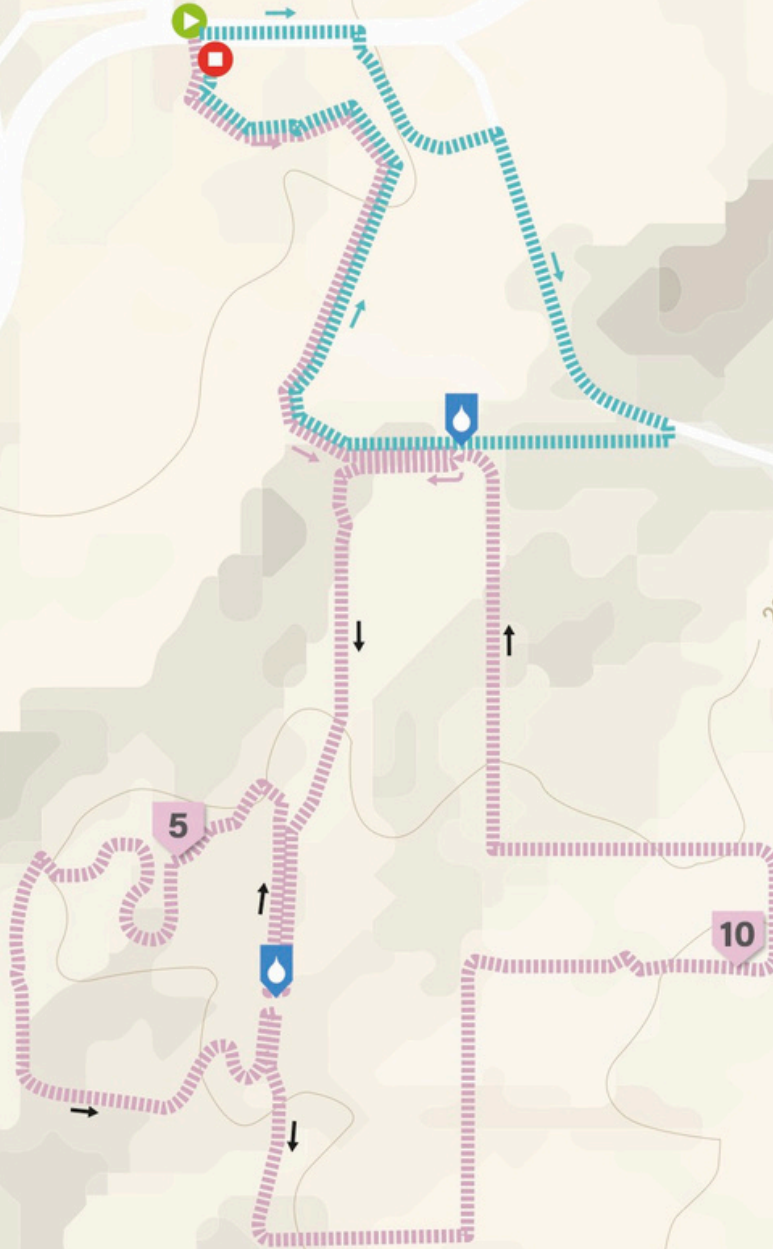
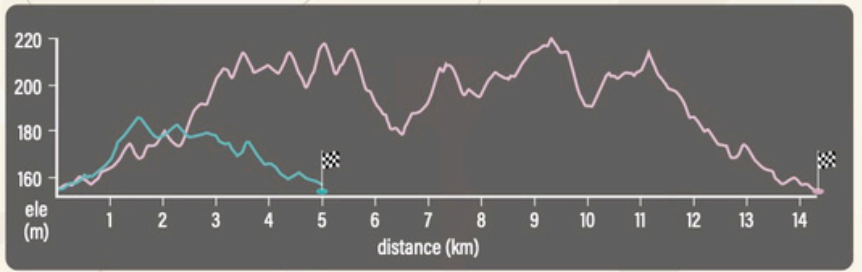
**21KM | 12KM | 6KM | DOGGIE DASH**



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NABAWA

TO GERALDTON  
CHAPMAN VALLEY ROAD



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**BACKROADS**  
 Gravel Run  
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KEY

- Start/Finish (10km)
- Finish (5km)
- Aid station (water, toilets, first aid)
- Trail route

	km	Sealed %	Gravel %	Elevation gain (m)
5km Run	5	20	80	44
14km Run	14.3	0	100	169

Scale: 1km



## Camping

For those who have registered to camp on Mazzuchelli Oval, information will be sent directly to you on Monday 5th August.

Check-In from 10am to 5pm Friday 9th August at Nabawa Community Hall.

You will have an allocated camping number which will be marked in the camping zone. If arriving after-hours please note your number and find your allocated space and be mindful of your neighbours who may be sleeping.

Check-Out by 10am Sunday.

Please note that event staff will be on site from approximately 5am on Saturday. We will endeavour to be as quiet as possible, however the site will be live with visitors from 7am.

Camping **Emergency** Contact: Claire 0487 297 986



CONTACT

### Bathroom Facilities

Showers and toilet facilities are available for your use at the Nabawa Football Changerooms. Dedicated male and female changerooms will be marked.

### Power

No power is available for campers. You are welcome to bring your own generator, however generators are not permitted between 8pm and 7am.

### Supplies

Please note that there are NO shops in Nabawa and you will need to bring all of your own supplies. Kitchen facilities are not available. The Event Village will provide for some of your food and beverage requirements on Saturday. The Nabawa Valley Tavern is right next door to the oval and will welcome you for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The Tavern also has fuel for sale.

## Things to do in The Mid West

If you're already traveling for the event, then you may as well make a holiday out of it. Stay that little bit longer and experience more than just the spectacular course route.

We've put together a list of things for you to do but believe us when we say that this is just a small taste of what the region has to offer. Head to our website for more info:

Wildflowers  
Moresby Ranges  
Chapman Valley Museum  
Chapman Valley Fishing Park  
Geraldton Esplanade  
Geraldton Markets  
Museum of Geraldton  
HMAS Sydney II Memorial  
St Francis Xavier Cathedral  
Geraldton Regional Art Gallery  
Point Moore Lighthouse  
Geraldton Heritage Trails  
Houtman Abrolhos Islands  
Central Greenough Historic Settlement  
Ellendale Pool  
Hutt Lagoon Lake



An aerial photograph of Geraldton, Western Australia, showing a wide sandy beach, turquoise ocean waves, and a cityscape with various buildings and parking lots in the background.

**NEED TO  
BATHE THOSE  
TIRED LEGS?**

**(we've got plenty of room)**



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## Event Partners

Thank you to all our event partners. Without their ongoing support this event would not be possible.

### Presented By



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### Community Partners



We are looking for partners to join us for the 2025 event. If you are interested in partnering with the event, please email us.

[Backroads@theeventteam.com.au](mailto:Backroads@theeventteam.com.au)

# Our Event Legends

The creation and management of Backroads has been a collaboration of a team of dedicated cyclists, key stakeholder groups and event professionals who formed a Local Organising Committee to bring the event together.

## Local Legends

**Roger Swan** - Course Director and brains behind the Backroads idea

**Kim Jeffrey** - Geraldton Cycling Legend

**Shaun Dyan** - Geraldton Cycling Advocacy Group

**Andrew Toovey** - 2V.NET IT Solutions

**Craig Vinci** - DLGSC

**Simon Lancaster** - Shire of Chapman Valley

**Tegan Csepány** - Shire of Chapman Valley

**Fred Block** - City of Greater Geraldton

## The Event Team

Gemma Dale  
Dave Budge  
Max Constanduros  
Geoff Ross  
Bailey Randazzo  
Cooper Chappel-Wood  
Cathy Hoare  
Bob Welch  
Marissa Boss  
Claire Hawkins  
Aaron Welch

## Honorary TET Members

Bec Swan  
Marissa Drummond  
Jonty Calder  
Dom Micono  
Bev Welch

## Practically TET Members

Stewart Scott (Clip Media)  
Daniela Tommasi (Photography)  
Rob Goyen (MC)  
The Blue Chip Timing Team

## More Event Legends

The courses for Backroads travel through several private farm properties, delivering a unique experience for all riders to enjoy.

A special mention and a very big THANK YOU to the below property owners for their support by providing us with access to their land.

Peter Ward

Eldred Royce

Keith Hughes

Neil Kupsch

Brady Green

Simon Smart / Austin Rayner

Trevor Piggot

Bruce Ley

Jason Stokes

We would also like to give a special mention to the below organisations for their support of the event.

ShadeDomes Geraldton  
Nabawa Valley Tavern  
Yuna Country Women's Association  
Geraldton Cycling Academy  
XW Engineering  
Geraldton Triathlon Club  
Sweet Orange Productions  
Midwest Sound and Lighting  
Bada Marda Traffic  
Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club  
Isolated Children's Parents' Association



# the event team

Whether you're looking for advice and assistance in delivering your event, or you'd like some help developing event concepts, we're happy to chat.

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#### Our core values

 Integrity

 Leadership

 Adaptability

 Teamwork