







Welcome to your training plan for 2022's event.

3 days, 435kms, 5000m of climbing. It's time to get you ready to take on the challenge. **P3**

WELCOME

Hello and welcome to your training plan for the 2022 Royal Far West, Ride for Country Kids. Previous routes for Royal Far West have averaged around 1500 vertical meters of climbing over the 3 days, which in cycle speak is FLAT; this route however is over 5,000 vertical meters and as such will require a commitment to be able to ride safely and alongside one another up and over hilly terrain. A comment we often say to riders is "make the time or pay the crime" and we say this simply because fitness on the bike doesn't come without effort and it's not something anyone can fake for long.

We have been engaging Karmea and Sarah Anne Evans to assist our clients meet their objectives now for several years and we strongly recommend and support the need for training plans; especially, if you're new to the sport and looking to ride in this event.

A structured training plan with clear and measureable goals will get you to the level you need to be at and throughout the process hold you to account and help us identify where we can help you best. The Royal Far West Ride for Country Kids has commitments that are important for us to meet which include visiting schools and engaging local communities. This makes it imperative riders can ride safely at agreed average speeds and be able to ride at a base fitness level over the entire days route; the base fitness level for this ride is 24 k an hour.

This year, Sarah has put together a series of plans aligned to the average speeds we expect our pelotons to run at; being 24, 26 and 28 k an hr however, we also have a plan for those who aren't at the base level just yet which we have called sub 24. Participants in the Ride for Country Kids can download the training plans via PDF, access the plans via the training peaks app or engage Sarah for a more personalised plan and weekly coaching sessions. If you don't have support around you this is a really worthwhile option.

So, take a peek at what Sarah has developed and come prepared for the best 3 days of your life knowing you have done the work on the bike and throughout the journey raised awareness and funds for a really important cause. I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Kent Williams - Entoure Cycle Event Management.



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YOUR TRAINING PLAN

Your body will need to get used to backing up rides on consecutive days. Recovery is EVERYTHING. Weekday sessions are best completed on a trainer or indoor bike for consistency and maximum gains, but they are also easily achievable outside if you have the right environment. Long rides should be completed on the road, trying to match the longest distance and elevation you will face on the event. Riding in a bunch will be a part of the event so ensure you are aware of bunch ride etiquette and safety, and practice this in training. If you are taking on this challenge with friends, then make sure you plan training rides as a group, so you get to know each other's strengths.

To easily help you, here is a quick guide to some of the terminology you will see in your plan:

CADENCE/RPM

Start paying attention to your cadence on long rides. You need to ensure you are riding at 80-90rpm so that you don't load your legs when riding. This also helps with your recovery, and your ability to back up day after day. All your long rides should be focused on this higher cadence.

Hill work forms an essential part of your training plan, so learn to love the hills. Hill work translates well to power on the flats, increasing your strength and endurance. To enable you to maximise the strength gains from your hill sessions, all your specific hill work should be completed at 60-65rpm, seated. Focus on relaxed hands and upper body, working from a strong core and driving forwards into the hill with your glutes rather than your quads. If you don't have a cadence sensor then just count the revolutions of one leg for 15secs, it should be 15.

STRENGTH/FLEXIBILITY

These sessions should form an important part of your training. Stretch after each session, focus on your tightest muscles, and dedicate 20mins every day to stretching.

Building strength enables you to increase power, reduce the risk of injury, and become an all-round more balanced rider. If you are working with a trainer, attending classes or taking yourself to the gym the main thing to focus on is single leg work that simulates muscle recruitment during cycling. Look to strengthen your glutes, quads, calves but don't leave out your upper body as this also plays an important part in riding. Neck, and upper back are also important. Your lower back may need strength, but you will gain more benefits from focussing on key core stability work and increasing your flexibility in your lower back muscles.

NUTRITION GUIDE

As a very simple guide, you want to be consuming your body weight in kgs, in grams of carbs PER HOUR on the bike. So, if you weigh 70kg, you need to be eating 70gms per hour. For multi day riding we suggest eating real food rather than loading up with too many sugary gels! Sports hydration is essential as it contains carbs alongside key electrolytes. You will be stopping for morning tea and lunch during the event so practice this in training. When you are on the bike, try to eat

or drink something every 10mins, it often works well to alternate. One of the bottles on your bike should contain ONLY WATER whilst the other should contain electrolytes. Drink WATER ONLY with food. If you feel sick, don't sweat it, skip a feed and switch to water until it settles down.

OTHER HINTS AND TIPS FOR MULTI DAY RIDES & TRAINING

- 1. Practice loading your jersey pockets with on road food. Get used to consuming it whilst riding. A handy tip is to open your bars etc before you start your ride so it's easier to get into them. Do try this with gels!
- 2. Practices stopping for morning tea or lunch during your longer rides, so you can get used to the feeling of kicking your legs over after a break. This will be a norm throughout the event.
- 3. Practice changing a flat if you aren't confident and ensure you carry tubes and bits when you head out. During the event your mechanical team will manage this for you, but during your training it's all on you.
- 4. Ensure you are running the right tyre pressure. Pre event, it's always a good idea to replace any worn tubes or tyres to minimise chances of flats. PSI advice varies, we recommend min 90 to around 100.
- 5. Stretch each day post ride. This is important for your recovery and will prevent future injuries and stiffness.
- 6. Ensure you eat and hydrate after your rides. This will speed up your recovery and allow you to replenish your energy. Aim for your bodyweight in grams of carbs (i.e 70kg=70gms) within 45mins of stopping.
- 7. Study the route when it is made public, simulating this in training where possible with the same elevation and distance.
- 8. Massage © Book them often to help your muscles stay supple, injury free and ready to ride.

TRAINING TO HEART RATE AND EFFORT

Training in targeted heart rate or power zones allows you to get maximum gains from your sessions. We find many riders work to low in key sessions, and train to high on long distance rides, desperate to get the miles in! Planned recovery or easy spin sessions should be completed at a very comfortable pace.

You can keep it simple with easy, medium and hard as your guides, or dial into HR Zones or power.

EASY (50-70% MAX HR. Zone1/2 PWR)

A pace you can easily talk at (recovery, warm up, steady state, and cool down).

MEDIUM (70-80% MAX HR. Zone 3 PWR) = pace talking becomes a little breathless, you are applying yourself in these sessions (hill and endurance work).

HARD (80-90% MAX HR. Zone 4/5 PWR) = efforts are more of a yes/no answer level because talking is a challenge (intervals, hills).

SESSION TYPES & TERMINOLOGY

All of the sessions contained in this program have one purpose, to get you fit and strong enough to complete this event.

None are more important than the other, each needs to be given time and dedication. The sessions are explained below, so lap them up and work hard. A positive mind set is important for this event. Remember your motivation to sign up, why you are raising money, and why you are testing yourself with such an amazing goal.

STRENGTH = these sessions are geared towards getting your legs stronger for the hills but also translate to more power on flat roads. Hill are climbed seated at a low cadence of 60-65rpm.

ENDURANCE = interval sessions set at a harder effort level to increase your overall aerobic fitness

TEMPO = designed to make you work at a harder consistent effort for a long time these will increase your aerobic fitness

POWER = these sessions get your legs stronger by working at a lower 70-75rpm cadence

BUILD RIDE = staged the day before and/or after your long ride, these sessions get you used to riding on tired legs and prepare you to ride consecutive days in the saddle

LONG RIDE = your meat and veg! Aimed at getting you used to riding longer days and building endurance

SPIN OUT = an easy recovery ride day, these are done for the love of riding!

CROSS TRAIN = anything but a bike day. Enjoy a swim, gentle run, gym or core strength session.

REST = complete rest if you need it or enjoy an unloaded session like a swim or yoga class

STRETCH & ROLL = while these sessions aren't in the plan, you should aim to focus on this for 20min daily

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ROUTE OVERVIEW

The route for the 2022 ride will be announced in due course. In the meantime, here is a brief overview of the daily distances, elevation and terrain you can expect over the 3 days.

Each day of the ride you will be faced with a mix of undulating terrain, long climbs and descents and flat riding. It's incredibly important your training mirrors the terrain you will face or you will struggle. You were asked at registration to choose an avg pace, it's essential that you can ride at this pace for consecutive days over hilly terrain. So, add this pace focus into your training.

DAY	DISTANCE	ELEVATION
1	145.8km	+1887m
2	156km	+1681m
3	133.3km	+1749m



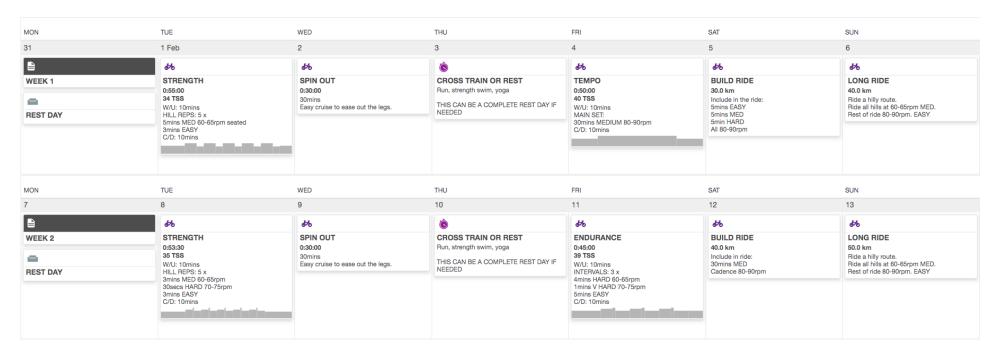
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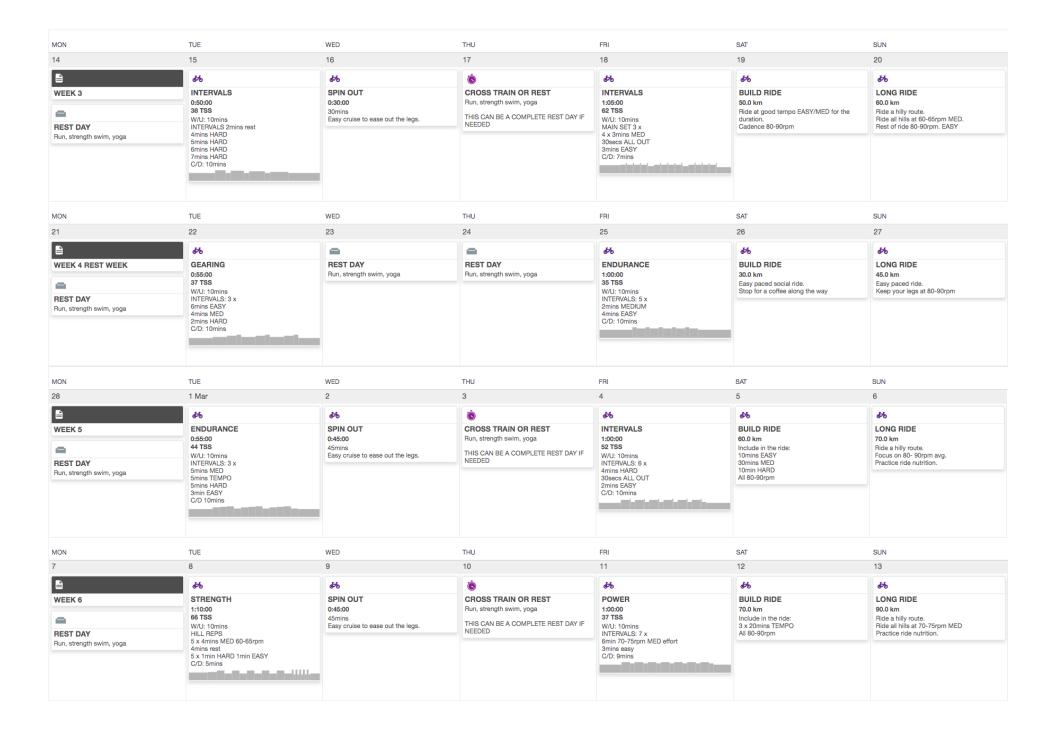
Peloton 3 will be riding at an average pace of 24kph.

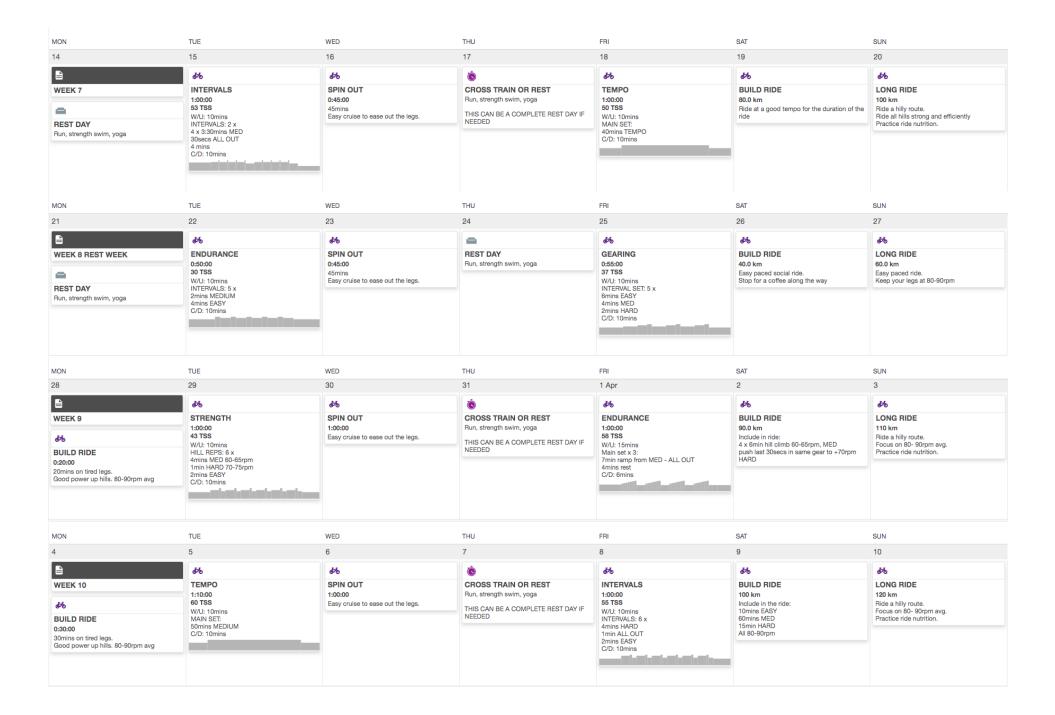
Chances are you are already riding but possibly not up to the distance required just yet, so your main focus in training is:

- Practice riding in a group if this isn't something you do routinely
- Get your legs used to riding again after longer stops as your days will include lunch stops
- Try to simulate the distance and elevation that you will face on the event, building slowly over the course of your program
- Focus on nailing your average cadence on rides (80-90rpm) so your legs last the days and recover

PACE & EFFORT GUIDE				
EASY	50-70% MAX HR	Zone1/2 PWR		
MEDIUM	70-80% MAX HR	Zone 3 PWR		
HARD	80-90% MAX HR	Zone 4/5 PWR		







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UILD RIDE 45:00 Smins on tired legs. ood power up hills. 80-90rpm avg	HILL REPS: 5 x 6mins MED 60-65rpm seated 2mins EASY C/D: 10mins		NEEDED	INTERVALS: 6 x 6min 70-75rpm MED effort 3mins easy C/D: 6mins		Practice ride nutrition.
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REST DAY Run, strength swim, yoga	ENDURANCE 0:50:00 30 TSS W/U: 10mins INTERVALS: 5 x 3mins MEDIUM 3mins EASY C/D: 10mins	SPIN OUT 0:45:00 Easy cruise to ease out the legs.	REST DAY Run, strength swim, yoga	TEMPO 1:10:00 52 TSS W/U: 10mins EASY MAIN SET: 30mins TEMPO 10mins EASY C/D: 10mins EASY	BUILD RIDE 60.0 km Easy paced social ride. Stop for a coffee along the way	LONG RIDE 70.0 km Easy paced ride. Keep your legs at 80-90rpm
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WEEK 15 55 BUILD RIDE 1:20:00 80mins on tired legs. Good power up hills. 80-90rpm avg	INTERVALS 1:00:00 52 TSS W/U: 10mins INTERVALS: 5 x 6mins HARD 2mins EASY C/D: 10mins	SPIN OUT 1:00:00 Easy cruise to ease out the legs.	CROSS TRAIN OR REST Run, strength swim, yoga THIS CAN BE A COMPLETE REST DAY IF NEEDED	ENDURANCE 1:10:00 53 TSS W/U 10mins MAIN SET 2 x 10mins MED 10mins HARD 5mins easy C/D 10mins	BUILD RIDE 140 km Ride strong for the duration pushing hard up the hills. Best possible cadence on climbs.	LONG RIDE 150 km Ride a hilly route. Focus on 80- 90rpm avg. Practice ride nutrition.
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MAY 23 16 WEEKS UNTIL EVENT DAY 2 - 156km	MAY 24 16 WEEKS UNTIL EVENT DAY 3 - 133km					

This program is available to download in Training Peaks. This will allow the sessions to upload directly to your device or smart trainer and give you greater accountability for your training. If you don't have a Training Peaks account, it's free to set up. Please contact Sarah Anne from Karmea, her details are below.



MEET YOUR COACH

Sarah Anne Evans is the founder and head coach at Karmea, the athlete coaching and training retreat specialists. She is an established triathlon, cycling and endurance coach with experience helping athletes at all levels achieve their goals, and has competed for over 20 years in cycling and endurance racing herself.

<u>Sarah Anne</u> founded Karmea based on principles that create a more complete, successful, and rounded athlete, capable of achieving anything they set their minds to.

If you'd like to talk about a personalised coaching program tailored to your goals, contact Sarah Anne.

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