

When arriving at St Albans Village, please proceed to the office before going to your campsite. We will collect your bio security documents and then place you in your camping spot. A blank horse health declaration will be given to you to record your horse's temperature from arrival until the morning of your pre-ride vetting. This temperature log will be handed in when finalising your entry.

Train your horse to trot out on a loose rein before you come to St Albans.

Your horse must have a logbook for the mini marathon, and it must be used.

Roadworks on roads leading to St Albans might affect travel for heavy and long vehicles. Please make enquiries to decide the best way to travel.

Travelling to Shahzada – Please note that due to the floods in 2021 & 2022 a lot of the roads are still being repaired and conditions have been placed on them.

Wisemans Ferry Rd from Spencer to Wisemans 15ton limit.

Settlers rd from Wisemans 42ton limit AND 12.5 meters Max AND no articulated vehicles.

St Albans Bridge limit 15 ton

If towing please don't even attempt Greens Rd / Wheelbarrow Ridge Rds.

Wollemi Rd is a long gravel road which currently is in OK condition. A couple of narrow corners so vehicles towing long floats beware. If coming this way please check with us before leaving for Shahzada as it is a dirt / gravel road and conditions can change.

Fill up your vehicle with petrol or diesel at the Shell Wisemans Ferry (the last fuel), on the way in to St Albans. The last bottled gas filling point is Alex Bice, Wisemans Ferry Post Office, phone 0417 275675. Ask at Shahzada office for refills. The last portagas filling point is Alex Bice, Wisemans Ferry Post Office, phone 02 4566 4273 at Wisemans Ferry

Bring some cash for merchandise/canteen etc

Ice will be available at certain times from the local fire brigade – Please see office for times. Source

Facilities at Wisemans Ferry. Pub, Bowling Club, Doctors, Post Office for cash withdrawal, IGA supermarket, Chemist, Shell service station

Mobile phones in village are telstra only. Free phone calls at phone box near bar

If you bring a dog, the only time it is allowed in the vetting area is during the dog races. Dogs must be on a lead at all times. Remember to bring your doggie poo bags and always clean up after them. Nothing worse than stepping in someone else dog poo!! Be aware 1080 poison has been laid in National Parks. Dogs must not be taken to National Park areas.

No push bikes in the vetting area whilst horses are being either TPR'd or vetted.

Farrier – Haydn Fisher who is also our Head Chief Steward is the emergency farrier during the event. To save his precious time and your stress levels please bring 2 sets of pre shaped shoes with you. Plus, the old set your farrier takes off (just in case you need a shoe tacking on while on course) Your farrier can make these prior to leaving home. Haydn will not be bringing any horse shoes to Shahzada.

Split Firewood is available by pre - ordering through the Shahzada Nominations page on AERAOnline. Alternatively, please bring your own. Once you arrive at St Albans there will be very little opportunity to purchase firewood. There will be a big communal fire near the office / vetting area.

There are very few sites where power is available. Bring a small super quiet generator for power. Camps with generators will be located well away from the general camp because of noise and there is a curfew on generator hours. Battery powered lights are preferred. Limited power is available at the office for battery chargers during daylight hours.

Don't leave it to the last minute to arrive in St Albans. Arrival on Friday at the latest is a lot less stress on everyone than Saturday.

Put name tags on all clothing, helmets, torches etc, which may be discarded at check points to enhance your chances of getting your own equipment and clothing back.

Strapper calls and announcements can be heard back at your camp through a FM radio transmitter. Please bring a portable radio to hear the public address announcements on 89.5Mhz in your camp.

Riders must always call their own number at the WICEN radio check points and ensure that the WICEN radio operator acknowledges/calls back that number before leaving the radio check point.

Riders must ensure they wear the correct ride number on course and that the number is not obstructed, outside coats etc.

Whoever is leading the horse in the vetting area must always wear the ride number.

If you are unhappy with a veterinary decision, be prepared to lodge your appeal with the Head Vet or Chief Steward before you leave the vetting area. if you disagree with a decision; talk calmly to the Chief Steward about it.

Check the computer printouts each evening and ensure that the correct information is entered. Please advise Kerry at the office shed if there is a problem with the information.

Please bring plenty of fresh drinking water for the people in your camp.

There is a canteen at Shahzada with breakfast, lunch and dinner served.

For those that remember Hal, please remember to bring both Fur lined and normal thongs, as it can get warm during the day, but it can be very cold over night!

Remember Shahzada is a unique event with everyone willing to help you get your buckle. Do not be afraid to ask anyone and that includes the vets if you think you may have an issue. You will have a much better chance of success if managed early and properly.

Things to bring which you may not think of:

Medications for greasy heel.

Bring plenty of baby powder.

A change of saddle should your horse develop a back problem.

Sheep skin girth covers.

A large sponge on a string for river crossings.

Easiboats.

Brushing boots for mountain descents.

Things to remember

Dry under your horse's "armpits" when strapping. This area is prone to rash and may cause lameness.

After you arrive and before the start:

Trot your horse out before vetting to ensure soundness after travel.

Make sure that you go past the Timekeeper going out and in on each leg.

Make sure that your horse is correctly shod before starting in the ride and throughout the ride.

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