



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY

The K2 is an annual road cycle event that takes place on the Coromandel Peninsula at the end of October. It is organised by Adventure Racing Coromandel (ARC) and has been running since 2002. It starts and finishes in one of the 4 Coromandel townships of Thames, Tairua, Whitianga and Coromandel and revolves around each year. There are four distances, including the K2 (192km), the K150, the K1 and the Nicholas Browne Challenge. Each start in one of the 4 towns and finish in the same town. There are separate elite races for men and women in the K2 and K1 respectively.

The K2 is a Bike NZ sanctioned event.

The event attracts up to 1,500 riders and is supported by a comprehensive Safety and Traffic Management Plan. The key features of the Traffic Management Plan are as follows:

- The Traffic management Plan is prepared by a professional traffic management Company, Traffic Management New Zealand (TMNZ). They have been supporting the event since 2005.
- TMNZ are also contracted to undertake Traffic Management on the day of the event.
- The traffic management plan needs to be approved each year by OPUS on behalf of THE New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA).
- The K2 is also supported by the NZ Police and Thames and Coromandel District Council (TCDC).
- Three meetings occur each year between ARC, NZ Police, Opus, TMNZ and TCDC. One prior to the completion of the Safety and Traffic Management Plan, another prior to the event and a debrief meeting after the event. This is to help ensure that all safety considerations are taken into account and that communication channels are well understood.
- The NZ Police support the event on the day with a number of police vehicles and a central communications office.
- The event is supported by up to 150 volunteers including people stationed at one lane bridges, roundabouts, junctions and other hazard areas.

Other key safety features of the event include the following:

- Competitors are started in groups of no more than 100 riders at 3 minute intervals based on riders expected finishing times.
- Rider support vehicles are forbidden to be on the course.
- Riders must obey the road rules at all time.
- Riders who disobey the above rules will be disqualified and may be prevented from taking part in future events.
- Riders are made aware of hazards on the course including one lane bridges, steep descents, weather conditions etc.
- Experienced motor cyclists accompanying each group and enforcing rules if necessary
- These rules and hazards are communicated to participants via our website, via email, in competitor race packs received at registration before the race and at a safety briefing held prior to the start.
- There is a communication strategy to inform the public and other road users that the event is taking place and that there will be many cyclists on the road during certain times. The objective is to minimise vehicle traffic on the road during the event and to ask the public to be patient and take particular care if they are travelling on the course at the same time.
- The elite races are managed on the day by Bike NZ sanctioned commissaries.