

# MCCULLOUGH GUARDS, Leisure Marching Team, Christchurch

## Newsletter Number 3 – Final Information

### LEISURE MARCHING NATIONALS

### RANGIORA, CANTERBURY, 27 & 28 MARCH 2026

Kia ora koutou / Greetings fellow leisure marchers,

Welcome to Newsletter #3, our final newsletter ahead of the 2026 Leisure Marching Nationals (well hopefully our final newsletter 😊)

We are now just weeks away, and planning is well underway. Thank you for the positive communication, early registrations, and support you've shown as we prepare to welcome you to Rangiora.

Please read this newsletter carefully, as it includes reminders, important final information, and actions required.

## The Venue

**MainPower Stadium, 289 Coldstream Road, Rangiora**



## **IMPORTANT ACTION – MUSIC REQUIRED ASAP**

If you have not already done so, all teams **MUST** email their marching music as soon as possible. Please email: [leisurenationals2026@gmail.com](mailto:leisurenationals2026@gmail.com). The preferred format is MP3 or WAV. And just a reminder to please bring a USB backup to the venue. **Please ensure this is completed by 31 January.**

## **DELEGATES MEETING**

A reminder that ideally only one delegate per team should attend unless necessary due to limited space. Minutes from the meeting will be emailed to all teams following the event.

We will be seeking expressions of interest from South Island teams to host the Leisure Marching Nationals in 2028. Please start considering this now and put your name forward if interested.

Please email any items you would like added to the agenda by 31 January 2026. Email: [leisurenationals2026@gmail.com](mailto:leisurenationals2026@gmail.com) or phone Tracey McCullough on 027 861 7212

## **TEAM ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you have any team announcements that you would like read out before or after you march, please email [leisurenationals2026@gmail.com](mailto:leisurenationals2026@gmail.com). Birthdays, anniversaries, first marches, we'd love to hear your story. Please try to keep these concise so the day still runs to the timetable.

# TEAM BAGS

These will be available as you enter the venue. They will be labelled with your team name and the number you are in the marching draw. These bags will contain

- Two rubbish bags (one for each day),
- Night-time function tickets,
- Pre ordered badges,
- Receipts,
- Event ribbons,
- and the discount tickets for local attractions.

Remember you are welcome to book these attractions in advance. Here is a copy of the tickets you will receive with the booking code.



# INFORMATION STAND

We will have an information stand situated in the office located on the left as you enter the sports arena. Please direct all questions to this office – our volunteers will be on hand to provide you with any assistance needed.

# CHICKEN DANCE

I can't share why, but I encourage all teams to learn the 'CHICKEN DANCE' if you don't already know it 😊

# ON SITE COFFEE AND CAFE

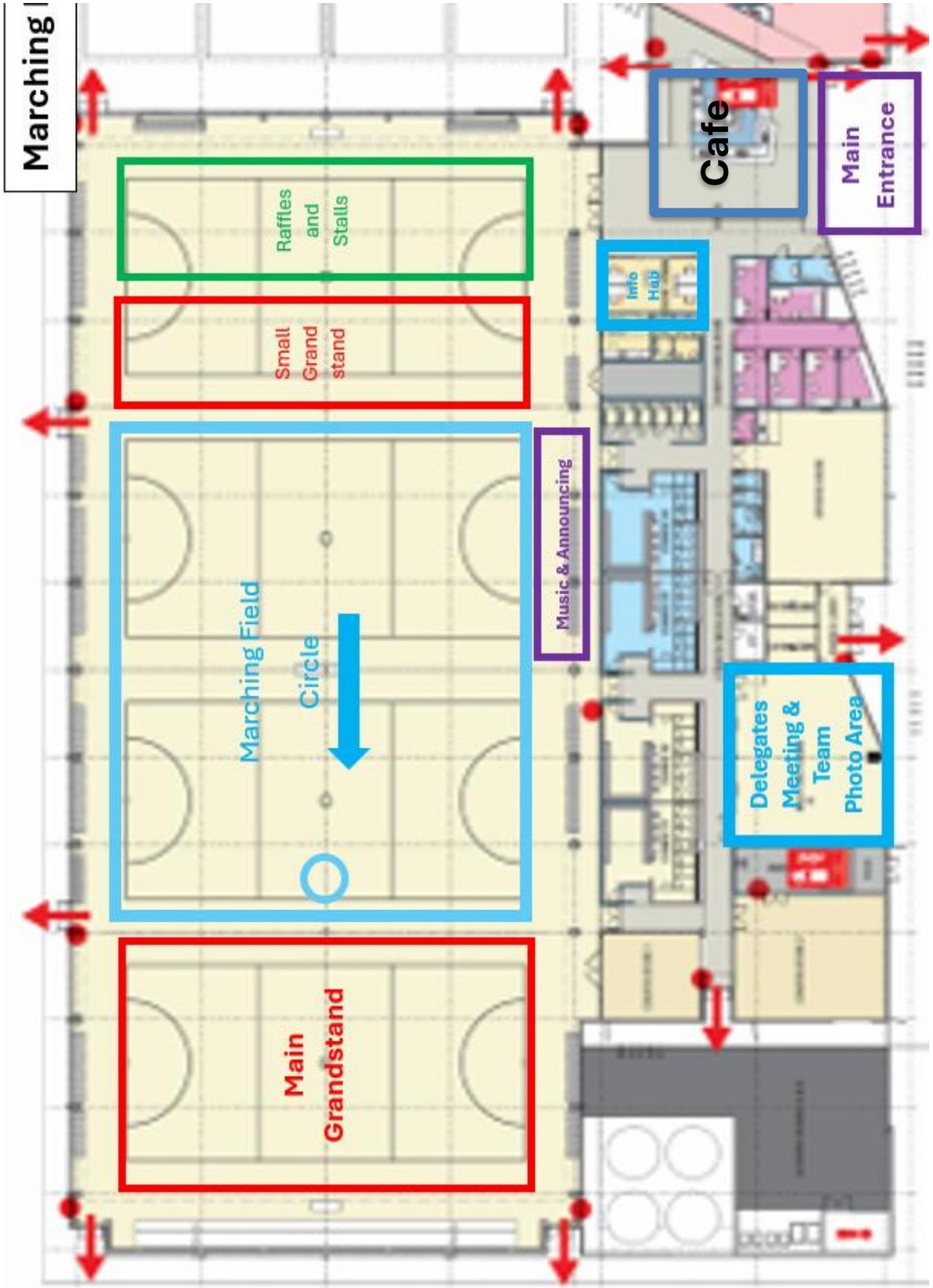
Five baristas will be on site, and they have assured me they can make 1000 coffees a day! Please refer to the menus below for what is available. Note pricing is subject to change.

Bellgrove Cafe	
COFFEE • SMOOTHIES • FOOD	
DRINKS MENU	
Large Coffee / Hot Chocolate...	\$5.70
Regular Coffee / Hot Chocolate... <i>(Soy, Almond, Oat or Coconut Milk)</i>	\$5.20 +\$1.00
Tea for One...	\$4.50
Fluffy...	\$1.00
Protein Shake...	\$5.50
Fruit Smoothy...	\$7.00
Iced Latte...	\$5.70
Iced Mocha...	\$6.20
Iced Coffee Frappe...	\$6.00
Iced Chocolate Frappe... <i>(Extras: Milk \$1, Whipped Cream 50c)</i>	\$6.00
Bottled Water...	\$3.80
Powerade...	\$4.80
Keri Juice & Bottled Juices...	\$4.50
Soft Drinks...	Can - \$2.50 Bottle \$4.80

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FOOD MENU	
Wedges...	\$5.00
Pie (Mince & Cheese or Mince)...	\$7.90
Filled Croissants...	\$5.00
Lunch Rolls...	\$6.20
Cheese Rolls...	\$3.00
	or 2 for \$5.00
Quiche...	\$6.50
Mouse Trap...	\$4.00
Flutes...	\$8.00
Wrap...	\$8.50
Muffin...	\$4.50
Frittata...	\$6.50
Mini Savouries...	\$2.80

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FOOD MENU	
Overnight Oats...	\$8.00
Yoghurt Pot...	\$5.50
Scones (Date / Savoury)...	\$5.00
Bliss Balls...	\$3.00
Protein Balls...	\$4.00
Raspberry & Coconut Slice...	\$3.00
Ginger Slice...	\$3.00
Peanut Butter Slice...	\$3.00
Lolly Cake...	\$3.00
Chocolate Brownie...	\$3.00
Biscuits...	\$3.50
Macarons...	\$3.00

# VENUE LAYOUT



# EVENT TIMETABLE

## Friday 27 March 2026

8.30am	Doors Open Hand in Music
9.00am	Delegates Meeting
9.30am	March Past
11.00am	Teams 1-59 March
5.30pm	Estimated finish time

## Saturday 28 March 2026

8.30am	Doors Open
9.00am	Teams 60 -81 March
11.30am	Maze March
12.15 noon	Flag Handover Ceremony Speeches/Presentation Raffle Draw
1.30pm	Doors Close

## Saturday 28 March 2026 - Social Function

6.45pm	Doors Open
7.00pm	Band Commences
8.45pm	Supper is Served
11.00pm	Beverage Sales Cease
11.15pm	Band Finishes
11.30pm	Doors Close

# MARCHING ORDER OF DRAW

Please note the order of draw can be subject to change (flight delays, illness), however, here is the order of draw, along with an approximate timetable so you can plan accordingly. I am happy to advise that we have been successful in accommodating all special requests. Please note we have allowed 10 teams per hour to march, based on each team marching a five-minute routine and a 1-minute speech. If marching can commence earlier than 11am on day one, we will take advantage of that and start early. Entertainment is scheduled on Friday at lunchtime.

We encourage you all to be there for the last team on Saturday ☺

Team Number	Team Name	From City/Town	Team Colours	Estimated Time
1	McCullough Guards	Christchurch	Red, Black & Bling	11am
2	Gore Golden Cavaliers	Gore	Wine, White	
3	Dunedinites	Dunedin	Blue, Navy, Dunedin Tartan	
4	Foveaux Pearls	Bluff	Red, White & Black	
5	Imperial Guards	Palmerston North	Royal Blue, Silver, Black & White	
6	Great Lake Guards	Taupo	Blue, Black & White	
7	Kaiapoi Club Gold	Kaiapoi	Blue	
8	Kaikoura Senior Moments	Kaikoura	Orange, Black & Silver	
9	Kapiti Coast Marchers	Kapiti Coast	Red & Black (White trim, gold buttons)	
10	Kumeu Guards	Auckland	Black, White & Purple	
11	Primetimers	Hutt Valley	Teal & Black	12noon
12	Glengyle	Tauranga	Black, White, Red, Mallard	
13	Taitoko Leisure Marchers	Levin	White, Black & Red Tartan	
14	Status Quo	Waikato	Black & Gold	
15	Kaimai Rangers	Matamata	Black, Silver, Purple Tartan	
16	Elite	Hinuera	Black, Yellow	
17	Deep South Debonaires	Invercargill	Jade, Cerise, Black	
18	Southern Cross Mellennium	Dunedin	Blue, Gold	
19	Aorangi Guards	Timaru	Black, Purple, Silver	
20	Avalon Supremes	Lower Hutt	Black, Red, McLeod tartan	
	<b>LUNCH</b>			<b>1pm</b>
21	Thames Troubadour	Thames	Maroon, Black	1.30pm
22	Taradale Super Grans	Hawkes Bay	Maroon, White, Gold	
23	Kaipara Marchers	Paparoa/Maungaturoto,	Navy, Gold	
24	Argent	Auckland	Black, White, Silver	
25	Taupo Cosmopolitan Leisure Marchers	Taupo	Red, Navy, Gold	
26	Royal Guards	Invercargill	Red, Black	
27	Manawatu Majors	Palmerston North	Green, Black, Tartan	
28	Central Sapphires	Tokoroa	Royal Blue, Black, Silver	
29	The Gate Leisure Marchers	Cromwell	White, Orange, Tarten	
30	Ruahine Ramblerz	Dannervirke	Red and Black	
31	Southern Gold	Invercargill	Gold and Black	2.30pm
32	Greerton Gold	Tauranga	White, Black, Gold	
33	Cas 'n' Ova Rebels	Christchurch	White, Black, Orange	
34	Wakatu Guards	Nelson	Black, Red, White & Silver	
35	Pioneers of Canterbury Leisure Marchers	Christchurch	Napier Tarton, Blue, White, Black	
36	Fun Seekers	Blenheim	Black, Green, Yellow, Lewis Tartan	
37	Canterbury Belles	CHRistchurch	Pink and Black	
38	Silver Diamonds	Waikato	Black, Silver, Red	
39	Step Sisters	Tapanui & West Otago	Navy, Pink	
40	Kiwi Gems	Napier	Jade, White, Black	
41	Temuka Leisure Marchers	Temuka	Black, White, Red	3.30pm
42	Renaissance	Hamilton	Black, Cobalt, Gold	
43	Northern Stars	Whangarei	Blue, Black, Silver	
44	Westside Wanderers	Stratford	Black, Purple	
45	Northland Tui	Keri Keri	Black, White, Teal	
46	3 Decades	Nelson	Licorice Allsorts	
47	Kon Tiki Leisure Marchers	Renwick	Lilac, Black, Silver	
48	Silveraires	Nelson	Black, White, Red	
49	Waihopai Militaries	Invercargill	Navy Blue, Pink, Black	
50	Emerald Guards	Kapiti	Emerald Green, Black	
51	Hamilton Evergreen	Hamilton	Black, White with Green Trim	4.30pm
52	Pegasus Belles	Christchurch	Lilac, Black,	
53	Invercargill Diamonds	Invercargill	Navy, Sky Blue	
54	Iluzion	Palmerston North	Aquamarine, Black, White	
55	Papanui Paraders	Christchurch	Blue, Gold, White	
56	Dunedin 60+	Dunedin	Blue, Gold	
57	Tasman Blue Beats	Nelson	Navy and Blue	
58	Step'n Thyme	Fielding	Magenta & Black	
59	Tasocs	Perth, Western AU	Red	5.30pm Finish

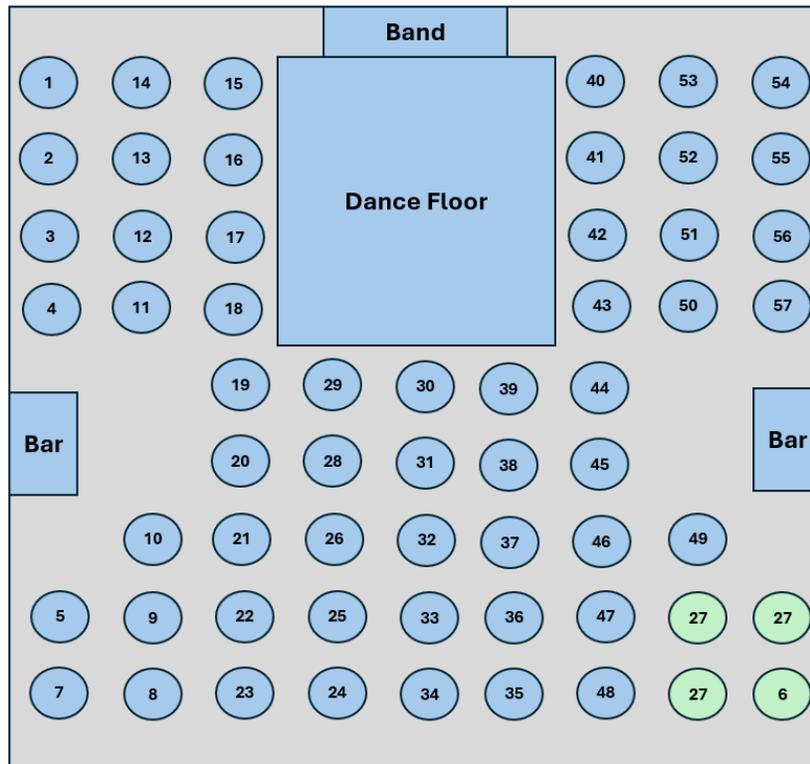
Team Number	Team Name	From City/Town	Team Colours	Estimated Time
60	Kahurangi Kommand	Nelson	TBC	9am
61	Canterbury Phoenix	Christchurch	Red,Black	
62	Matua Majors	Tauranga	Red, Black, White	
63	Otago Highlandettes	Dunedin	Black, White, Blue, Gold, Silver	
64	Twiliters	Whakatane	Pink, Navy	
65	Affinity	Rangiora	Black, White, Kotahi Tartan	
66	Harbour Lights	Porirua	Black, Cherise	
67	Pacific Guards	Mount Maunganui	Pacific Guards Tartan, Black, White,	
68	North Canterbury Classics	Rangiora	White, Black	
69	Avalon Extremes	Lower Hutt	Black, Red, McLeod tartan	
70	Broadway United	Marton	White/Navy & Red	10am
71	Mid Canterbury Magic	Ashburton	Turquoise, Black and Silver	
72	Fancy Footsteps	Auckland	Green, Black	
73	Kapi Mana In Steps	Porirua	Red, Black, White & Gold	
74	Rangatū	Motueka	navy and White	
75	Regal Guards of Canterbury	Christchurch	White, Teal, Purple	
76	Balerion CIVIC Guards	Nelson	Black, Red, tartan	
77	Hutt Valley Super Girls	Hutt Valley	Red, Blue, Dress Stewart Tartan	
78	Capital City Marchers	Wellington	Black, Gold`	
79	Trentham Troopers	Upper Hutt	Khaki, Black	
80	Majestics	West Auckland	Aqua, Cherry, Bling	11am
81	Wallace & Cooper United	Timaru	Blue, Gold, Black	
59	Tasocs	Perth, Western AU	Red	
82	Surprise Guest Team - <b>DON'T MISS IT</b>	Christchurch	Green, Black, White	11.25am Finish

## NIGHT FUNCTION SEATING PLAN

Below is the proposed seating plan for the nighttime function. We are sharing this early to help you navigate where you will be situated that evening. We are very much looking forward to seeing all your costumes, and to listening to our band, 'AWESOME SOURCE' – they have been practicing Alice. 😊 This plan is a draft, so we apologise in advance if this slightly changes on the night. Small registration numbers will share a table - a fantastic way to meet some new people.

Table Number	Team Name	Table Number	Team Name	Table Number	Team Name	Table Number	Team Name
1 & 2	Avalon Teams (Supremes and Extremes)	18	Twiliters	34	Wallace and Cooper United	47	Emerald Guards
2 & 3	Silver Diamonds	19	Kon Tiki Leisure Marchers	35	Gore Golden Cavaliers	48 & 49	Primetimers
4	Greerton Gold	20	Otago Highlandettes	36	Glengyle	48 & 49	Manawatu Majors
5	POC Leisure	21	Imperial Guards	37	Westside Wanderers	50	Taitoko Leisure Marchers
6	McCullough Guards	22	Dunedinites	38	3 Decades	50	Mid Canterbury Magic
7	Hutt Valley Super Girls	23	Waihopai Militaries	39	Taupo Cosmopolitan Leisure	51	Silveraires
8	North Canterbury Classics	24	Aorangi Guards	40	Dunedin 60+	51	Fancy Footsteps
9	Majestics	25	Kaimai Rangers	41	Canterbury Phoenix	52	Step Sisters
10	Kapa Mana In Steps	26	Papanui Paraders	42	Kaiapoi Club Gold	52	Harbour Lights
11	Southern Cross Milleniun	27	Volunteers	42	Capital City Marchers	53	Foveaux Pearls
12	Great Lake Guards	28	Kaikoura Senior Moments	43	Kapiti Coast Marchers	53	Rangatū
13	Tasocs	29	The Gate Leisure Marchers	44	Temuka Leisure Marchers	54	Balerion CIVIC Guards
14	Affinity	30	Cas 'n' Ova Rebels	44	Taradale Supergrans	54	Trentham Troopers
15	Kumeu Guards	31	Argent	45	Ruahine Ramblerz	55	Status Quo
16	Fun Seekers	32	Kaipara Marchers	46	Canterbury Belles	55	Elite
17	Pacific Guards	33	Illuzion	46	Central Sapphires	56	Surprise Guest Team
						57	Kahurangi Kommand

Seating plan by table number shown on next page.



## NIGHT FUNCTION BEVERAGE MENU

BYO is not available at this venue and there are strict rules governing this. Anyone caught trying to bring alcohol into the venue will be asked to leave. To keep prices down, we have secured our own liquor license and volunteers to work the bar and beverage service. Important to note this is a **CASH ONLY BAR** – no eftpos is available on site. We have put a great deal of thought into our beverage list to try to cater for as many people as possible. Free tea, coffee, and water will be available all evening. Wine served by the glass is a 150ml pour. Plastic drinking vessels will be provided. Some ice is available. Sorry in advance to all the gin lovers!

Type of Beverage	Sell price per glass	Sell Price per bottle
Jacobs Creek Chardonay Pinot Noir (Bubbles)	\$ 6.00	\$ 25.00
Rileys Lookout Marlborough Savignon Blanc	\$ 6.00	\$ 25.00
Francesca Bay Waipara Pinot Noir	\$ 6.00	\$ 25.00
Pa Road Rose	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00
Pa Road Chardonnay	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00
Monteights 4% Alcoholic Ginger Beer Cans	\$ 4.00	N/A
Alcoholic Lemonade	\$ 4.00	N/A
Cider	\$ 4.00	N/A
Bourbon and Cola RTD	\$ 4.00	N/A
Vodka RTD	\$ 4.00	N/A
Sol Lager (Beer)	\$ 4.00	N/A
Wolf Blass Sauvignon Blanc Zero Alcohol	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00
Bundaberg Lemon Lime Bitters - Single Serve	\$ 3.50	N/A
Bundaberg Ginger Beer - Single Serve	\$ 3.50	N/A
Sprite Zero - pack single serve cans	\$ 2.00	N/A
Coke Zero - single serve cans	\$ 2.00	N/A
Keri Premium Orange Juice 250ml	\$ 2.00	N/A



# A FEW REMINDERS

**Seating:** Seating for the marching event is very tight. A reminder that there is to be no bags on seats please. You will need to sit as close together as possible.

**Parking:** There are plenty of parking spaces available for cars, vans, and buses.

**Training Areas:** Please refer to newsletter number 1 for information on local areas available for training.

**Run Through:** A reminder that practice run throughs in the venue will not be possible.

**Lining Up:** At the back of the field, there will be labels on the ground. This relates to your team number in the order of the marching draw. Please use this to line up for the march past and maze march. We believe this will make lining up of teams much quicker, making it easier for those that are unable to stand for long periods of time.

**March Past:** All team members are welcome to participate. The format will be the same as last year where we will ask all teams to sidestep across until it is their turn to line up.

**Maze March:** All team members are welcome to participate. Simply follow the person in front of you.

**Raffles and Scratchie Boards:** These are available as you enter the venue. We appreciate you supporting these.

**Souvenirs:** There will be a selection of souvenirs available for purchase. These will be located beside the raffle tables.

**Team Photos:** Due to the cost of a professional photographer, we have decided not to have one in attendance. However, at the completion of the delegates' meeting, a private area for taking photos will be set up for teams and a volunteer will be provided to take your team photo for you. You will need to provide your own device, e.g., phone, camera, or tablet please. We also have a photographer taking still photos while you are performing. These will be shared on a common link following the event.

**First Aid:** We are extremely fortunate to have Gail, a Nurse Practitioner to assist where needed. In the event of an emergency, please dial 111.

**Health and Safety:** Incident forms are available. Please reach out to any of the volunteer team members or head to the information desk for assistance.

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions, or need assistance, please feel free to reach out - [leisurenationals2026@gmail.com](mailto:leisurenationals2026@gmail.com), or Tracey McCullough on 027 861 7212.

## LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN.

## SAFE TRAVELS TO YOU ALL.