

# POATINA HILLCLIMB

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2015**

EXTENDED 10.2KM COURSE OVER THE ICONIC POATINA ROAD



## SPECTATOR GUIDE



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# **MOTORSPORT IS DANGEROUS**

Spectators are warned that Motorsport is dangerous and accidents can and do happen.

All care is taken to protect the public but spectators are warned that there is a possibility of an accident causing injury, death, or property damage.

The spectator acknowledges that entry into the vicinity of the event has a degree of danger and that the promoter, clubs, corporations, organizations, participants and other persons having any connection with the promoting, organising or conduct of the event shall have no liability, either in tort or contract, for any personal injury or loss of property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, to the spectator except in regard to any rights that spectator may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK OF COURSE



### WELCOME TO THE SECOND ANNUAL RUNNING OF THE POATINA HILLCLIMB

We're very excited to be bringing to the Tasmanian motorsport community, the second annual running of the Poatina Hillclimb (formerly the Poatina Mt. Race).

This year, the event will be held over an extended section of the iconic Poatina Road creating more of a challenge for competitors, which means more action for spectators.

We're extremely grateful for all of the support we have received from the team at Fusion Australia and the Northern Midlands Council this year – as without them this event simply would not be possible.

For Auto Corsa Group, our events are as much about the communities that host and support them as they are the cars and crews that contest them. And, this year, Fusion Australia is pulling out all stops, ensuring there will be plenty of tasty food and drink options on offer in the Village as well as face painting and event a jumping castle for the kids so we encourage motoring enthusiasts, friends and family alike to come along for the event and check out all this historic and iconic Tasmanian tourism hub has to offer.

We ask that you please take the time to read this important document, particularly our Guide to Safe Spectating, and we hope you enjoy the 2015 event.

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**Stuart Benson**

CLERK OF COURSE



## 2. GUIDE TO SAFE SPECTATING



**As a spectator you need to be aware that motorsport is dangerous and accidents can and do happen.**

**Always remain vigilant and alert and adhere to the following advice to best ensure your safety:**

- Park your car sensibly so that it will not obstruct emergency vehicles, competitors, service crews or other spectators
- Stand only in designated spectator zones
- Stand back from the road
- Stand on the high side of the road
- Stay behind walls, fences or something solid
- Keep clear of event signs
- Keep clear of prohibited areas
- Stay alert and expect the unexpected
- Don't sit down, always stand
- Avoid blocking escape routes
- Listen for approaching cars
- Leave your pets at home
- Leave yourself room to move away quickly
- Keep children under STRICT supervision
- Do not stand on or cross the road until after the '999' car has passed (car with flashing lights)
  - even if there are no cars for a time – there may have been a delay
- Always obey the instructions of Stage Officials, otherwise competition will be stopped
- Do not leave your rubbish behind.

## 3. ABOUT THE EVENT

### 3.1. EVENT OVERVIEW

The second annual running of the Poatina Hillclimb in 2015 sees an exciting extended course offered over a longer 10.2 kilometre stretch of Poatina Road – a stunning piece of former Hydro Electric Commission constructed tarmac that has an elevation gain of some 580 metres, snaking up Mount Blackwood from the Norfolk Plains to the Central Plateau of Northern Tasmania.

Each competitor will compete six times over the technical course, covering 61 kilometres in a single day.

Production car-based circuit, sports, time attack and rally cars are all eligible for competition across the three categories offered in 2015: Competition - Driver Only, Competition - Tarmac Rally (driver and navigator) and, new in 2015, a non-competitive Tour category.

The inaugural event in 2014 was the first in a new generation of Australian motorsport event. The event combined a European style long-course hillclimb competition, with a sprint format tarmac rally competition, in the same event and held over the same road on the same day - the 2015 event will employ the same format.

Poatina Village, a town that once served as home to its power station construction workforce, will again play host to the event's start and finish celebrations and vehicle display and will have on offer plenty of tasty food selections and family entertainment as outlined in this Guide.

### 3.2. EVENT ITINERARY

TIME	ITEM	LOCATION
8.30am	Poatina Road closes	**Note road will re-open every hour to allow traffic to pass
9.00am	Competition commences	
4.00pm	Estimated competition finish time	
4.30pm	Award presentation	Village Green (near the Chalet) Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302
5.00pm	Poatina Road re-opens	

Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1 for locations.

### 3.3. CONTACT DETAILS

Event Organiser	Auto Corsa Group 60 Siddeley Street Docklands VIC 3008 Ph: 61 (0) 499 442 899 Email: <a href="mailto:info@autocorsa.com.au">info@autocorsa.com.au</a>
Event HQ:	Poatina Chalet, Gordon Street, Poatina, TAS 7302 Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.

## 4. PROVISIONAL ENTRY LIST

An up to date list can be downloaded from the event website [www.autocorsa.com.au](http://www.autocorsa.com.au) closer to the event.

Driver	State	Navigator	State	Year	Make	Model	Competition #	Capacity	Drive	Category
Lew Bush	TAS			1971	Mazda	RX2	33	2063	2WD	Hillclimb
Jason Willmott	TAS			1979	Mazda	RX7	28	2354	2WD	Hillclimb
Phil House	TAS			1983	BMW	Alpina C2	57	2860	2WD	Hillclimb
Warwick Hughes	TAS			1983	Alfa Romeo	Sud TI	31	1598	2WD	Hillclimb
Mark Beckett	TAS			1993	Nissan	Skyline GTS-t	34	3400	2WD	Hillclimb
Stephen Noble	TAS			2005	Nissan	350Z	59	5950	2WD	Hillclimb
Jamie Lonergan	TAS			1989	Nissan	Skyline GT-R	41	4420	4WD	Hillclimb
Scott Deane	TAS			1996	Mitsubishi	Mitsubishi Evolution IV	64	3397	4WD	Hillclimb
Greg Garwood	TAS			2001	Nissan	Skyline GT-R V-Spec	2	3600	4WD	Hillclimb
John Ralph	TAS			2006	Subaru	Impreza WRX STI	37	3397	4WD	Hillclimb

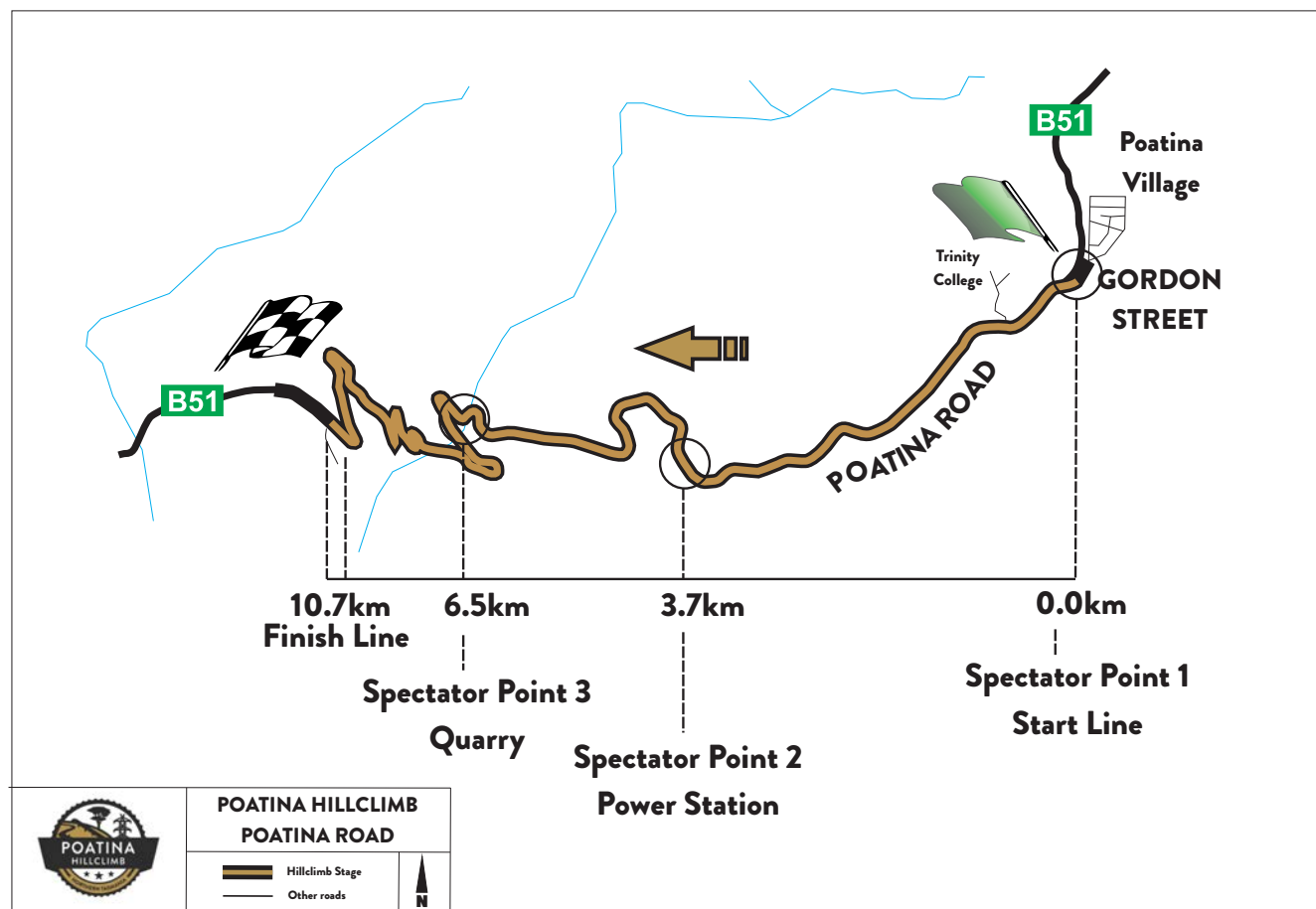
Driver	State	Navigator	State	Year	Make	Model	Competition #	Capacity	Drive	Category
William Newton	TAS	Peter Bellchambers	TAS	2013	Ford	Focus ST	60	3400	2WD	Tour
Martin Bulk	TAS	Chris Bulk	TAS	1960	Ford	Anglia 105E	105	1500	2WD	Rally
Malcolm Ward	TAS	Charlie Hughes	TAS	1960	Ford	Anglia 105E	20	1500	2WD	Rally
Adrian Hodgetts	TAS	Sonia Hodgetts	TAS	1970	Datsun	240Z	30	2990	2WD	Rally
Chris Wilson	TAS	Meegan Spurr	TAS	1974	Porsche	911 RS	10	3400	2WD	Rally
Becher Townshend	TAS	Terry Cutcliffe	TAS	1979	BMW	635 CSI	356	3428	2WD	Rally
Andrew Morris	TAS	Matthew Bush	TAS	1982	Mazda	RX-7 Group B	7	2354	2WD	Rally
Peter Nunn	TAS	Keith Johnston	TAS	1985	Porsche	944 Turbo	601	4250	2WD	Rally
Ben Manion	TAS	Aleshia Penney	TAS	1990	Nissan	Skyline GTS-t	723	3400	2WD	Rally
Peter Roberts	TAS	Beau Starritt	TAS	1992	Nissan	Skyline GTS-t	58	3400	2WD	Rally
Robbie Maher	TAS	Ryan Maher	TAS	1993	Mazda	RX-7 SP	98	4002	2WD	Rally
Peter O'Keefe	TAS	Julie Winton-Monet	VIC	1995	Mazda	RX-7 SP	890	4002	2WD	Rally
Cameron Kuc	TAS	Andrew Kuc	TAS	1998	Hyundai	Excel	22	1500	2WD	Rally
Pat Kearon	TAS	Tyson Kearon	TAS	2001	Mazda	RX-7 RZ	187	4002	2WD	Rally
Philip Leith	TAS	William Gordon	TAS	2003	Porsche	911 GT3	23	4300	2WD	Rally
Kerry Luck	TAS	Adam Colgrave	TAS	2004	Porsche	911 GT3 RS	39	3600	2WD	Rally
Adam Garwood	TAS	Cameron Reeves	QLD	2008	Porsche	911 GT3 Cup	12	3600	2WD	Rally
Rob van der Niet	TAS	Kevin Goodall	TAS	1994	Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution II RS	11	3397	4WD	Rally
Chris Boyd	TAS	Travis Dean	TAS	1994	Nissan	Skyline R33	50	4420	4WD	Rally
Nick Shaw	TAS	Daniel Willson	TAS	1994	Subaru	Impreza WRX	49	3397	4WD	Rally
David Griffiths	TAS	Nathan Hobson	TAS	1995	Subaru	Impreza WRX Type RA	42	3397	4WD	Rally
James Parker	TAS	Anthony Carr	TAS	1997	Subaru	Impreza WRX	721	3397	4WD	Rally
Steve Maguire	TAS	Damien Grimwood	TAS	1998	Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution V	44	3397	4WD	Rally
Ben Spriggs	TAS	Garry Spriggs	TAS	2002	Subaru	Impreza WRX STI	43	3397	4WD	Rally
Jon Mitchell	TAS	Josh Sutcliffe	TAS	2006	Subaru	Impreza WRX STI S204	45	3397	4WD	Rally
Tim O'Connor	TAS	Barry Crocker	VIC	2006	Subaru	Impreza WRX STi Spec-C	47	3397	4WD	Rally
Jamie Vandenberg	TAS	Simon Vandenberg	TAS	2006	Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution IX RS	51	3397	4WD	Rally
Eddie Maguire	TAS	Mike Potter	TAS	2007	Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution IX RS	982	3397	4WD	Rally
Troy Johnson	TAS	John Davidson	TAS	2008	Subaru	Impreza WRX STi Spec C	46	3397	4WD	Rally
Luana Garwood	TAS	Suzanne Atkins	TAS	2010	Mitsubishi	Lancer Evolution VIII	24	3397	4WD	Rally
Crichton Lewis	TAS	Adam Kudra	TAS	2010	Subaru	WRX STI Spec C	36	3397	4WD	Rally
Trevor Macleod	TAS	Tim Kulhanek	TAS	2010	Subaru	WRX STI Spec C	941	3397	4WD	Rally
David Thompson	TAS	Tom Pfizner	SA	1967	Ford	Mustang	Safety Car	5000	2WD	Course Car
Michael Bellinger	TAS	TBA		1971	Datsun	240Z	Safety Car	5700	2WD	Course Car
Ralph Norton	TAS	Malcolm Norton	TAS	2013	Audi	R8 V10	Safety Car	5200	4WD	Course Car
David Ayers	TAS	TBA		2013	Nissan	GTR R35	Safety Car	6460	4WD	Course Car

## 5. SPECTATOR VANTAGE POINTS

There are three main vantage points for spectators at this year's event – two of which (Power Station and Quarry) are located along the course, which is subject to a road closure **from 8.30am-5.00pm**.

The road will be re-opening for a short time on every hour during this time to allow local traffic to pass through and for spectators to move to and from vantage points along the course back to Poatina Village.

**Note: Poatina Village is accessible via the Midlands Highway right throughout the day and will not be impacted by road closures.**



## 6. LIVE RESULTS

Results will be available via the RallySafe smart phone application just after the first run of the day.

Make sure you download the app onto your smart phone prior to the event to save your data on the day. Download the app from either iTunes or Google Play store.



## 7. WHAT TO BRING

It's Tasmania so we'd suggest you pack for any weather! Consider bringing a hat, umbrella, a raincoat or poncho, sunscreen, bug spray, some cash and a sweater to put on incase it's windy. There are plenty of food options available in the village so there's no need to bring a packed lunch!



## 8. GETTING TO THE EVENT

The table below outlines approximate driving times from each major Tasmanian town:

ORIGIN	MAJOR HIGHWAYS	APPROX. DRIVE TIME	KMS FROM ORIGIN
Launceston	Midlands Highway (1)/ Powranna Road (B53) (Right turn off Midlands Highway 3km after Symmons Plains Raceway)	54 minutes	70km
Hobart	Midlands Highway (1) / Powranna Road (B53) (Left turn off Midlands Highway is 3km before Symmons Plains Raceway)	2hrs 20mins	203km
Devonport	Bass Highway through Longford and Cressy	1hr 30mins	129km
Burnie	Bass Highway through Longford and Cressy	2hours	175km

## 9. PUBLIC PARKING

There's plenty of off street parking available in Poatina Village. Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.

## 10. COMPETITION VEHICLE DISPLAY

The event's service / re group and vehicle display area will be held on the Village Green along Gordon Street in Poatina. Refer Poatina Village Event Map at Appendix 1.

## 11. FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

### FOOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY

Food will be available in two areas throughout the day – around the Village Green (east of the Service Area) and within the Poatina Chalet (north of the Service Area). Cash or EFTPOS welcome.

**The Tiers Tea Lounge** attached to *The Poatina Tree Art Gallery* on the Village Green, offers a wide range of Tasmanian blended teas, locally roasted barista coffees and other delicious hot and cold drinks. The Tiers Tea Lounge also offers home-made gourmet savoury and sweet delicacies including snacks for those on special diets. For orders on the day, contact John West on 0448 867 186.

For more information go to [www.tierstealounge.com.au](http://www.tierstealounge.com.au)

**The View Restaurant** at the Poatina Chalet is available for sit down lunches with stunning views of the mountain (giving occasional glimpses of the cars as they climb up the hill). The menu will include its regular Sunday Roast, Seafood Basket, Chicken Schnitzel, and its renowned Curried Scallop Pie.

**The View Café** will offer a range of light menu options for eat-in or take-away, such as toasted sandwiches, hot chips, espresso coffees and cold drinks. Free Wi-Fi is also available here. For advance orders, or to pick up and go, phone the Chalet on 6397 8290.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

There will be a range of other activities in the Village for people to enjoy alongside the event:

- Free family focussed activities including rides on the Thomas Train, a bouncy castle and face painting will take place on / around the Village Green
- Children's Playground with Swings for all ages, Seesaw, Little Aussie Diggers & more
- The Poatina Tree Art Gallery offers a range of stunning glass, music and other art created here in Poatina and around Australia. A new solo exhibition will be on display and an artist talk and art workshop will be available from 10am–2 pm. For more information go to [www.thepoatinatree.com.au](http://www.thepoatinatree.com.au)
- Poatina Gift Shop offers delightful local and unique gifts, cards, books & souvenirs
- Poatina Op Shop offers a range of pre-loved clothes and other items
- Free Electric Barbecues near the Playground, and Picnic Tables in many locations
- Skating Half Pipe for teenagers and other skaters
- Beautiful short and long Bushwalks around the Village (maps available from any enterprise), including a Bushranger hunt
- Poatina Golf Course – a scenic 9-hole/18-tee Course, Visitors welcome, \$10 Green Fee
- Poatina Labyrinth – for those seeking some peace in the midst of the day – available for contemplative walking (it is between the Service Area and the Start line, so some car noise!)

## 12. SHOPS

**The Poatina General Store** provides a range of hot foods including Four'N Twenty Pies, Poatina Cornish Pasties, Hot Dogs, Dim Sims, Cheese Sausages, Egg & Bacon Rolls, Pulled Pork Rolls, Hot Chips, Battered Fish, and Potato Cakes, as well as Peter's ice creams, chips, nuts, chocolates and other confectionery, and fresh fruit. Cold water and a wide range of other cold drinks available.

BBQ Packs will also be available for those wanting to cook their own food at the Village BBQs.

The General Store also stocks a range of items like batteries, band aids and other useful things you might suddenly find you need whilst here. Contact John Bart on 6397 8424 for special orders.

## 13. SERVICE STATION

The Ampol Service Station in Poatina Village will be open on the day of the event from 7am – 7pm (regularly daily 9am – 5pm), serving Premium 95 Unleaded, Unleaded 91 & Diesel Fuel.

## 14. PUBLIC TOILETS

Public Toilets are available in a range of places throughout Poatina Village, including around the Village Green (these ones are Accessible toilets) and the Poatina Chalet.

## 15. CASH WITHDRAWAL FACILITY

The Ampol Service Station in Poatina Village offers a cash withdrawal facility (ATM) up to \$50.

Note: all Village shops accept EFTPOS.

## 16. ACCOMMODATION

For those looking to make a weekend of it, there is still accommodation available within Poatina Village for the Saturday night before and Sunday night after the event.

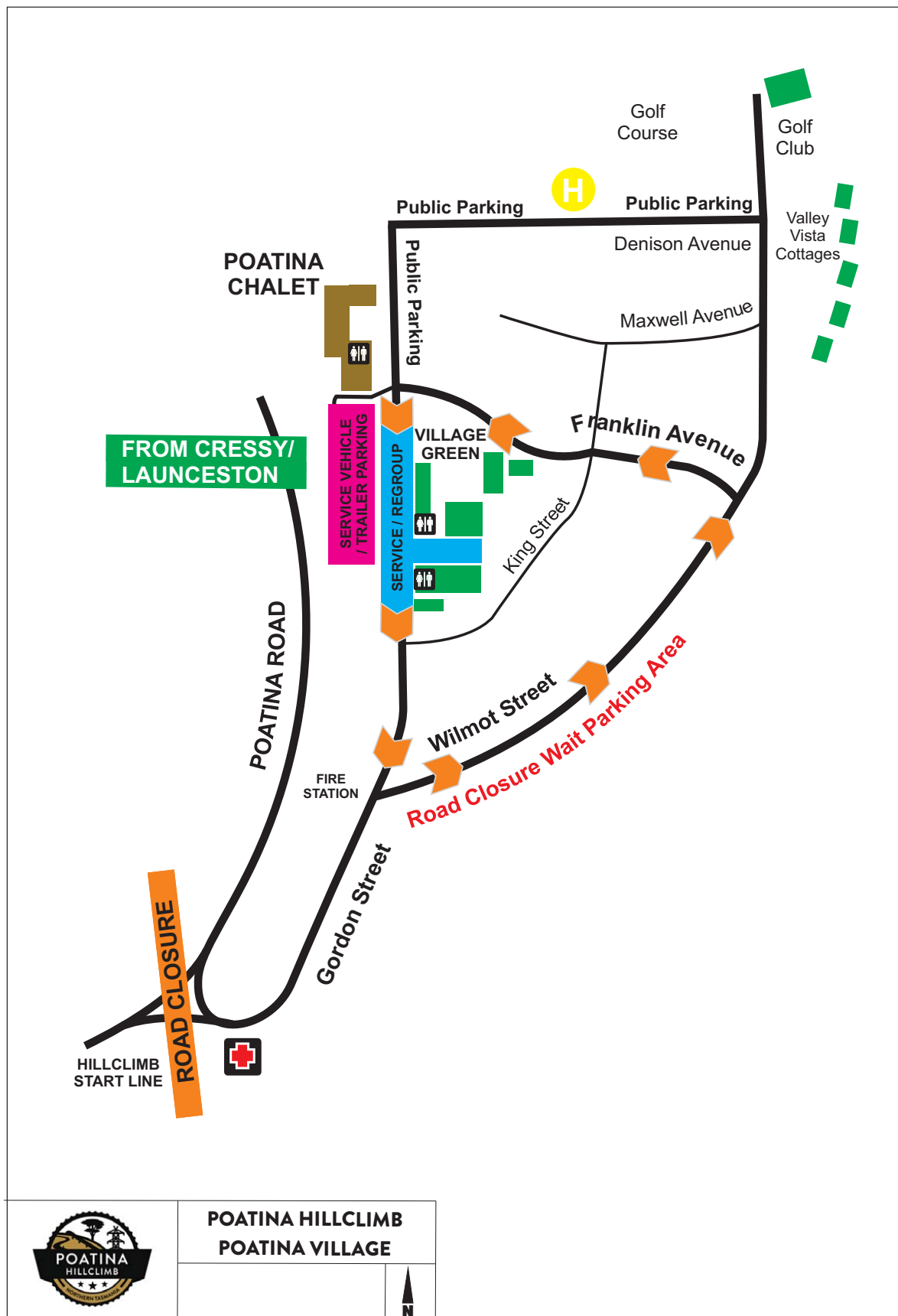
Golden Chain 3-Star Motel Rooms either for a couple or twin share are approximately \$100 per room, whilst Hostel Beds (rooms with various bed combinations and shared bathroom facilities) are \$30 per person. Motorhomes and caravans also welcome. Unfortunately the 3-Star Mountain Cottages are now fully booked out.

To make an accommodation booking contact Poatina Chalet on [poatina.chalet@fusion.org.au](mailto:poatina.chalet@fusion.org.au) or (03) 6397 8290. EFTPOS and cash payments accepted.

All accommodation check-ins are managed through the Poatina Chalet, the large orange brick building next to the long grassy stretch (Service / Re Group Area) on Gordon Street.

For more information go to [www.poatina.com](http://www.poatina.com)

# APPENDIX 1 – POATINA VILLAGE MAP





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