

Dear Hoppeteers

As promised, here is the June 1 update from the Kangaroo Hoppet organising committee.

We have come a long way since the dark days of Covid-19 lockdown when the organising committee, who all live within about a kilometre of each other, were meeting by Zoom to plan for what they feared would be the Stay At Home Hoppet. In the process we came up with our new road sign logo. We liked it so much that we have decided to stick with it for this year, even though the relaxing of Covid-19 restrictions has allowed the Stay At Home Hoppet to become the **Hoppet 2020 – Do It Your Way**.

The **Hoppet 2020 – Do It Your Way** what will it involve?

1. Online entry for \$10.
2. A commitment to undertake a physical activity of your choice at a location of your choice over a distance of 42km, 21km or 7km between 10 and 23 August.
3. The physical activity must be people-powered and completed in one day. Examples of acceptable physical activities are running, walking, cycling, roller skiing, and, for those with access to the snow, skiing.
4. Participants will receive
 - a. a digital race bib that you can print and wear while taking part.
 - b. a digital *Hoppet 2020 – Do It Your Way* poster.
 - c. a *Hoppet 2020 – I Did It My Way* certificate that can be downloaded after 23 August.
 - d. a *Hoppet 2020 – I Did It My Way* souvenir buff in the mail.
5. An interactive 'result list' that will be published on the Hoppet website.

BUT – WHAT ABOUT????

We are sure that many of you will have questions. In anticipation of these, we have prepared some answers, and look forward to expanding this list as more information comes in regarding resort operating conditions, as well as feedback from the recipients of this email.

Q: When will entries open?

A: July 1 at www.hoppet.com.au

Q: When will entries close?

A: Midnight on 23 August.

Q: Can I enter in person at the Hoppet office?

A: No.

Q: Will the *Hoppet 2020 – Do It Your Way* count towards the 10 and 20 Hoppet awards.

A: No. This is a one-off special event and the 30th Kangaroo Hoppet is scheduled for Saturday 28 August 2021. Put it in your diary.

Q: Will the *Hoppet 2020 – Do It Your Way* count for a Worldloppet passport stamp?

A: No.

Q: Can I change my mind about the distance or physical activity that I nominated when I entered?

A: Yes. You will be able to go online and update the 'result list' at any time.

Q: What else can I do with the interactive 'result list'?

A: You will also have the option at any time to update the list with

- your time
- a picture of you taking part
- a link to the Strava (or exercise tracking system of your choice) record of your participation

Q: What if I want to do my activity more than once?

A: Fine. But only one time and activity will appear in the list. You can update your data in the list at any time until midnight on August 23.

Q: Will there be any Hoppet merchandise available?

A: A *Hoppet 2020 – I Did It My Way* souvenir tee shirt will be available. These will have to be ordered and paid for online with the option of collection from Mount Beauty or paying for delivery by post.

Q: Will cross country ski trails be groomed at Falls Creek?

A: Yes. We have been advised that, snow permitting of course, cross country grooming will take place from the season opening on 22 June. The final details of the conditions under which the resort will open are still under development. We look forward to sharing these with you once we know them.

Q: What about the AGL Athlete Scholarships?

Obviously with no age class winners there is no basis for individual awards. However, as our sponsor AGL, along with all of us, is very keen to continue to support our developing athletes, the 'Scholarships' will be awarded to the Snow Australia Cross Country national and regional athlete development programs