

2025 MARLIN COAST CHALLENGE

SATURDAY 18/10/25



Welcome everyone to the 17th Marlin Coast Challenge!

Please read this program carefully. We have made a few changes to the divisions.

This race program and maps are only to be read in conjunction with the [AOCRA Rules April 2024 \(updated July\)](#) and [Matters for Attention 2024](#).

We are looking forward to seeing you up here in FNQ from all of us at Port Douglas OCC!

**YORKEYS KNOB TO PORT DOUGLAS
43KM**

**OC6/OC6 UNLIMITED/OC1/OC2/OC3/V1/V3/SURF SKI
- IRON/RELAY RACE**



Briefing: 9.45am

Start: 10.15am

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Nominations & Payment: www.aocra.com.au

COMPETITORS INFORMATION

This race is a Relay OR Iron race, designed to encourage both the novice and experienced paddler. Beach changeovers will be made at the designated points. Individual support boats are not required for each team. There will be ample support boats watching over the fleet as per the AOCRA support boat ratio.

The start will be a mass start at Yorkeys Knob and comprise of four legs:

- Yorkeys Knob to Ellis Beach (12km).
- Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach (10.5km).
- Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach (8km)
- Oak Beach to Southern End of Four Mile Beach – (Our clubhouse), Port Douglas (12.5km)

All changeover points will be clearly marked with flags on the beach so paddlers can see their destination.

EACH LEG WILL START WITH A WAVE START AFTER THE LAST PADDLER HAS FINISHED THE PREVIOUS LEG.
WAVE SEQUENCE TO BE ADVISED ON THE DAY.

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BRIEFING AND START TIME

BRIEFING AT 9.45AM IN FRONT OF THE SIGN IN DESK.

Start: 10.15am

Yorkeys Knob Beach, Sims Esplanade:

TIDES

High Tide: 07.31am—2.45m Cairns

Low Tide: 13.15pm—0.74m Port Douglas

Sunrise: 5:56am – Sunset: 18.16pm



**MARINE RESCUE
PORT DOUGLAS**

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COURSE INFORMATION

The race will start at Yorkeys Knob Esplanade (Northern end) between two nominated support boats and then head north towards Ellis beach.

1ST CHANGEOVER

Leg 1 – 12 km – Yorkeys Knob to Ellis Beach head north along coast to Ellis Beach – northern end (just past the stinger net).

2nd CHANGEOVER

Leg 2 – 10.5 km – Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach head north along coast to northern end of Wangetti Beach.

3RD CHANGEOVER

Leg 3 – 8 km – Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach head north along coast to Oak Beach.

4TH CHANGEOVER/FINISH

Leg 4 – 12 km – Oak Beach to the Southern End of Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas. From the beach head out for about 1.5km NE/E – turn left around a marker then aim straight to Port Douglas. There will be a series of buoys marking the outside of the reef. You MUST pass the buoys on YOUR left. The finish line is situated at the southern end of Four Mile Beach between the lead boat and an orange marker. Paddler make their way into the beach. Our Club shed is right there!

AT ALL 4 FINISH LINES

The Finish line of each leg will be between the lead boat and an ORANGE MARKER. You MUST pass through the finish line, as close as possible to the lead boat. Yell out your canoe/race number to the lead boat (the timekeepers are on there) to help to identify you.

After passing through the finish line, you can make your own way safely onto the beach in your own time.

AFTER THE END OF THE 4TH LEG- paddlers make their way to our Clubhouse 50 meters from the beach.

Toilet's, cold showers are available in the park opposite the Clubhouse



DRIVING TO EACH CHANGEOVER POINT

All competitors to organise their own transport to the next changeover point.
A map will be provided clearly showing how to get to each beach location for the changeover.

*****PLEASE NOTE: ALL OC6 TRAILERS MUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE FINISH IN PORT DOUGLAS –THERE IS NO ROOM AT THE CHANGEOVER POINTS FOR AN OC6 TRAILER TO TURN AROUND!!*****

MANDATORY NEW SAFETY RULES

(Endorsed by AOCRA) for FIRST AID

- All the paddlers that attend MCC must adopt a buddy system to check on each paddler's condition after each leg.
- Every relay team must nominate 2 people and iron paddlers, one person as their buddy for the day (this can be a paddler or a support person attending the event)
- The nominated people's names and mobile numbers for each craft must be included in your race nominations in the comments section on the AOCRA website.
- The buddy's roles after each leg is to ask three questions of each paddler eg. What day is it; what leg have you just finished, are you feeling ok etc.
- The buddy monitors those answers and if they are not satisfied or if there are any concerns like: slurry speech, loss of memory, they can't walk straight/balance then they must alert our Qualified First Aider who is on the beach.

RULES

AOCRA regatta rules apply.

Support boats will be at a ratio as prescribed in AOCRA regatta rules.

OC1/OC2/SKI–must carry or wear a Level 50 or 150 Inflatable lifejacket & a Leg rope.

One paddler in an OC2/ski 2 must wear a leg rope.

OC6/V3's - must have a Level 50, Level 100 or 150 Inflatable lifejacket per person in the canoes – 1 per person

All Outrigger craft must carry 1 additional paddle

OC6 / V3 must also carry a 25m (min) safety rope and 2 bailers.

RACING DIVISIONS

For all categories: OC6 / OC1 / OC2 /OC3/ V1 /V3/ SURF SKI

Iron and relay races the divisions are

OPEN, MASTER, SENIOR, GOLDEN, PLATINUM - (19 & U's – Relay ONLY)

ATTENTION OC6 MIXED RELAY: OPEN ONLY!!

- ATTENTION OC6 TEAMS – 12 paddlers per relay team and 6 for iron
- MIXED OC6 IRON MUST HAVE A MIN OF 3 WOMEN IN THE CREW
- MIXED OC6 RELAY MUST HAVE A MIN OF 3 WOMEN IN THE CANOE FOR EACH LEG
- MIXED OC2 RELAY AND IRON MUST HAVE ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE IN EACH LEG
- MIXED AND IRON OC3/V3 MUST HAVE A MIN OF ONE FEMALE IN TEAM
- 19U WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PADDLE IN THE 19U OC6 RELAY DIVISION ONLY – NOT IRON, THEY MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN ESCORT BOAT AND HAVE A TEAM MANAGER OR COACH ON BOARD THE ESCORT BOAT (please ensure all AOCRA Rules for 19U crews are met)
- For all V1 Relay Teams: MUST RACE V1 ON ALL FOUR LEGS OF THE RACE, NOT TO COMBINE WITH OC1 CRAFT.

A TIME LIMIT FOR EACH LEG WILL APPLY!!! Paddlers/ teams that do NOT make the time limit will not be able to start the next leg.

TIME LIMITS: 1ST LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN
 2ND LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN
 3RD LEG : 1 HR 15 MIN

Time limits will be confirmed by The Race committee during the Briefing and may change on the day to reflect water conditions.

NOMINATION FEE/REGISTRATION AND SIGNING IN ON THE DAY

SIGNING IN ON THE DAY: ONE CLUB REPRESENTATIVE PER CLUB WILL BE ABLE TO SIGN FOR EVERYONE ON THE DAY.

\$105.00 PER PERSON FOR ALL CATEGORIES/ 19U's \$85.00 PER PERSON

Surf Ski paddlers are welcome to participate and should also nominate and pay via the AOCRA website. Click on 'Race Registration', then "I'm not a member, but want to nominate for an event" and follow the instructions.

Nomination fee includes a race singlet - **to minimise congestion on the day: We require your singlet size when registering. Only the club representative will be able to pick up all the singlets for each club**

**Nominations due by
Saturday 04/10/23 – Late fee will apply after this date**

All Clubs and Individuals must lodge a CLUB & TEAM NOMINATION
along with payment online at www.aocra.com.au

****PLEASE NOTE NOMINATIONS CAN ONLY BE LODGED VIA THE AOCRA WEBSITE
VISIT www.aocra.com.au TO PAY AND NOMINATE****

Cancellation & Refund Policy **effective 1st May 2022**

- The Host, Zone or AOCRA may cancel an event in line with the AOCRA Rules.
- Cancellation more than 30 days before the event is at minimum a 80% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.
- Cancellation more than 7 days before the event is at minimum an 70% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.
- Cancellation more than 1 day before the event is at minimum a 60% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.
- Cancellation on the day of the event is at minimum a 40% refund of the Host, Zone and AOCRA portion of the nomination fee.
- The Host, Zone and / or AOCRA reserve the right to refund at a greater value of their portion of the nomination fee only than the stated cancellation terms above.
- Refunds will be processed within 30 days of cancellation via the same method used for payment

Postponement

- Should the Host, Zone or AOCRA postpone an event, they are required to give notice at any time prior to the scheduled start time of an event.
- A date for the rescheduled event must be announced within 7 days of the original event date in writing by: email, sms alert notification or text message to your mobile device, Host Facebook page, written announcement on the AOCRA website.
- The Host reserves the right to postpone the event (where no refund will be issued).
- The rescheduled event program content / format may change including scheduled times which is at the discretion of the Host and they reserve the right to do without notice.
- The Host, Zone or AOCRA may continue to postpone an event following the same process as above

Nominee cancellation

- Once the nomination fee is paid there is no refund for change of mind.
- If you have paid the nomination fee and are unable to attend the event due to extenuating circumstances outside of your control, you may apply in writing using the AOCRA Request for Refund Form on the AOCRA website and email to support@acra.com.au giving details of the reason for requesting a refund.
- The Host, Zone and AOCRA are not obligated to refund their respective portions of the nomination fee, and if a refund is approved it will be processed in full less an administration fee of up to \$10 for processing the refund.
- AOCRA determines the administration fee at the time of processing a refund and retains the administration fee to cover their processing costs.
- The nominee cannot request a refund on the day of the event or after the start date of the event.

Fee Breakdown

Nomination per paddler	Club	NQ Zone	Aocra	Total – includes race singlet
Iron & Relay	\$98.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$105.00
19U's	\$78.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$85.00

PRESENTATIONS & SOCIAL

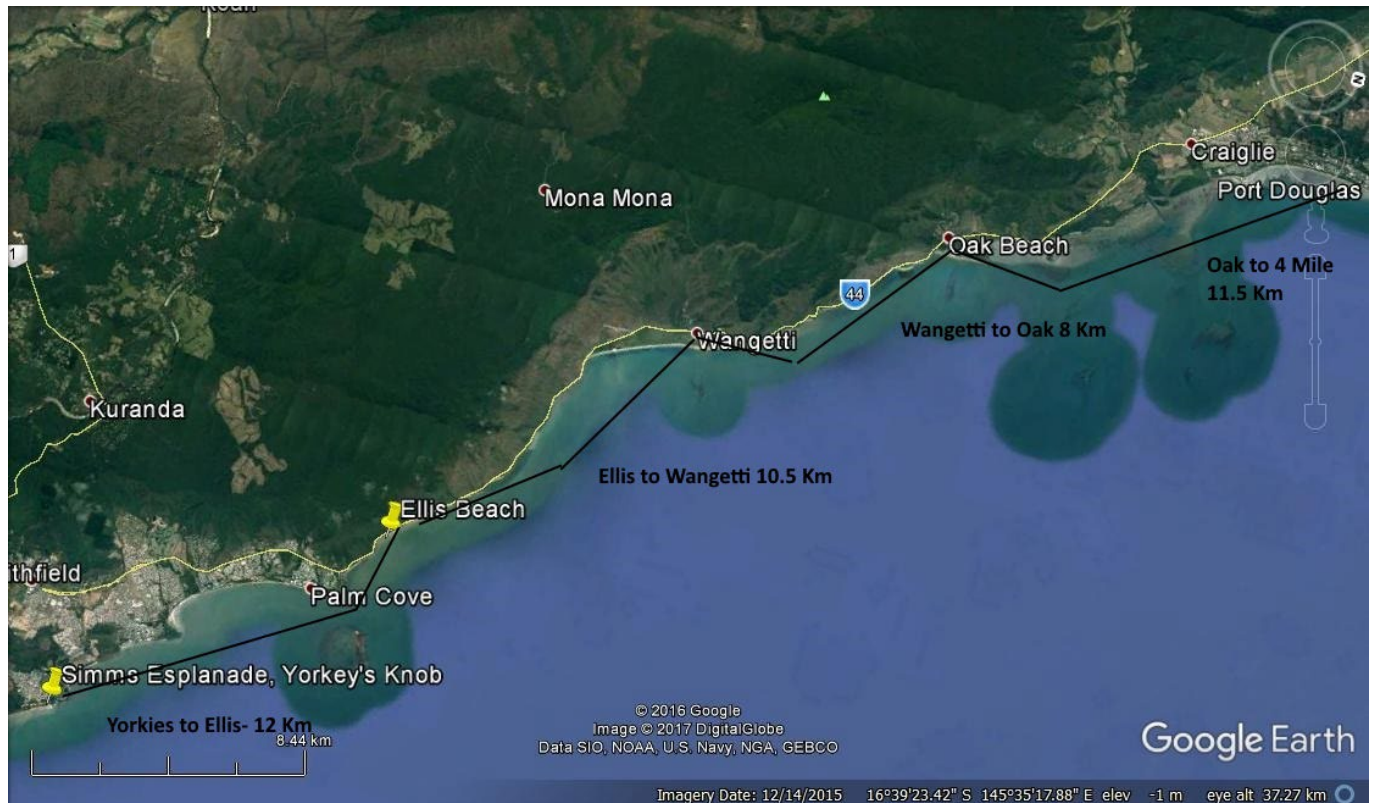
Presentations will be held immediately after Dinner at our NEW CLUBHOUSE at Barrier Street, Southern end of Four Mile Beach, Port Douglas.

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ANY QUERIES EMAIL DANIELLE at info@bes-elec.com.au

(Tickets must be pre-purchased for catering purposes via AOCRA website)

COURSE MAP – YORKEY’S KNOB TO SOUTHERN END 4 MILE BEACH (OUR CLUB HOUSE) – PORT DOUGLAS

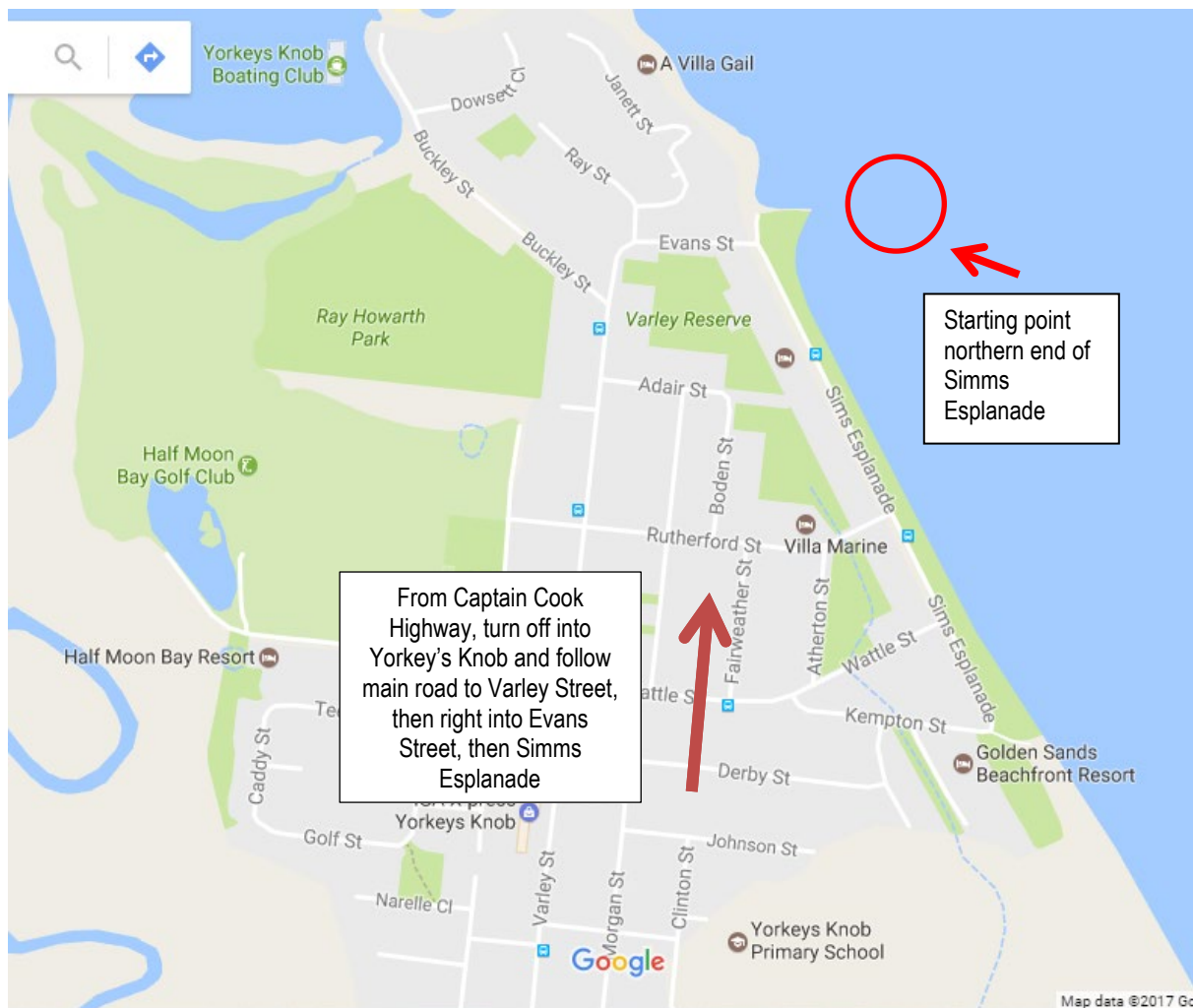


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2 nd Leg:	Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach	10.5 km
3 rd Leg:	Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach	8.0 km
4 th Leg:	Oak Beach to Southern End of Four Mile Beach	12.5 km

Total distance: Approx. 43 km

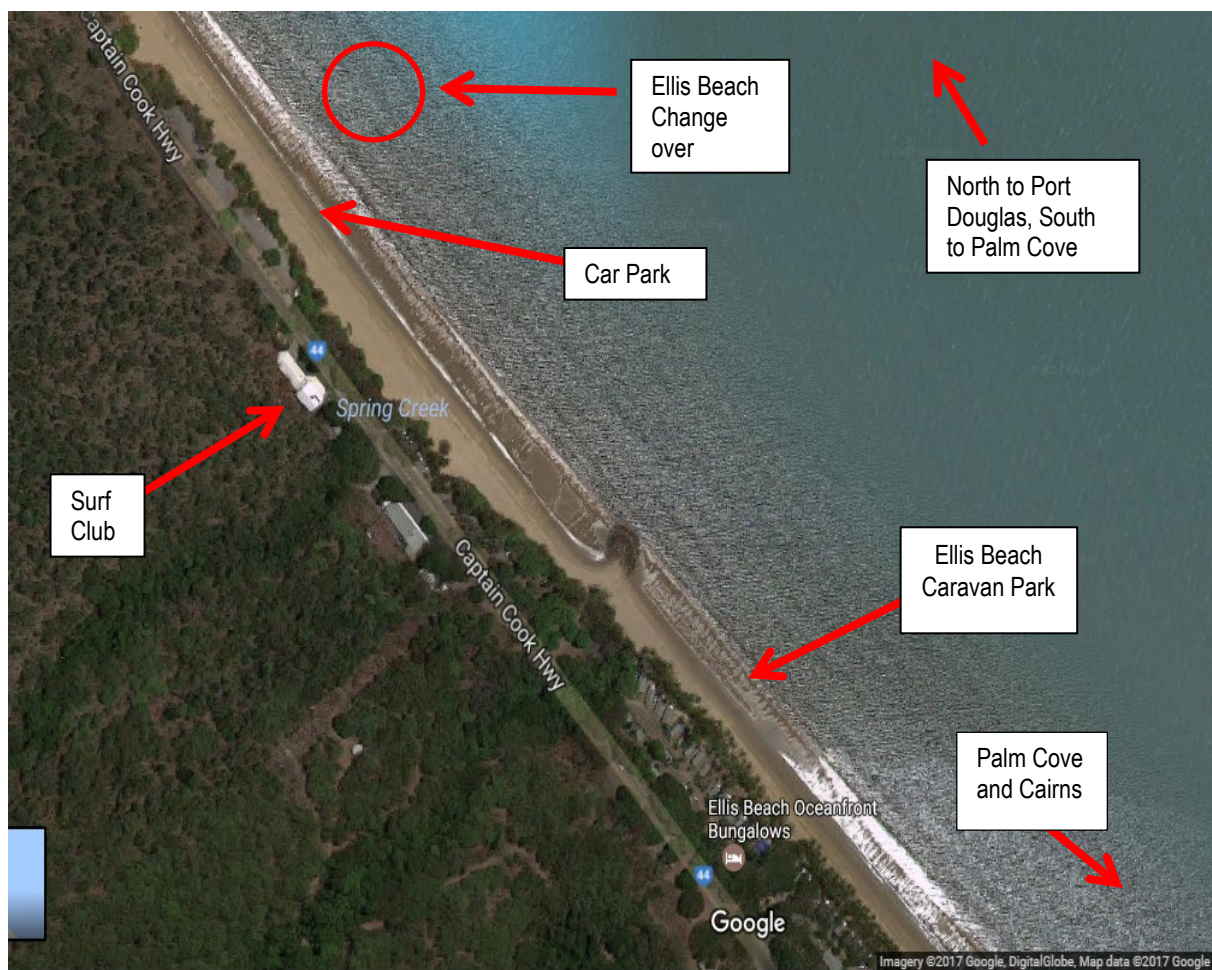
1st LEG – START AT YORKEY'S KNOB, SIMMS ESPLANADE TO ELLIS BEACH

YORKEY'S KNOB MAP



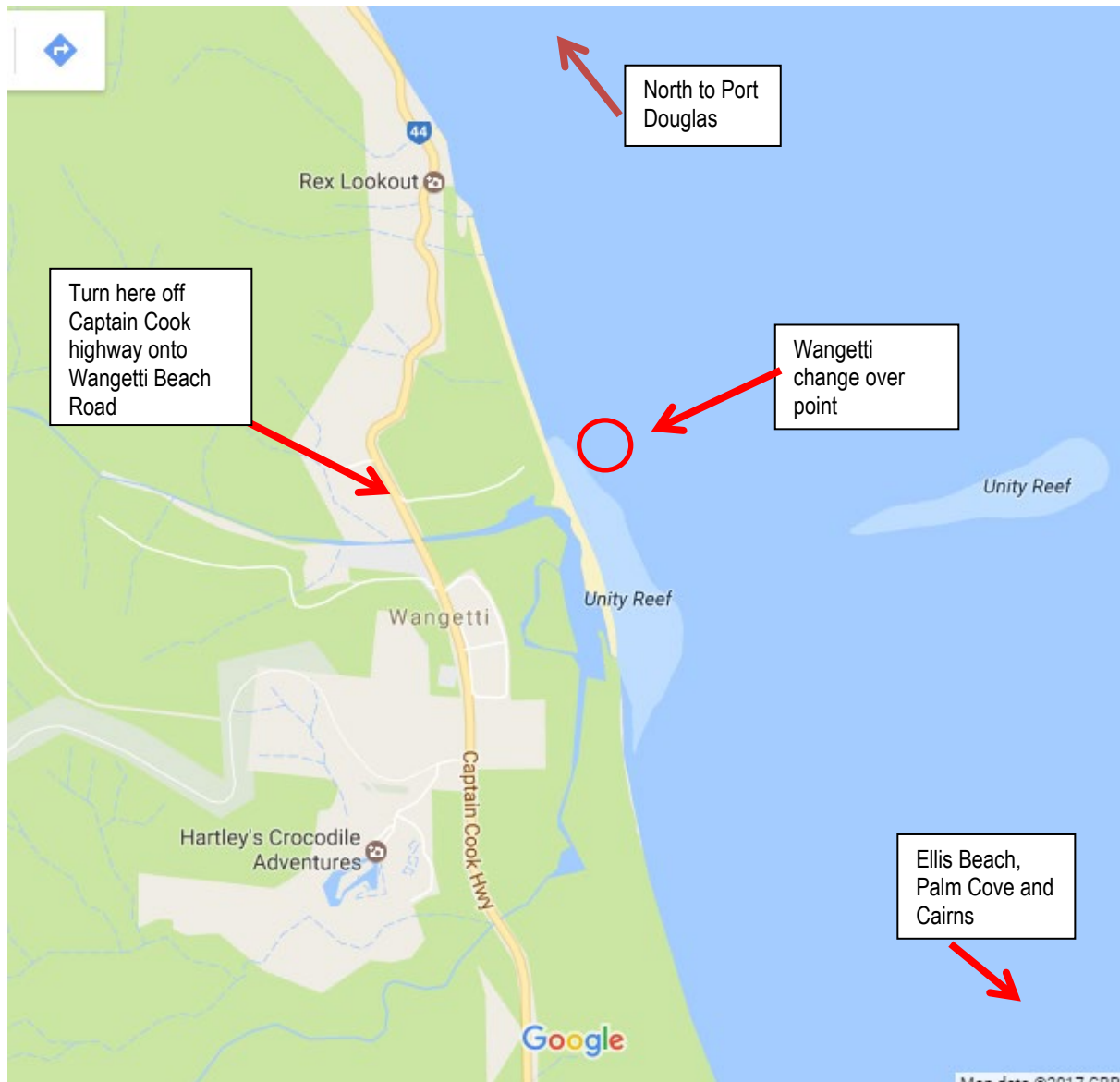
2nd LEG – START AT ELLIS BEACH TO WANGETTI BEACH

ELLIS BEACH MAP



3rd LEG – START AT WANGETTI BEACH TO OAK BEACH

WANGETTI BEACH MAP



4th LEG – START AT OAK BEACH TO SOUTHERN END FOUR MILE BEACH

OAK BEACH MAP



FINISH LINE – SOUTHERN END 4 MILE BEACH PORT DOUGLAS – (OUR CLUB HOUSE)

