



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

It's nearly here - the day of the Grand Opening of the Pūkoro-Miranda to Thames Rail Trail.

It is going to be a fun, family event with lots of activities for all ages and plenty of prizes to be won.

To help you plan your ride / walk on 18 November, see below responses to frequently asked questions on:

- What to Bring
- Registration, Supporter Wristbands and Prizes
- Best Dressed Bird Competition
- Road Closure
- Parking at Kopu
- Pit Stops
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### What to Bring

- Your bike and helmet or trainers for walking (bike hire will be available at Kopu - contact Thames JollyBikes or Kopu Bikes directly if you want to pre-book).
- Best dressed bird costume (optional) - competition is for children and adults.
- Cash to purchase food/drinks, fundraiser raffle tickets or other items from stalls at Kopu and at the pit stops.
- Sunscreen and hat (if not wearing a helmet).
- Water bottle.

### Registration, Supporter Wristband and Prizes - Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve and Win

The Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust is asking people to pre-register and purchase a \$5 wristband to show their support. All proceeds from the sale of the bands will go to the Trust, which manages and maintains the Rail Trail to help take the Rail Trail from good to great.

Pre-register and purchase a supporter wristband at a specified Council office, i-sites/information hubs or Thames/Waihi Bike hire ([view pre-registration locations](#)).

Or register on the day at the registration kiosk at the Kopu festival or at Pūkoro-Miranda. Every registered participant is in the draw to win fantastic prizes.

Wristband wearers will be in to win special prizes including a night's accommodation for two adults and two children at Miranda Holiday Park, plus bike hire and shuttle service courtesy of the Paeroa Information Hub. The winner of the prize package will be announced at the grand opening prize giving. Wear your wristband at the grand opening and you'll be in to win not just the accommodation package but also some great spot prizes.

Prize giving will be held at the Kopu festival from 1.00pm - 2.00pm.

### Best Dressed Bird Competition - Come on down and shake your tail feathers.....

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| 1.00pm | Entrants to register at the registration kiosk at Kopu   |
| 1.30pm | Judging: there will be 2 categories: children and adults |

Prizes are a Red Trek Precaliper Youth Bike, courtesy of Thames JollyBikes, and 2 tickets for the Whitianga Waterways Summer Concert, courtesy of Coromandel's More FM.



### Road Closure

There is a part Kopu Road closure from 79 Kopu Road, Placemakers to Te Repo Road (access road off the State Highway), and includes Pakura Close (the culdesac that leads to the Kopu Bridge and the Hauraki Rail Trail) from 7.15am - 3.30pm.

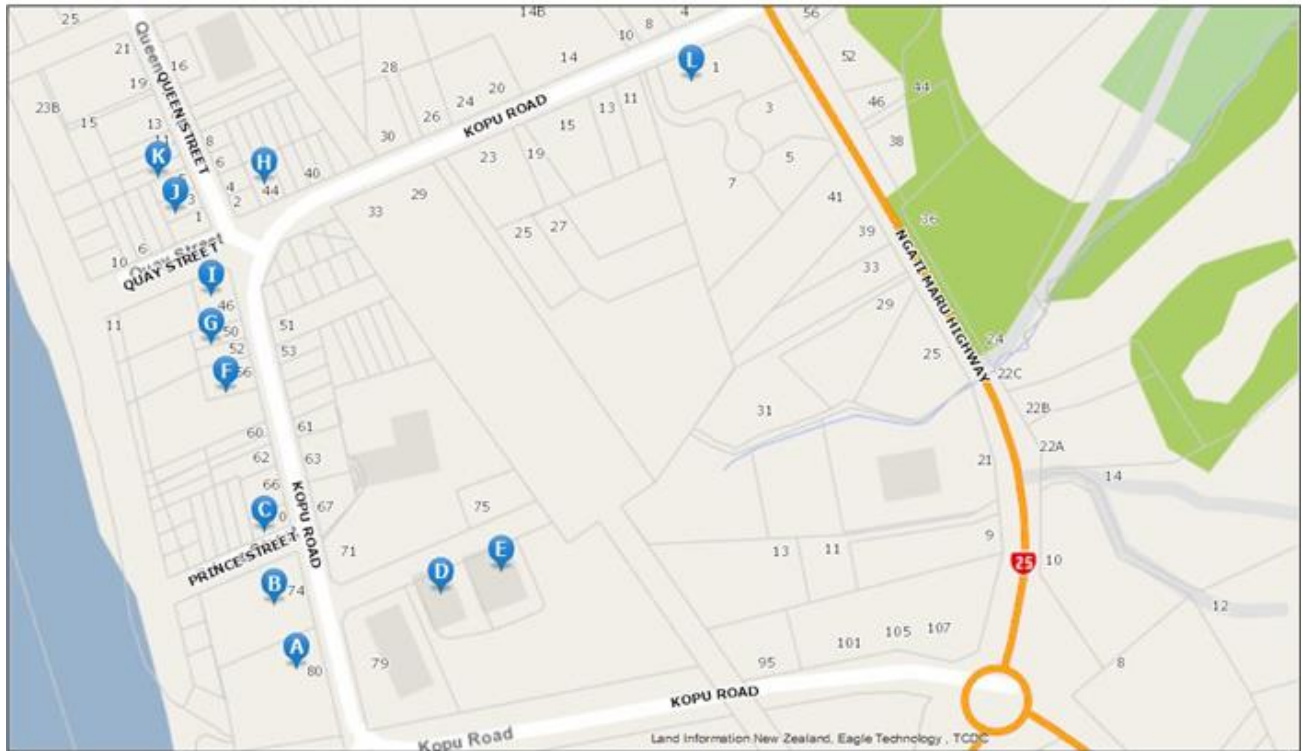
Enter Kopu off SH25 (Ngati Maru Highway) at the Kopu Station Hotel, 1 Kopu Road (opposite Mobile) rather than at the SH 25/26 roundabout to avoid getting turned back.

### Parking

Provision for parking has been made at Kopu and Pūkoro-Miranda (Robert Findlay Wildlife Area). Parking outside of these areas is discouraged.

Many Kopu businesses and land owners have generously agreed to open up a number of their yards and areas for parking on Saturday, 18 November 2017.

Parking attendants will be available to direct you to fill up the closest parking to the opening first which is shown on the map below as follows:



- A. 80 Kopu Road - Thames Trusses Limited (rear yard)
- B. 74 Kopu Road - Asplanduh - rear yard - no parking on grass please
- C. 70 Kopu Road - Versatile (left hand side of Versatile)
- D. 79 Kopu Road - Utemaster (next to Placemakers)
- E. 79 Kopu Road - Mainfreight (down service lane by Placemakers) - parking okay but please keep clear of the Lime Store and Mainfreight's tunnel.
- F. 56 Kopu Road - on the gravel in front of the white house and as directed.
- G. 50 Kopu Road - VETEL - rear yard
- H. 44 Kopu Road - vacant land in front of Caltex - access via Queen Street - NB: the driveway has a lip and may not suit all vehicles.
- I. 46 Kopu Road - Boese - parking in front of the gates (vertical and horizontal)
- J. 1 - 5 Queen Street - Fairview Windows and Doors (along to the boat yard)
- K. 7 Queen Street - Kopu Boat Yard
- L. 1 Kopu Road - Kopu Station Hotel



Please be mindful of:

- Kopu is an industrial area and whilst most businesses are closed on Saturday, there may be some open with machinery in operation at some yards and across access ways.
- Please do not touch any property in the yard of a Kopu business/landowner - these yards are open to the public for the purpose of parking only on Saturday, 18 November 2017 for the opening of the Pūkoro-Miranda to Thames Rail Trail.
- Please do not park across entrance ways of businesses that appear to be closed - they may need access while the opening is happening.
- Disclaimer: Kopu Businesses, the Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust and Thames-Coromandel District Council are not responsible for any damage/loss that may occur to any vehicle or person whilst in the Kopu Business Precinct.

### **Pit Stops**

There are 3 pit stops that riders/walkers can start/finish at. These are:

- Pipiroa - Buchanan Road - 12km from Kopu.
- Waitakaruru - Canal Bridge by the Country Store 27km from Kopu.
- Pūkoro-Miranda - Robert Findlay Wildlife Area Carpark, E Coast Road, Miranda - 38km from Kopu.

*See below for pit stop maps*

At each pit stop there will be:

- A local school or community group selling food and drinks (remember to take some cash).
- A portalo.
- A shuttle service will also operate to and from these pit stops as outlined below.
- One or more volunteers helping people.

### Pipiroa Pit Stop

P1: Trail comes down from bridge to Buchanan Road – BBQ at stopgates

P2: Shuttle service pick up on Buchanan Road.



The shuttle service will be at the pit stop as indicated. The shoulder will be closed on Buchanan Road per the traffic management plan that will be in place.



### Waitakaruru Pit Stop

P1: Trail comes out onto SH – BBQ on trail at gate

P2: Shuttle service pick up in the Country Store's private driveway



NB: Riders leaving the Rail Trail here will need to turn left to ride/walk approximately 300m to the Country Store driveway to wait/catch the shuttle bus. Please be mindful that a State Highway runs parallel and vehicles are travelling at a speed of 70km. A traffic management plan will be in place.

## Pūkoro-Miranda Pit Stop

P1: Trail comes out onto E Coast Road

P2: Shuttle service pick up and BBQ in the Robert Findlay Wildlife carpark



NB: riders riding the Rail Trail at Pūkoro-Miranda will need to travel approximately 300m from the stop gates on E Coast Road towards Kaiaua to reach the Robert Findlay Wildlife Area carpark (signposted) where the shuttle services will go from. Please be mindful of traffic on E Coast Road when proceeding to the pit stop.

There will be some parking in the carpark for riders starting at Pūkoro-Miranda or in the layby just prior to the Rail Trail stop gates.

NB: please do not take bikes down to the Bird Hide.

*Treat yourself* - if you start or end at Miranda, how about rewarding yourself with a swim at Miranda Hot Springs (a short drive or cycle heading towards Waitakaruru).

Disclaimer: Whilst extra care and attention in regards to public safety has been taken by having traffic management plans in place where required and by having volunteer assistance at the pit stops, care and attention also needs to be taken by individual person(s) and the guardians responsible for minors.



The Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust, Councils or any person involved at one of the pit stops will not be responsible for any injury to a person, damage or loss incurred to bike/equipment.

### **Shuttle Services**

Free shuttle services are provided to transport people and bikes between Kopu and the pit stops (see above) from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

### **First Shuttle Departs Kopu at 9.30am**

The Kopu shuttle depot will be at the rear of Ute Master and Mainfreight - 79 Kopu Road (opposite Te Repo Road (access road off the State Highway)). The first shuttle for riders wanting to start their ride / walk at one of the pit stops will depart following the ribbon cutting from 9.30am. You are welcome to preload your bikes onto bike rack trailers from 8.40am.

Shuttle services will be operating from each of the pit stops returning riders / walkers to Kopu frequently from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

Riders wanting to take a shuttle from Kopu back to any of the pit stops can do so between 10.30am and 2.00pm but note the service will not be operating to a specific timetable. The shuttle service will operate based on the demand at each pit stop location.

### **Last Free Shuttle of the Day**

#### *Leaving Kopu:*

Shuttle services to pit stops will be available after the prize giving leaving Kopu at 2.30pm.

#### *Leaving Pipiroa, Waitakaruru, Pūkoro-Miranda:*

The last shuttle to Kopu will be at 3.00pm from each of the above pit stops.

If a shuttle is required after this time, please contact Go Hauraki Shuttles on 0274 732775.

**Disclaimer:** The Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust have provided shuttle service operators and appropriate bike rack trailers for the purpose of transporting people and bikes from Kopu to a pit stop (Pipiroa, Waitakaruru or Pūkoro-Miranda) and vice versa during the opening of the Rail Trail on 18 November 2017 for the period 9.30am - 3.00pm.

Bikes are carried at your own risk. The Hauraki Rail Trail Charitable Trust will not be responsible for any injury to a person or damage/loss incurred to bikes or equipment transported.

If a bike is put on a bike trailer, please board the shuttle towing the bike or one working in tandem.

**Weather** - the opening will proceed rain or shine. In the event of a weather warning, listen to More FM Coromandel on FM97.2 and visit [www.haurakirailtrail.co.nz](http://www.haurakirailtrail.co.nz) plus Council's websites for updates on changes to scheduled plans.

Full details of the opening day's festivities are available on the **Hauraki Rail Trail website** where you'll also find more information on all sections of the cycleway.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**