

Getting There and Back

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Introduction

We have planned transport options to make your journey to and from the ride as easy as possible. **Give your bike to us** before you “leave home” through our extensive *Home or Depot Services* and your journey will be even easier. Our *Home or Depot Services* are cheaper than taking your bike on a flight. We figure if you don't have your bike to lug everywhere then you can use all the regular services just like a ‘normal’ tourist or resident. For details of the excellent bike transport options available see the *Bike Transport* info sheet.

Cycle Queensland 2017 will **start in Goondiwindi** on **Saturday 2/9/17** at 12.30pm. The start site will be adjacent to the event campsite at Gilbert Sports Fields, Redmond Park. **By road Goondiwindi** is 347km south west of Brisbane, approximately 4 hours drive.

There will be an event **campsite in Goondiwindi on Friday 1/9/17** with showers and toilets only, if you don't want to shell out for accommodation in town. Friday night camping is an additional **\$29** per person or **\$59** per person for camping and meals (Friday 1/9 dinner & Saturday 2/9 breakfast). Full campsite services will be available from **2pm on Saturday 2/9/17**.

Cycle Queensland 2017 will **finish at Currumbin on the Gold Coast on Sunday 10/9/17** between 9am and 12noon depending on your cycling speed and preferences. The finish site is Winders Park.

Charter buses to and from the event

Bicycle Queensland has chartered buses to transport riders and volunteers from various locations to the start and home from the finish. **Book and pay for these services with your entry.** Exact details will be confirmed after closing date on 28 July 2017. Cost for bus transport **does not include your bike** so remember to book your bike transport separately - see the *Bike Transport* info sheet for details of the excellent bike transport options. **Volunteers do not pay for event transport.** Bus times are subject to change.

Friday 1 September 2017 – travel to Goondiwindi

Departure Location	Departure Time	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Brisbane Airport (International & Domestic terminals)	11.00am & 3.00pm*	5 – 5 ½hrs	\$90.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus (which is not available to anyone within the <i>Bike Transport Home Service</i> catchment area).
Brisbane Transit Centre	11.00am & 3.00pm*	5 – 5 ½hrs	\$90.00	
Gold Coast Airport	2.15pm*	5 – 5 ½hrs	\$90.00	The Gold Coast Service will consist of two departure points. The Reddy Airport Parking will be serviced first, followed by the Airport.
Gold Coast – Reddy Long Term Airport Parking	2.00pm*^	5 - 5 ½hrs	\$90.00	

Charter buses arriving on Friday 1/9/17 will drop off at the Goondiwindi event registration site/campsite and at a central location in town.

*Charter buses due to arrive in Goondiwindi after 7.00pm will make a planned dinner stop on the way. Exact location is to be confirmed closer to the departure date.

^Reddy Long Term Parking must be booked separately through the Reddy website –

<https://reddyairportparking.com.au>. Please mention you are part of Cycle Queensland upon booking.

Saturday 2 September 2017 – travel to Goondiwindi

Departure Location	Departure Time	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Brisbane Transit Centre	6.30am	5hrs	\$90.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus (which is not available to anyone within the Bike Transport <i>Home Service</i> catchment area).

Charter buses arriving on Saturday 2/9/17 will drop off at the Goondiwindi event registration site/campsite.

Wednesday 6 September 2017 – travel from/to Stanthorpe (Short Ride Options)

Departure Location	Departure Time	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Stanthorpe Campsite	8.00am	3.0hrs	\$70.00	Bikes will travel in tandem with relevant bus. Bike transport must be booked separately when completing online form.
Brisbane Transit Centre	12.30pm	3.0hrs	\$70.00	

Sunday 10 September 2017 – travel from finish at Gold Coast

Don't be in a hurry to leave! The Gold Coast is a beautiful spot to relax for a few days in mid-September.

Destination	Departure Time (approx)	Approx. duration	Cost	Notes
Brisbane Airport (International & Domestic terminals)	11.30am	1 ½ - 2hrs	\$40.00	Better to use <i>Home or Depot Services</i> for your bike rather than take it on the bus with you. We suggest flight departures no earlier than 2 hours after your bus is scheduled to arrive.
Brisbane Transit Centre	12.noon	1 ½ - 2hrs	\$40.00	
Goondiwindi	11.45am	5 - 5 ½hrs	\$90.00	
Gold Coast Airport	12 noon	15 mins	\$20.00	The Gold Coast Service will consist of two drop off points. The Airport will be serviced first, followed by the Reddy long term car park
Gold Coast – Reddy Long term Airport Parking	12 noon	30 mins	\$20.00	

Car Parking on the Gold Coast

Bicycle Queensland has not arranged for additional parking at Reddy Airport Parking. We have confirmed we can use the location as a pick-up point on Friday 1 September for those heading to Goondiwindi. You must book your own parking online at <https://reddyairportparking.com.au>.

Parking and payment is the responsibility of the vehicle owner and BQ accepts no responsibility for you choosing to use this location. Alternative long term parking is available at the Gold Coast Airport.

Car Parking in Goondiwindi

The car parking is by special arrangement with property owners. While not 'secure' the venue is reasonably safe and will be monitored each day.

Because of the special arrangement the specific details will only be released to people who book and the final details will be confirmed when the *Ride Ticket* is mailed out. This service must be pre-booked. Anybody who has not pre-booked will not be permitted entry.

Book and pay for the car parking when you enter the event. Cost is **\$90**. We will also require details of your car with the payment: make, model, colour, registration number and state e.g. Victoria, NSW, QLD etc. Trailers count as a second vehicle. A key to the car will need to be left with the group managing the car parking so the car can be moved in event of an emergency.

The Goondiwindi location is yet to be confirmed.

Private Support Vehicles

As stated in the Conditions of Entry, private support vehicles are **not permitted** on the event. Bicycle Queensland provides support along the route and on the campsites. **Riders supported by private vehicles risk being excluded from the event.**

The reason for this, besides this being a 'cycling event', is we go to great lengths to minimise traffic on the roads used, including locals changing their habits. The event generates additional traffic through support vehicles and we don't wish to add to this. One rule for all. BQ aims to make the ride more enjoyable for cyclists.

Vehicle Transfer

For some participants it works well to drive to and from the event. Bicycle Queensland can assist with this by transferring a limited number of vehicles from start to finish, in exchange for the vehicle being available to the organisers for use during the event.

This service is limited by both the number that can be transferred and the suitability of the vehicle for BQ's use. Contact Bicycle Queensland for further information.

Regular services

There are a number of regular options to get to the event. Bicycle Queensland recommends riders use the charter bus services listed above in combination with car, train or plane travel.

Flights

Brisbane Airport is 16km from the Brisbane CBD and is serviced by all major flight companies.

Bus connections are available from the airport with Bicycle Queensland – see event options above.

Links Qantas www.qantas.com.au Virgin Australia www.virginaustralia.com.au
Tiger Airways www.tigerairways.com.au Jetstar www.jetstar.com.au

Remember to enquire about your 'excess' luggage - your bicycle, if you decide to chance it rather than use our bike transport services. Luggage limits vary between each company.

Brisbane Airport Transfers

The *AirTrain* runs up to 4 times an hour between Brisbane Airport and Brisbane City and takes only 22 minutes to/from Brisbane. See www.airtrain.com.au for more detail.

Brisbane local airport transfers by bus – *Con-x-ion*: www.con-x-ion.com or phone 1300 879 094.

Gold Coast Airport is a short drive away from the finish site in Currumbin and serviced by all major flight companies. Bus connections are available from the airport with Bicycle Queensland – see vent options above. We will also be offering a collection point from a nearby long term car park. Please call Bicycle Queensland if you'd like more details on this option.

Train

Brisbane is serviced by the Tilt Train and the Spirit of Queensland along the main east coast rail line. Suburban train services from as far as Gympie and the Gold Coast arrive in Brisbane throughout the day.

Regional services arrive at the Brisbane Transit Centre (Roma Street Station). The Tilt Train and Spirit of Queensland will accept a maximum of four (4) bikes per train and must be booked in advance.

Goondiwindi is not serviced by train. The closest station is Toowoomba, on the main rail line. From there you would have to catch a Crisps Coaches bus to Goondiwindi.

Travel from Sydney - catch a train to Moree, stay overnight, catch a connecting Crisps Coach from Moree to Goondiwindi the next day.

Links Queensland Rail Travel www.queenslandrailtravel.com.au

Translink www.translink.com.au

NSW Trainlink <http://www.nswtrainlink.info/>

Crisps Coaches www.crisps.com.au

Bus

Brisbane is serviced daily by Greyhound Coaches along the main east coast highway.

Goondiwindi is serviced by Crisps Coaches.

Links Greyhound Coaches www.greyhound.com.au

Crisps Coaches www.crisps.com.au

On demand – taxis and special services

Goondiwindi - Taxi: Gundy Cab Co Taxi ph: 07 4671 4000

Brisbane – Taxi: Yellow Cabs ph:13 19 24; Black & White Cabs ph:131 008 (131 222 for Maxi Taxi)

Stanthorpe – Taxi: Stanthorpe Cabs Taxi ph: 07 4681 1800

Accommodation

Goondiwindi & Stanthorpe – see our *Local Accommodation Guide* info sheet for further details.

Brisbane - try www.ourbrisbane.com.au or www.racq.com.au.

Budget accommodation close to Brisbane city centre: Brisbane City YHA Hostel (500 metres from Transit Centre in Roma Street), 392 Upper Roma Street, Brisbane. Phone: 07 3236 1004

Suggested Itineraries - some ideas to help you get to the start and home again:

I'm from South East Queensland and I can travel on Friday 1/9/17;

Great! Use our Depot or Home service to offload your bike and then:

Catch a bus charter connection to Goondiwindi from the Brisbane Transit Centre OR drive to Goondiwindi and use the event car park.



The **trip home** is easy via our bus transfer to your own car in Goondiwindi event car park or using our bus connection direct to Brisbane Transit Centre.

I have to work on Friday 1/9/17;

Catch a late flight and then use our 6.30am Brisbane Transit Centre bus connection to arrive in Goondiwindi on Saturday morning.

Pre-flight, offload your bike via one of our bike transport services.

The **trip home** is easy via our bus connections to Brisbane or Brisbane Airport.

I'm from North Queensland;

Use our Depot services in Cairns, Townsville or Mackay if it suits to offload your bike and then:

Catch a plane or train to Brisbane and then our bus connection to Goondiwindi OR

Drive to Goondiwindi and use the event car park.

The **trip home** is easy using our bus connection to Brisbane or Brisbane Airport or via your own car (using our bus transfer to the event car park in Goondiwindi).

I'm from the Sunshine Coast or Darling Downs;

Use our Depot services in Toowoomba, Warwick, Kingaroy, Gympie or the Sunshine Coast if it suits to offload your bike and then: Catch a train or bus to Brisbane and then one of our bus transport services.

You could also drive directly to Goondiwindi and use the event car park. If you use our *Depot Services* (Warwick, Kingaroy, Toowoomba, Gympie, Sunshine Coast) for your bike you'll be able to put more bodies (driving helpers) in your vehicle.

I'm from NSW North Coast;

Driving both ways is possibly your best bet and if you use our *Depot Services* for your bike you'll be able to put more bodies (driving helpers) in your vehicle. The other option is to leave your vehicle at the near the Gold Coast Airport and utilize the Bicycle Queensland charter service on Friday 1 September to Goondiwindi.

I'm from Interstate near a major city;

Fly to Brisbane and catch one of our bus connections to Goondiwindi.

For the **trip home** use our bus connection to Brisbane airport.

Better to use our Depot Services for your bike if you can.

Options summary

The best way to/from Goondiwindi is to fly or drive and use connecting services. Friday 1/9/17 is the best travel day to get to the event.

Quickest For **flying** we are offering charter bus connections to/from Brisbane Airport.

Most flexible For the **drivers:** drive to the Goondiwindi campsite and unload your gear and then park in the event long-term car park. The Event car park will be in close proximity to the Goondiwindi campsite/start & finish sites (details TBC). At the end of the event, catch our charter bus from the Gold Coast back to the carpark.