

# ***2022 MARLIN COAST CHALLENGE***

**SATURDAY 15/10/22**



Welcome everyone to the 15<sup>th</sup> Marlin Coast Challenge!

Please read this program carefully

This race program and maps are only to be read in conjunction with the [AOCRA Rules March 2021](#) and [Matters for Attention 2021](#).

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/V1/V3/SURF SKI -  
IRON/RELAY RACE**



**Briefing: 9.45am**

**Start: 10.15am**

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**Nominations & Payment: [www.aocra.com.au](http://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

Low Tide: 5:01 hr----1.23 m Cairns

High Tide: 15:28- hr-- 2.02 m Port Douglas



**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.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> CHANGEOVER

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

## 2<sup>ND</sup> CHANGEOVER

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

## 3<sup>RD</sup> CHANGEOVER

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

## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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 a 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 4<sup>TH</sup> LEG- paddlers make their way to our Clubhouse 50 meters from the beach.

**EACH CLUB IS RESPONSIBLE TO CLEAN THEIR OWN CRAFTS AFTER THE RACE AND LOAD THEM ASAP.**

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 is 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/V1/Ski - Leg ropes must be worn. One paddler in an OC2/ski 2 must wear a leg rope.

PFD's must be carried on canoes – 1 per person.

OC6 / V3 must carry 1 additional paddle, safety rope and 2 bailers.

## RACING DIVISIONS

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

Iron and relay races there are 5 age divisions:

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

- ATTENTION OC6 TEAMS – Maximum 12 paddlers per relay team and 6 for iron
- MIXED IRON TEAM MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 3 WOMEN IN THE CREW
- MIXED RELAY MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 3 WOMEN IN THE CANOE FOR EACH LEG
- 19U WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO PADDLE IN THE 19U OC6 RELAY DIVISION ONLY – NOT IRON, THEY MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN SUPPORT BOAT AND HAVE A TEAM MANAGER OR COACH ON BOARD THE SUPPORT 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 AN 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:                   1<sup>ST</sup> LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN  
  2<sup>ND</sup> LEG : 1 HR 30 MIN  
  3<sup>RD</sup> 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 contact 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  
Friday 07/10/22 – 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](http://www.aocra.com.au)

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE NOMINATIONS CAN ONLY BE LODGED VIA THE AOCRA WEBSITE  
VISIT [www.aocra.com.au](http://www.aocra.com.au) TO PAY AND NOMINATE\*\***

### **Cancellation & Refund Policy effective 1<sup>st</sup> 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@aocra.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.

GOURMET BUFFET OF: BEEF JUNGLE CURRY WITH RICE

ROAST MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE LASANGE

MOROCCAN CHICKEN with Chick Peas

ROAST CHAT POTATOES

SELECTION OF BREAD ROLLS AND BUTTTER

SLICED TROPICAL FRUIT PLATTER

CHOCOLATE MUD CAKE WITH WHIPPED CREAM

\$30.00PP CHILD UNDER 12 -\$15.00

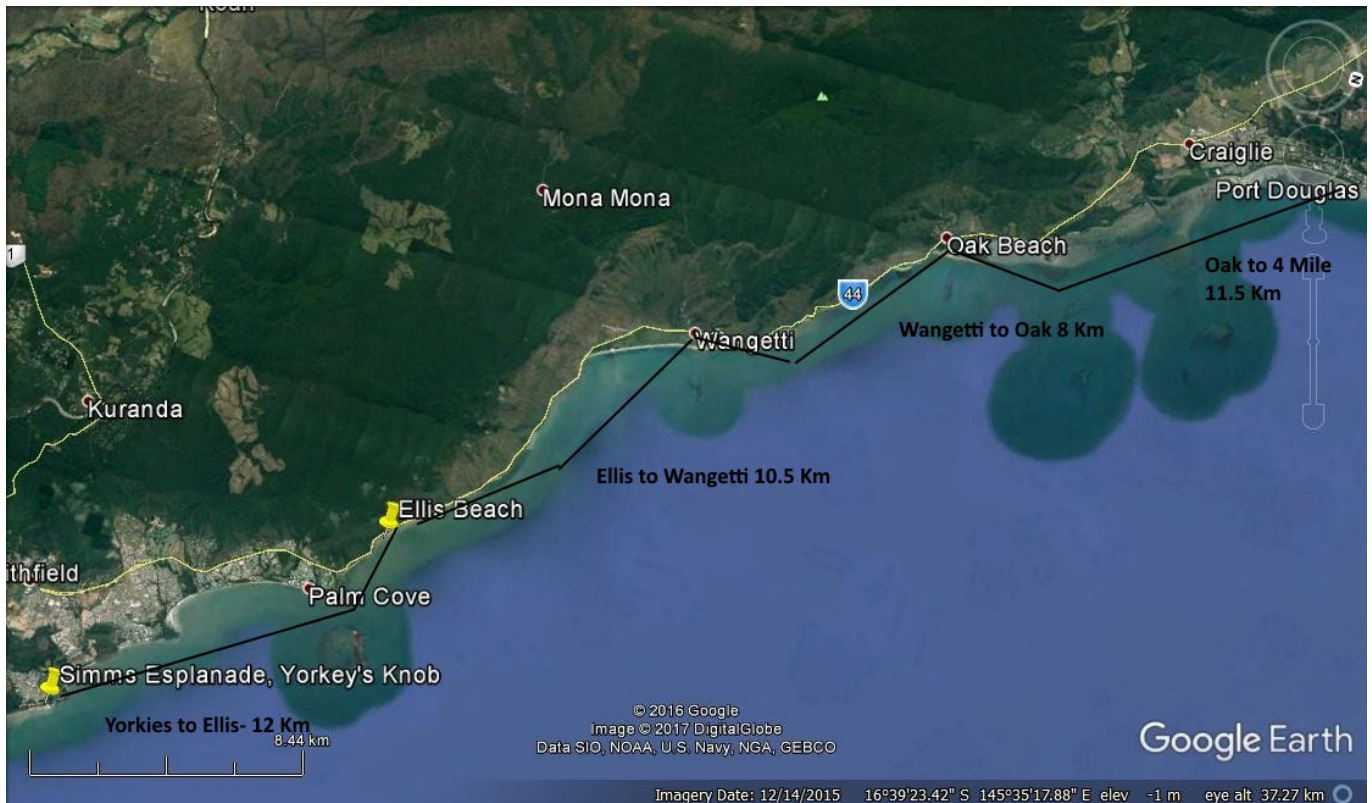
DINNER WILL BE SERVED FROM 5.30 – 6.00PM

FULL BAR AVAILAVLE - PLEASE BRING A CHAIR!!!

ANY QUERIES EMAIL DANIELLE at [marlincoastchallenge@gmail.com](mailto:marlincoastchallenge@gmail.com)

(Tickets must be pre-purchased for catering purposes)

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



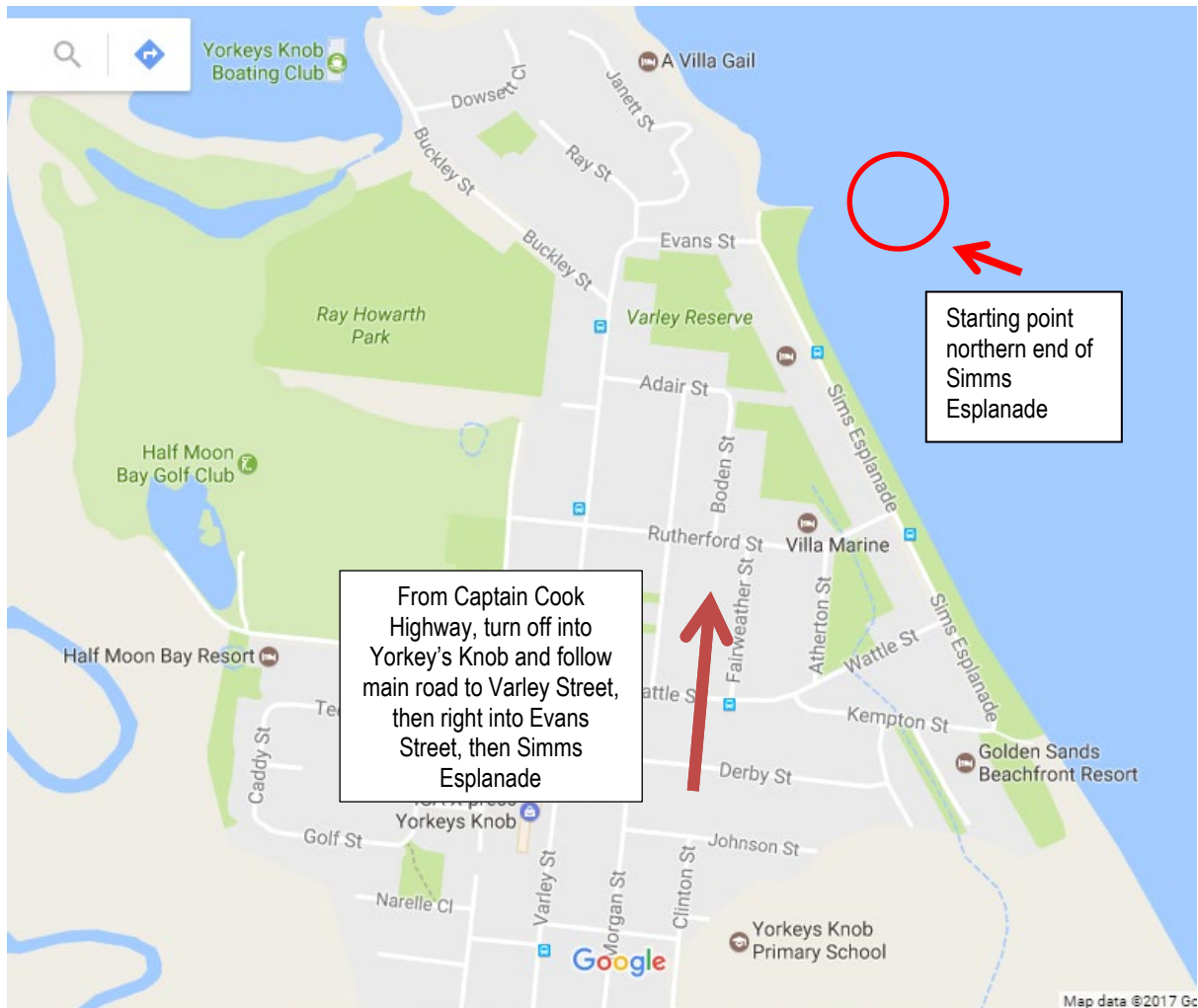
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg:	Ellis Beach to Wangetti Beach	10.5 km
3 <sup>rd</sup> Leg:	Wangetti Beach to Oak Beach	8.0 km
4 <sup>th</sup> Leg:	Oak Beach to Southern End of Four Mile Beach	12.5 km

**Total distance: Approx. 43 km**



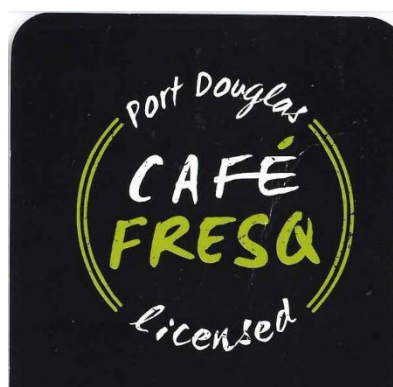
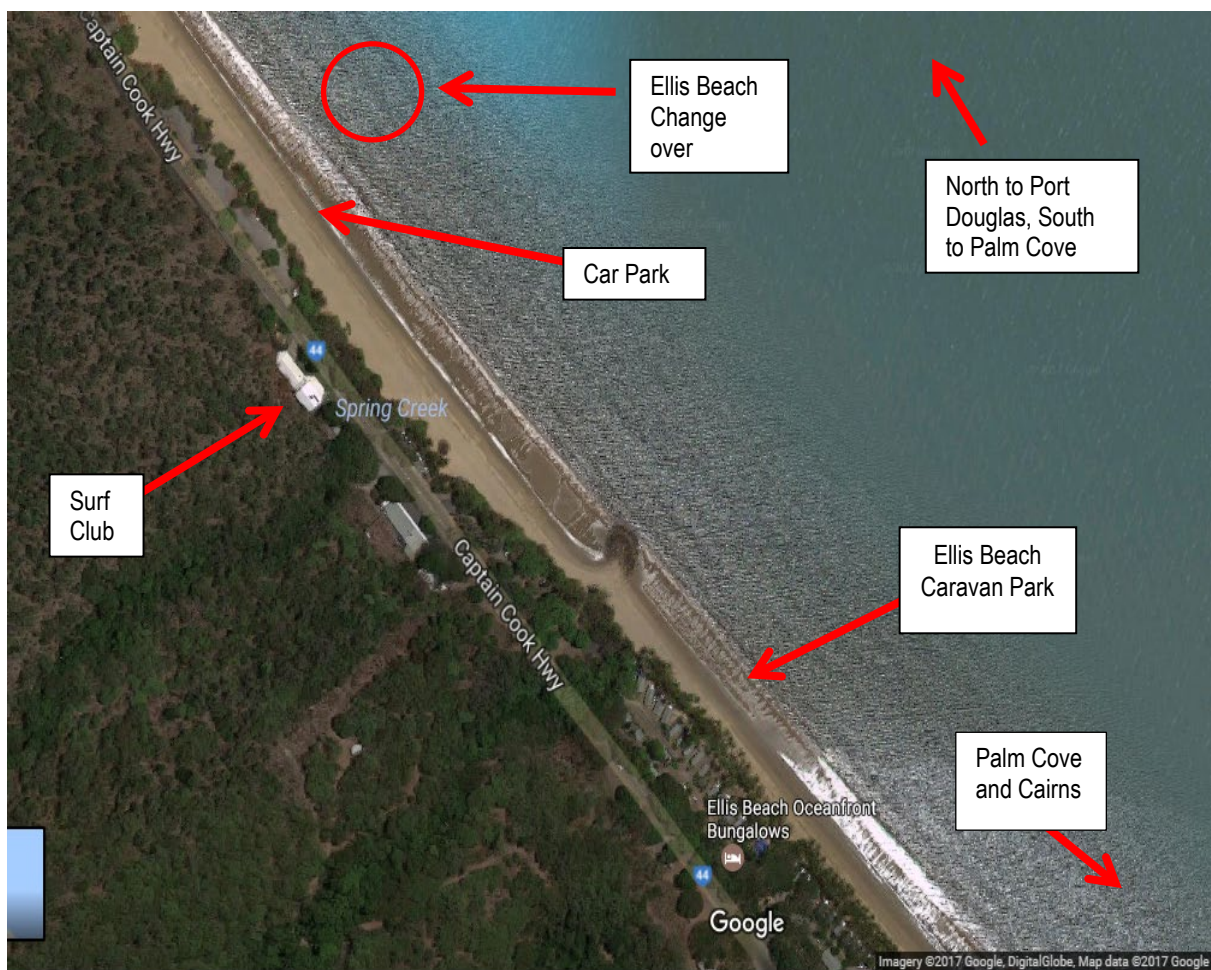
# 1st LEG – START AT YORKEY’S KNOB, SIMMS ESPLANADE TO ELLIS BEACH

## YORKEY’S KNOB MAP



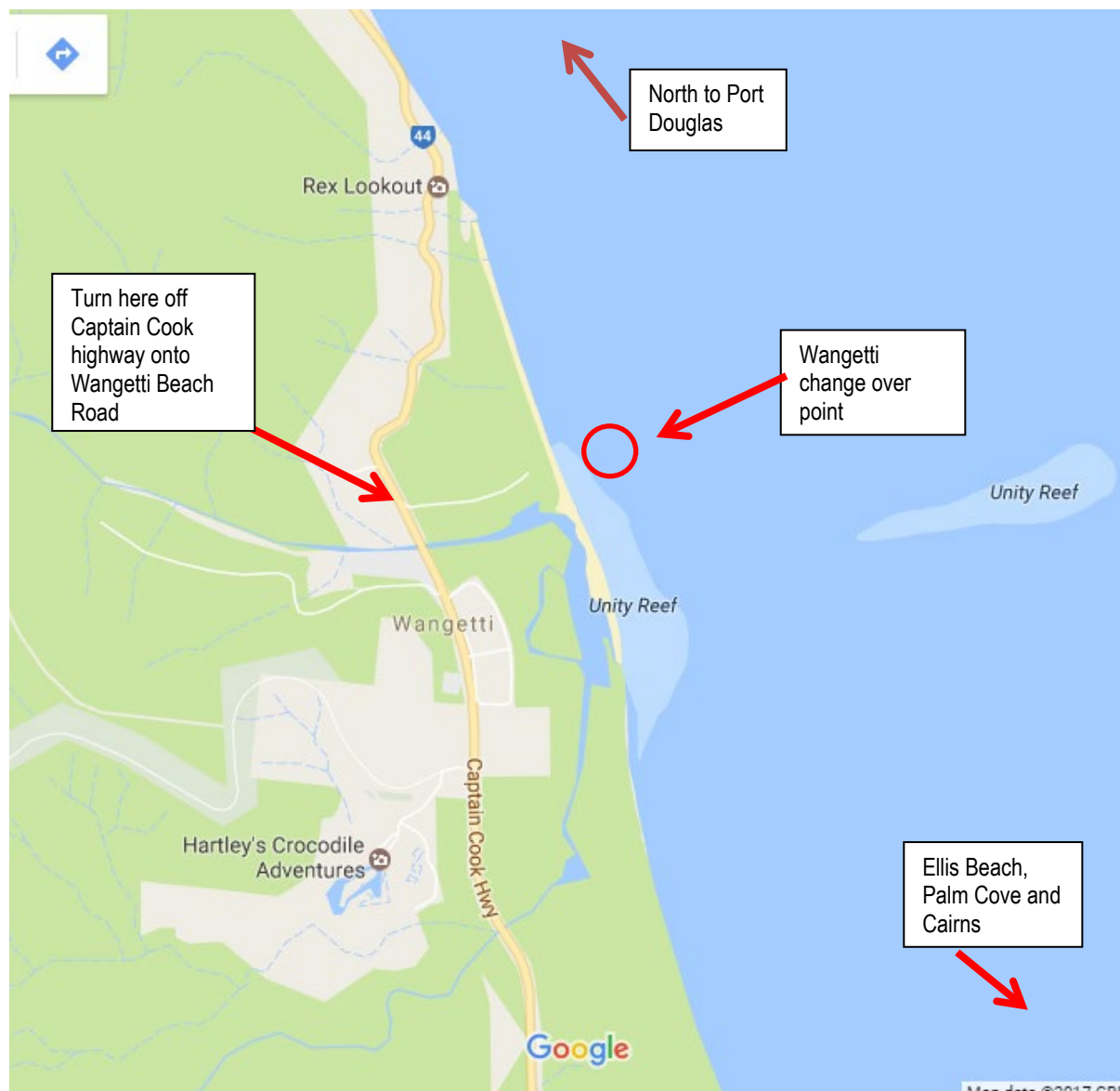
# 2nd LEG – START AT ELLIS BEACH TO WANGETTI BEACH

## ELLIS BEACH MAP



# 3rd LEG – START AT WANGETTI BEACH TO OAK BEACH

## WANGETTI BEACH MAP



Port Douglas  
GOLF TOURS



# 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)

