



A presentation by Lactic Turkey Events on the proposed event along the Hillary Trail



THE EVENT OBJECTIVES

- To create an iconic trail running race with the following objectives:
 - Create a world class trail run attracting national and international participants
 - Showcase the Hillary Trail facility to local, national and international visitors
 - Support local groups raise some money through providing services and food to the participants
 - Raise money for a charitable trust to distribute to Waitakare Ranges based projects, primarily aimed at youth

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

- Owned by a non-profit charitable trust (yet to be named but in this document referred to as “LT Trust”) who will contract Lactic Turkey Events to manage the event.
- Profits made by the event will be distributed by the Trust to fund youth based projects in the Waitakere Ranges.
- The Trust will also pursue other sources of funding to help us achieve the goals for the trust.

THE TRUST

● The aspirations and goals of the Trust are:

- To promote care and stewardship of the parkland, in accordance with the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area Act and the Regional Parks Management Plan;
- To inspire people of all ages to experience running, walking, tramping and camping in the Auckland region's open spaces particularly the Waitakere Ranges;
- To enable the learning of new outdoor skills;
- To provide opportunities for building physical and mental confidence in an enjoyable way;
- To provide a sense of adventure in a wilderness setting; despite the Hillary Trail's proximity to Auckland City the trail is rugged and challenging and delivers a powerful wilderness experience to walkers or runners, just as Sir Edmund Hillary would have dreamed .
- To provide opportunities for groups to assist in the care and stewardship of the parkland in consultation with the Council.

LACTIC TURKEY EVENTS

- Have operated in the Waitakere Ranges doing events for 10 years.
- Have worked in partnership with the Auckland Council to ensure our events are sustainable – both environmentally and with regards to impacting local communities.
- We have taken a consultative position in working with the particular area of concern regarding Kauri Dieback (PTA).
- We stopped our successful Piha Rogaine event (2002-08) due to the PTA risks.
- We have worked with council to educate our participants on the risks, as well as mitigate these on event day.
- Work with Council on the successful Schools Sustainability Events

THE EVENT DETAILS

- Full 75km run along the Hillary Trail starting at Arataki and finishing at Muriwai Village Green
- 33km event starting from Piha
- 15km event starting from Bethells
- 75km relay with changeovers at Whatipu, Piha, Bethells

THE EVENT DETAILS..cont'd

- Start at 5am at Arataki with a loop of the nature trail to spread participants out before the start of slip track.
- Cut-off times at certain points will ensure a fixed finish time
- Aid stations will be set up along the route at strategic spots

THE EVENT DETAILS..cont'd

- Surf clubs will provide volunteers for marshals which will supplement course marking arrows
- A tail-end charlie will follow the last participant and collect course marking and release marshals etc.
- Communications throughout the course provided by the local amateur radio club

PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

- The initial application was for 850 participants
- Following consultation we are aware Council has signalled a limit of 500 would be considered.
- The event could grow over the years to be bigger, but this limit allows some monitoring and assessment of the impact of the event.
- Not all participants will be running the whole 75km. Numbers in each event will be split as follows:

75k HTC Solo	100	75km From Arataki
75k HTC Team (2-person)	16	
75k HTC Team (4-person)	16	
132		
33k (Piha-Muriwai) Solo	174	33km From Piha
33k (Piha-Muriwai) 2-person Teams	19	
193		
15k (Bethells-Muriwai) Solo	175	15km From Bethells
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SPREAD OF PARTICIPANTS

- These numbers seem high for an event but in reality people quickly spread out
- At no point after the start, would there be a large group (>10) densely populating one particular spot.
- Only 26% of people will run the whole Hillary Trail which includes the most sensitive trails from Arataki to Piha.
- The spread of participants is shown in the following maps which show the spread of participants throughout the day.

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75km start 5.30am
 33km start 10am
 15km start 2.30pm



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PTA

- Rangers, together with the Biosecurity team have come up with a PTA plan for the event which includes 10-15 footbaths along the track.
- The event organisers will ensure:
 - The footbaths are manned by event marshals ensuring all participants use them.
 - Participants will be well educated in best practice before the event, through the website and pre-event emails.
 - Participants are briefed on the rules of using footbaths and sticking to the tracks.

IMPACT ON TRACKS AND OTHER USERS

- Photo monitoring of past Lactic Turkey Events, conducted by Auckland Council, has not identified any long term impacts on the tracks used.
- As with current Lactic Turkey events - signage at car parks used to access the park, will notify other users of the event in advance.
- Advance warning of event on noticeboards, papers etc.
- Participants will be briefed to be considerate of other park users.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- Traffic management in the relevant spots
- Have discussed requirements with Auckland Transport
- We will encourage car pooling and provide buses from the event centre at Muriwai to the starts at Arataki, Piha and Bethells



PARTICIPANT SAFETY

- Participants carry a set of compulsory gear – headlamp, warm clothes, first aid, phone, whistle etc.
- Marshals throughout course in radio contact with a central paramedic team
- Cut-off times at certain points will ensure a fixed finish time
- Most participants are experienced in running at night and over rough terrain
- Some extra marshals along Te Henga walkway

PARTNERSHIPS

- We intend to market this event both nationally and internationally and as such will be seeking resource and funding assistance from Auckland Council – Regional Parks, Auckland Tourism, Auckland Transport, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) and Tourism New Zealand to promote and make this a true international event that promotes the Waitakere Park and NZ as a spectacular trail running/walking location.
- We are keen to get local community groups involved and will approach surf clubs, resident groups etc. to provide volunteers (for a donation) to be marshals, support aid stations, etc. This ensures local buy-in to the event and puts money back into the communities involved in the event.