

POATINA MT. RACE

GUIDE TO THE EVENT



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1. INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM THE EVENT DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO THE FIFTH ANNUAL POATINA MOUNTAIN RACE



2020 marks an exciting milestone - the fifth annual running of a unique motorsport event that has become simply known as, Poatina.

Motivation behind developing the first Poatina Mountain Race in 2014 was unpretentious – arrange for the closure of an amazing piece of Tasmanian road and create an event where mates compete against mates in their own unique cars, with a firm focus on having fun.

From the outset, the single day event was designed to be a place for tarmac rallying's front runners as well as backmarkers. Poatina is still a place for motorsport stalwarts, to those just starting out on their fast journey, and for everyone else in between.

Beyond the familiar tarmac rally format though, I had long held a fascination with the long-course European Hillclimb Championship and events such as Pikes Peak.

From the outset my goal was to create a slice of European-style hillclimbing in Tasmania. The Poatina Mountain Race is now Australia's longest hillclimb competition and is second only to Pikes Peak as the world's longest hillclimb using a sealed competition surface.

The past five years have seen fantastic competition and vast number of exciting cars take part. I am extremely grateful for all of the support we have received from competitors and officials, but also from the team at Fusion Australia, the Northern Midlands Council and the Tasmanian Government through the Department of State Growth – as without them this event simply would not be possible.

On behalf of the organising team of the 2020 event, I wish everyone all the very best of luck for a safe and fun event in March.



Stuart Benson
EVENT DIRECTOR

2. EVENT OVERVIEW

2.1. FAST FACTS

Approx. Competitive Distance:	54km (6x9km)
Event HQ:	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
Documentation:	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
Scrutineering:	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
Service / Re Group	Poatina Village Green, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
Event website:	www.autocorsa.com.au Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.

2.2. CONTACT DETAILS

Event Organiser	Auto Corsa Group 17 Kelson Place Acton Park Tasmania 7170 Email: info@autocorsa.com.au
Event HQ:	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302 Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.
Media Enquiries:	Stuart Benson 0412 868 979 or stuart@autocorsa.com.au

2.3. EVENT ITINERARY

TIME	ITEM	LOCATION
7.30am > 8.25am	Scrutineering and Documentation	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
7.30am	Officials briefing	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
8.15am	Media briefing	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
8.30am	Competitor briefing	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302

TIME	ITEM	LOCATION
9.00am	Competition commences	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
4.00pm	Estimated competition finish time	
4.30pm	Award presentation	Village Green (near the Chalet) Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302

Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1 for locations.

3. GETTING TO THE EVENT

The table below outlines approximate driving times from each major Tasmanian town:

ORIGIN	MAJOR HIGHWAYS	APPROX. DRIVE TIME	KMS FROM ORIGIN
Launceston	Midlands Highway (1)/ Powranna Road (B53) (Right turn off Midlands Highway 3km after Symmons Plains Raceway)	54 minutes	70km
Hobart	Midlands Highway (1) / Powranna Road (B53) (Left turn off Midlands Highway is 3km before Symmons Plains Raceway)	2hrs 20mins	203km
Devonport	Bass Highway through Longford and Cressy	1hr 30mins	129km
Burnie	Bass Highway through Longford and Cressy	2hours	175km

4. PRE-EVENT RECONNAISSANCE

Reconnaissance of the course is permitted prior to the Event, though high-speed practice is NOT permitted.

To assist with pre-event reconnaissance, Auto Corsa Group has prepared a course map (provided at Appendix B) outlining 2020 course.

We have partnered with two pace note providers for this event and expect to pay around \$100 per copy:

PROVIDER	CONTACT DETAILS
Smoothline	Contact: Bernie Webb or Steve Glenney Tel: 0402 256 395 Website: www.smoothline.com.au Email: notes@smoothline.com.au
Rally Notes	Contact: Daniel Willson Tel: 0408 624 959 Website: www.rallynotes.com.au Email: daniel@rallynotes.com.au

5. AASA LICENCE AND LOG BOOK

Auto Corsa Group has made available on its website, application forms for an AASA competition licence, which is required to compete.

The forms are available at the event's "Competitor Documentation" page on www.autocorsa.com.au. Please complete these forms and return them to AASA via email on info@aasa.com.au.

6. EVENT REGULATIONS

There are two tiers of regulations for the event and all will be made available for download from the Auto Corsa Group website when approved. They are:

6.1. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

These regulations provide further detail on both operational and logistical arrangements for the event.

6.2. FURTHER REGULATIONS

Further Regulations will only be issued to competitors in the instance something of significance is not covered or needs to be amended in the Supplementary Regulations and will only be done so directly to competitors via email. Alternatively, a bulletin may be issued at Documentation.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation available within Poatina Village for the Saturday night before and Sunday night after the event. Competitors and friends of the event are very welcome to stay before or after the weekend too.

Golden Chain 3-Star Motel Rooms either for a couple or twin share are approximately \$100 per room, whilst Hostel Beds (rooms with various bed combinations and shared bathroom facilities) start from \$30 per person. Motorhomes and caravans also welcome.

To make an accommodation booking contact Poatina Chalet on poatina.chalet@fusion.org.au or (03) 6397 8290. EFTPOS and cash payments accepted.

All accommodation check-ins are managed through the Poatina Chalet, the large orange brick building next to the long grassy stretch (Service / Re Group Area).

For more information go to www.poatina.com

8. SCRUTINEERING

Pre-event scrutineering will be held in the week prior to the event at a locations around Tasmania and details of this will be made available via further regulations to be issued.

9. DOCUMENTATION

Documentation will be held in the Poatina Chalet from 7.30am. Competitors are to present their AASA competition licence and vehicle logbook. If a competitor has recently applied for a AASA licence, AASA will bring these to the event to save time on mailing.

10. SERVICE / RE GROUP AREA

The event's service / re group area will be held on the Village Green along Gordon Street in Poatina. Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.

11. SCORING, TIMING AND LIVE RESULTS

Within the two competition categories there are two different scoring systems operating:

Mountain Rally - every stage time of your six runs count. It's the cumulative, or total time of every stage time that produces the Mountain Rally final results.

Mountain Race - only your best time recorded of the up to six runs you can make will count for your final results.

Stage times will be available via the RallySafe smart phone app. Make sure you download the app onto your smart phone prior to the event to save your data on the day. Download the app from either iTunes or Google Play store.

12. ROAD CLOSURES

Poatina Road near Poatina Village will be closed for the purposes of the event between 9.00am and 4.00pm - however the road will re-open temporarily every hour during this time. Any changes to road closure times will be publicised via www.autocorsa.com.au

13. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Information for spectators, including road closures times to access designated spectator points and a guide to safe spectators, will be published on the Auto Corsa Group website at www.autocorsa.com.au

14. APPAREL REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPATING CREW

The below tables summarise the various items of apparel that all crew members must wear while on the competition stage. Do note that minimum requirements differ significantly between competition and tour categories:

Mountain Race and Mountain Rally categories:

Suit	H2	Single or two-piece suit to SFI 3.2A Grade 1 (minimum). 8856-2000 OK.
Underwear	U2	Single or two-piece under wear to SFI 3.3. 8856-2000 OK
Helmet	T2 or T3	To Snell SA2010, SA2010Hm SA2015
Socks	S2	To SFI 3.3. 8856-2000 OK
Gloves	Y	Drivers gloves to SFI 3.3 Grade 5 (minimum). 8856-2000 OK
Balaclava	Y	To SFI 3.3. 8856-2000 OK
Boots	B2	Fully enclosed footwear with non-synthetic upper and lower and be designed and distributed for motorsport use
FHR	R2	To SFI 38.1. 8858-2002 OK

Mountain Tour category:

Suit	H1	Non-flammable apparel that cover the body from mid-neck to wrist to ankles
Underwear	N	Not required but recommended!
Helmet	T1	AS/NZ1698, ECE 022 with 04 or 05 amendments, SA2005, SA2010 or SA2015
Socks	S1	Non-flammable socks or sufficient length to cover the ankles
Gloves	N	Not required but recommended
Balaclava	N	Not required but recommended
Boots	B1	Fully enclosed footwear with non-synthetic upper and lower
FHR	N	Not required but recommended

15. REQUIRMENTS OF PARTICPATING VEHICLES

The below tables summarise the various items that all vehicles must present with at scrutineering in order to be deemed OK to start. Do note that minimum requirements differ significantly between competition and tour categories:

Mountain Race and Mountain Rally categories:

Rollover protection	Fitted in accordance with AASA Safety Cage regulations (Class 3), or an internationally recognised motorsport body as approved
Seats	As supplied OEM, to SFI 39.2, or in compliance with an internationally recognised motorsport body
Belts	AASA recommend the use of three-inch, five or six-point belts. Belts shall be marked having compliance with at least ECE 16, SFI 16.1, AS2586, or in compliance with an internationally recognised motorsport body
Rallysafe	Standard Rallysafe wiring kit and device mount
Fire extinguisher	One or more removable fire extinguishers to AS1841, with a combined capacity of two-kilograms.
Tow hooks	Front and rear tow hooks fitted and be of sufficient strength
Safety triangles	Two reflective 'safety triangles' fitted for the purpose of display if stopped on stage
First-aid kit	An in-date first aid kit

Mountain Tour category:

Rollover protection	Not required but recommended
Seats	As supplied OEM
Belts	As supplied OEM
Rallysafe	12v power source required
Fire extinguisher	Not required but recommended
Tow hooks	Not required but recommended
Safety triangles	Not required but recommended
First-aid kit	Not required but recommended

16. MEDICAL AND EMERGENCY

16.1. EMERGENCY

For any serious emergency, dial 000 and ask for the Fire, Police or Ambulance.

16.2. MEDICAL CENTRES

CENTRE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Launceston Medical Centre	247 Wellington St, Launceston TAS 7250	Phone: (03) 6388 8111
Norfolk Plains Medical	28 George Street, Longford TAS 7301	Phone: (03) 6391 1170

16.3. HOSPITAL

HOSPITAL	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Launceston General Hospital	274-280 Charles St, Launceston TAS 7250	(03) 6777 6777

16.4. POLICE

The nearest Police Station is about 20 minutes away at Cressy.

POLICE	ADDRESS	CONTACT
Longford Police Station	31 George St, Longford TAS 7301	(03) 6391 1204

17. INSURANCE

We all know that motorsport presents a vast number of risks, but are you aware of the implications of this risk and how these relate to insurance cover? Could it be beneficial to buy additional cover beyond the standard insurance included in an entry?

AASA have produced a really helpful guide to what is included in your entry and what other cover you might want to consider. Check it out here - [AASA insurance](#).

18. EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

[Angryman Photography](#) will provide competitors with on-event photography packages at a competitive price. If you would like to discuss package options prior the event feel free to contact Jarrod at Angryman on 0439 101 904.

19. AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Awards presentation will be held on the Village Green from approximately 4.30pm where trophies will be presented to winners.

20. FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD AND JAZZ ON SATURDAY NIGHT

The View Restaurant within the Poatina Chalet will be open for Saturday evening meals including Scotch Fillet and Porterhouse Steaks, along with the famous Poatina Sticky Date Pudding.

High demand is expected, so the Poatina Chalet will appreciate bookings in advance (either by phone (03 6397 8290) or email poatina.chalet@fusion.org.au or at accommodation check in. Please note that the View Restaurant does not have a liquor licence, due to the work of the Poatina community with young and vulnerable people.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

There will be a range of sit-down and take-away breakfast options available from 7 am at all of the Food Vendors listed in the next section.

FOOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Food will be available in two areas throughout the day – around the Village Green (east of the Service Area) and within the Poatina Chalet (north of the Service Area). Cash or EFTPOS welcome.

The View Restaurant at the Poatina Chalet is available for sit down lunches with stunning views of the mountain (giving occasional glimpses of the cars as they climb up the hill). The menu will include its regular Sunday Roast, Seafood Basket, Chicken Schnitzel, and its renowned Curried Scallop Pie.

The View Café will offer a range of light menu options for eat-in or take-away, such as toasted sandwiches, hot chips, espresso coffees and cold drinks. Free Wi-Fi is also available here. For advance orders, or to pick up and go, phone the Chalet on 6397 8290.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

There will be a range of other activities in the Village for people to enjoy alongside the event:

- Free family focussed activities including rides on the Thomas Train!
- Children's Playground with Swings for all ages, Seesaw, Little Aussie Diggers & more
- The Poatina Tree Art Gallery offers a range of stunning glass, music and other art created here in Poatina and around Australia. A new solo exhibition will be on display and an artist talk and art workshop will be available from 10am–2 pm. For more information go to www.thepoatinatree.com.au
- Poatina Gift Shop offers delightful local and unique gifts, cards, books & souvenirs

- Poatina Op Shop offers a range of pre-loved clothes and other items
- Free Electric Barbecues near the Playground, and Picnic Tables in many locations
- Skating Half Pipe for teenagers and other skaters
- Beautiful short and long Bushwalks around the Village (maps available from any enterprise), including a Bushranger hunt
- Poatina Golf Course – a scenic 9-hole/18-tee Course, Visitors welcome, \$10 Green Fee
- Poatina Labyrinth – for those seeking some peace in the midst of the day – available for contemplative walking (it is between the Service Area and the Start line, so some car noise!)

21. SHOPS

The Poatina General Store provides a range of hot foods including Four'N Twenty Pies, Poatina Cornish Pasties, Hot Dogs, Dim Sims, Cheese Sausages, Egg & Bacon Rolls, Pulled Pork Rolls, Hot Chips, Battered Fish, and Potato Cakes, as well as Peter's ice creams, chips, nuts, chocolates and other confectionery, and fresh fruit. Cold water and a wide range of other cold drinks available.

BBQ Packs will also be available for those wanting to cook their own food at the Village BBQs.

The General Store also stocks a range of items like batteries, band aids and other useful things you might suddenly find you need whilst here. Contact John Bart on 6397 8424 for special orders.

22. SERVICE STATION

The Ampol Service Station in Poatina Village will be open on the day of the event from 7am – 7pm (regularly daily 9am – 5pm), serving Premium 95 Unleaded, Unleaded 91 & Diesel Fuel; Caltex oils; air compressor and more.

23. PUBLIC TOILETS

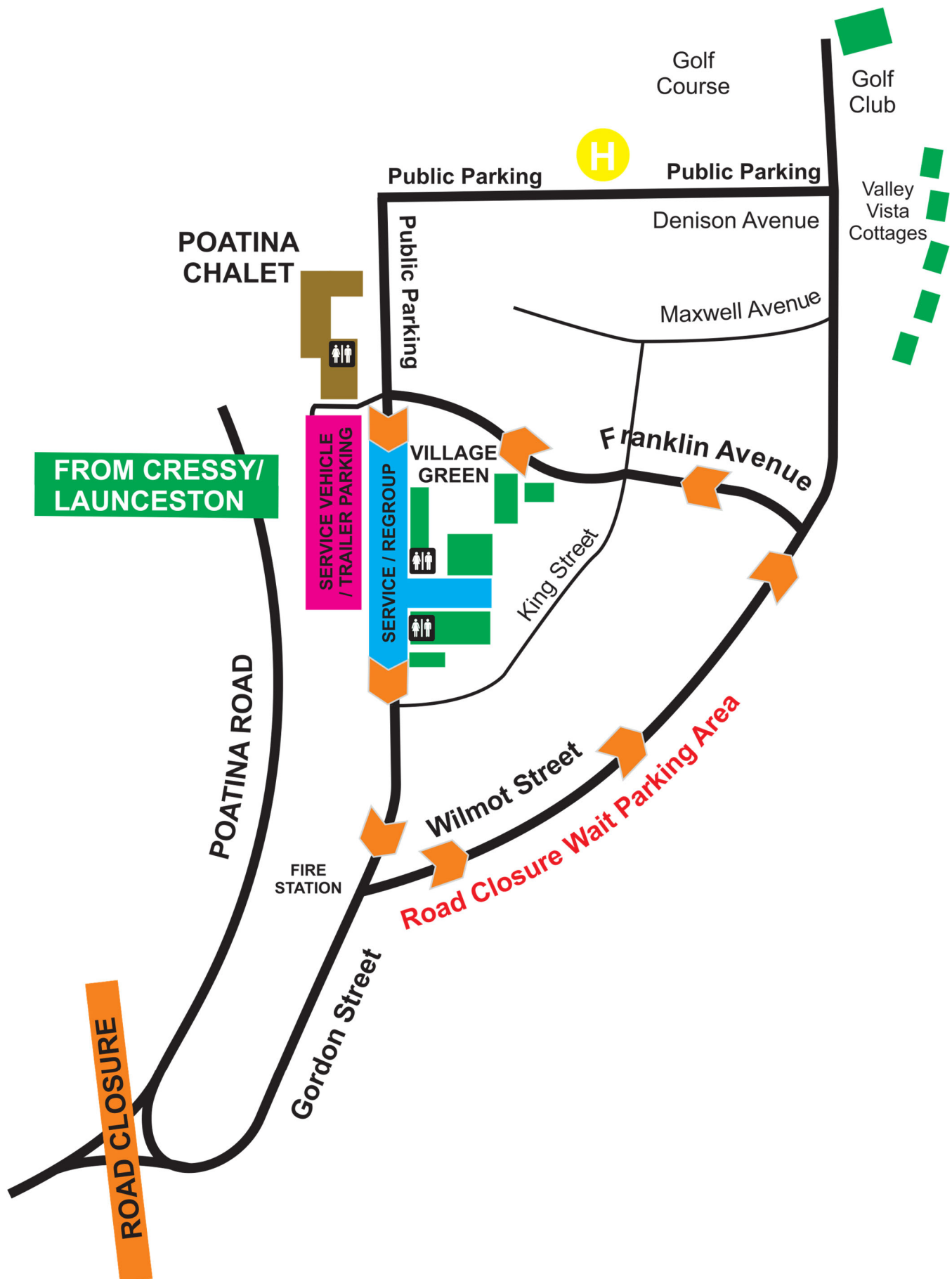
Public Toilets are available in a range of places throughout Poatina Village, including around the Village Green (these ones are accessible toilets) and the Poatina Chalet.

24. CASH WITHDRAWAL FACILITY

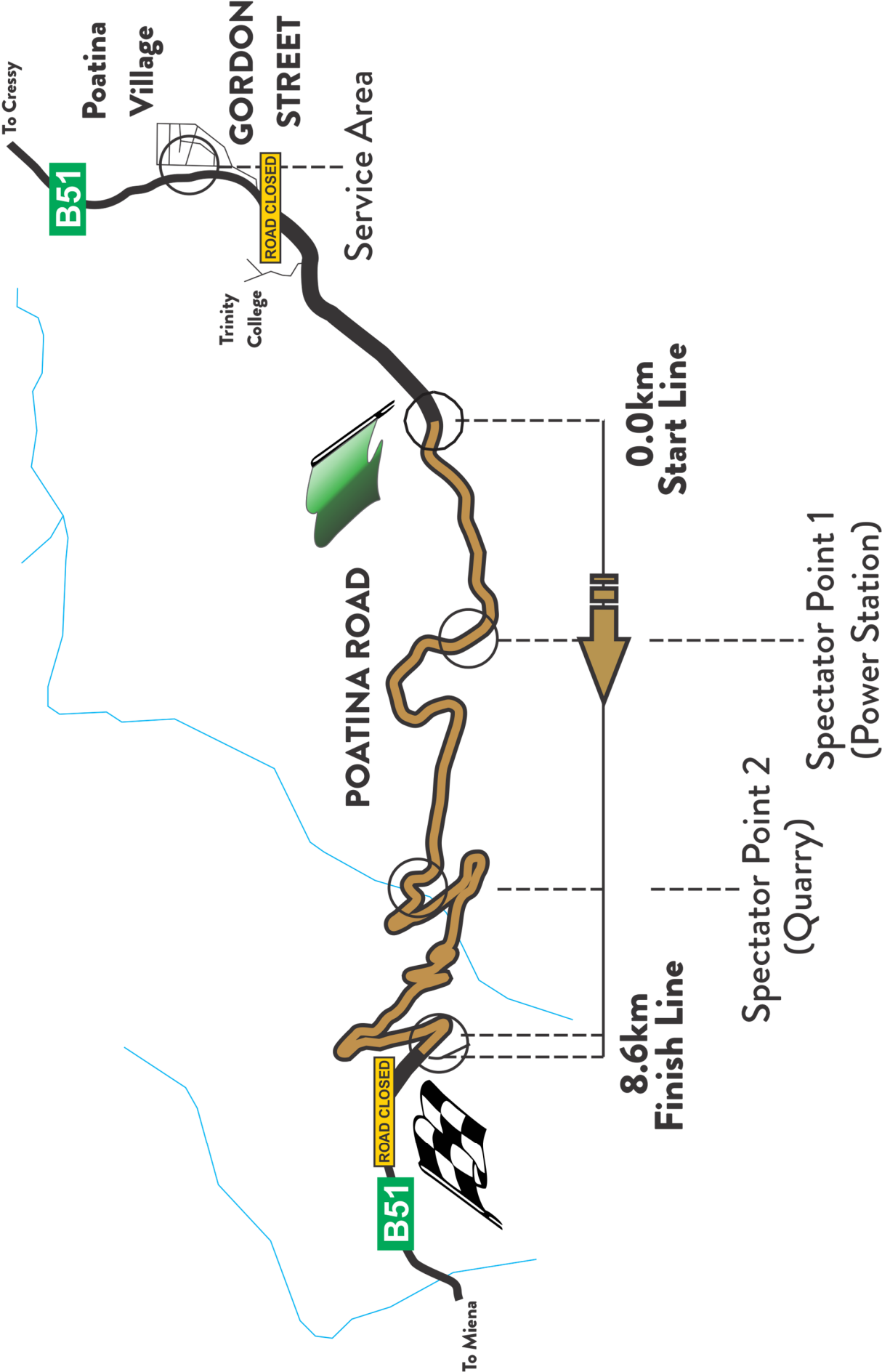
The Ampol Service Station in Poatina Village offers a cash withdrawal facility (ATM) up to \$50.

Note: all Village shops accept EFTPOS.

APPENDIX 1 – POATINA VILLAGE MAP



APPENDIX 2 – COURSE MAP





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