

Dinner Plain

Sled Dog Sprint

Race Pack





Welcome



The Dinner Plain Sled Dog Sprint returns on 8-9 August 2026, bringing together mushers, handlers, volunteers and spectators for one of the most anticipated events on the Australian mushing calendar. Held in the Dinner Plain Village, the Sprint has become a much-loved tradition, drawing competitors and supporters from across the country to celebrate the sport of snow sled dog racing in a truly unique setting.

This year marks a significant milestone as we celebrate 30 years of sled dog racing in the snow at Dinner Plain. For three decades, the event has showcased the dedication, passion and perseverance of Australia's mushing community while creating countless memories for competitors, volunteers and spectators alike.

The 2026 event also heralds an exciting new chapter with the formation of a new Dinner Plain Sled Dog Sprint Committee. Bringing together a passionate team of volunteers, that are already enriched within the nations sled dog community. The Committee is committed to preserving the rich history of the Sprint while helping to ensure its continued success for future generations of mushers.



Beyond the competition, the event is renowned for its exceptional sportsmanship, camaraderie and community spirit. Whether it's on the trail or around the village, the weekend highlights the strong bonds that make the mushing community so special.

A special thank you must also go to our wider Committee and dedicated volunteers.

Countless hours are invested behind the scenes before, during and after race weekend, and without your enthusiasm, commitment and hard work, this event simply would not be possible.

As we prepare to celebrate this remarkable milestone, the Committee looks forward to welcoming old friends, new competitors and supporters back to the snow for another unforgettable weekend of racing, friendship and community spirit. We would like to share our appreciation to the Australian Mushing community for your ongoing support.

Here's to celebrating 30 years of sled dog racing at Dinner Plain.



The DP Sprint Team

Executive Committee

President - Vaughan Winther

Vice President - Mitch Deahm

Treasurer - Geordi Maclean

Secretary - Adelaide Reilly

Chief Timer/ Trail Boss - Andrew Gersbach

General Committee

Trail Sweep - Tyller Arcus

Start Chute Boss - Dave Turner

Fundraising Officer - Elizabeth Mansell

Publicity/ Media Officer - Heather Marstaeller

Volunteers

Website, Merchandise, Trophies and Timing - Cate Macnamara

Assistant Timer- Alison Staniforth

Start Chute Assistants - Emma Symonds and James Hipwell





Welcome to our Race Vet

- Dr Derek Keeper

We're thrilled to welcome Dr Derek Keeper from across the boarder as our Race Veterinarian for this year's event.

Derek is the founder and lead veterinarian of Nepean Mobile Vet and has been a valued supporter of sled dog racing in NSW for many years. A familiar face at many sledding events, he generously donates his time and expertise to help ensure the health, welfare and safety of all our canine athletes.

With years of veterinary experience and a genuine passion for working with dogs, Derek is always a reassuring presence on race weekends. His support of our sled dog community is something we're incredibly grateful for.

When he's not in the clinic or at the races, Derek enjoys spending time with his two daughters, reading, camping, model building and, of course, supporting the Australian sled dog racing community and has a goal to be apart of the Iditarod sled dog veterinarian team in the coming years.



A huge thank you to Derek for being part of our event—we're delighted to have him cross the border and be on the snow team for the first time.

A familiar and respected face within the Australian sled dog community, Derek has supported our races for many years. His extensive veterinary knowledge, combined with his understanding of the unique demands placed on canine athletes, provides competitors with confidence that the health and welfare of their dogs remains the highest priority throughout the event.

Derek will be available from drivers meeting until the end of racing each day. In the event of a an emergency outside of those hours, please contact one of the committee listed on the emergency contact page.

Welcome back Race Marshal

- Jo Winther



Jo has been actively involved in sled dog sports for more than 25 years and has enjoyed competing across a variety of classes, from 6-dog teams through to touring classes. Throughout her time in the sport, she has developed a deep appreciation not only for racing but also for the unique partnership between dogs and mushers that makes sled dog sports so special.

Beyond competing, Jo has dedicated countless hours to supporting the sled dog community through service on numerous committees responsible for organising and running sled dog events. Her involvement behind the scenes has helped create safe, enjoyable, and welcoming experiences for competitors, volunteers, and spectators alike.

Jo loves spending time in the bush with her dogs, family, and extended sled dog family. She values the strong friendships and sense of community that sled dog sports foster and believes that some of the best moments happen on the trail, sharing adventures with others and their dogs.

She sees the sled dog community as a place where people can connect with nature, build resilience, support one another, and enjoy the companionship of their dogs while leading active and fulfilling lives.



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4 Dog Class – Shaz and Col McPhan

3 Dog Class – Idah and Darren Watson

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Junior Class – Lupa Kennels NZ

Men's Skijor - Howling Huskies Sled Dog Tours

Women's Skijor - Winhaven Sled Dog Team

Touring - Nelson & Chelle Tromp

Mini Mushers - NSW Siberian Express All Breeds Sleddog Club

Red Lantern – Mt Baw Baw Dog Sled Dash and Rover Pet Products

Special Awards

Sportsmanship Award – Rahza Siberians

Encouragement Award – Voyager Sled Dog Team

Sprint Champion – Nevicata Siberians

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30 Year Sprint Logo designed by Elizabeth Mansell

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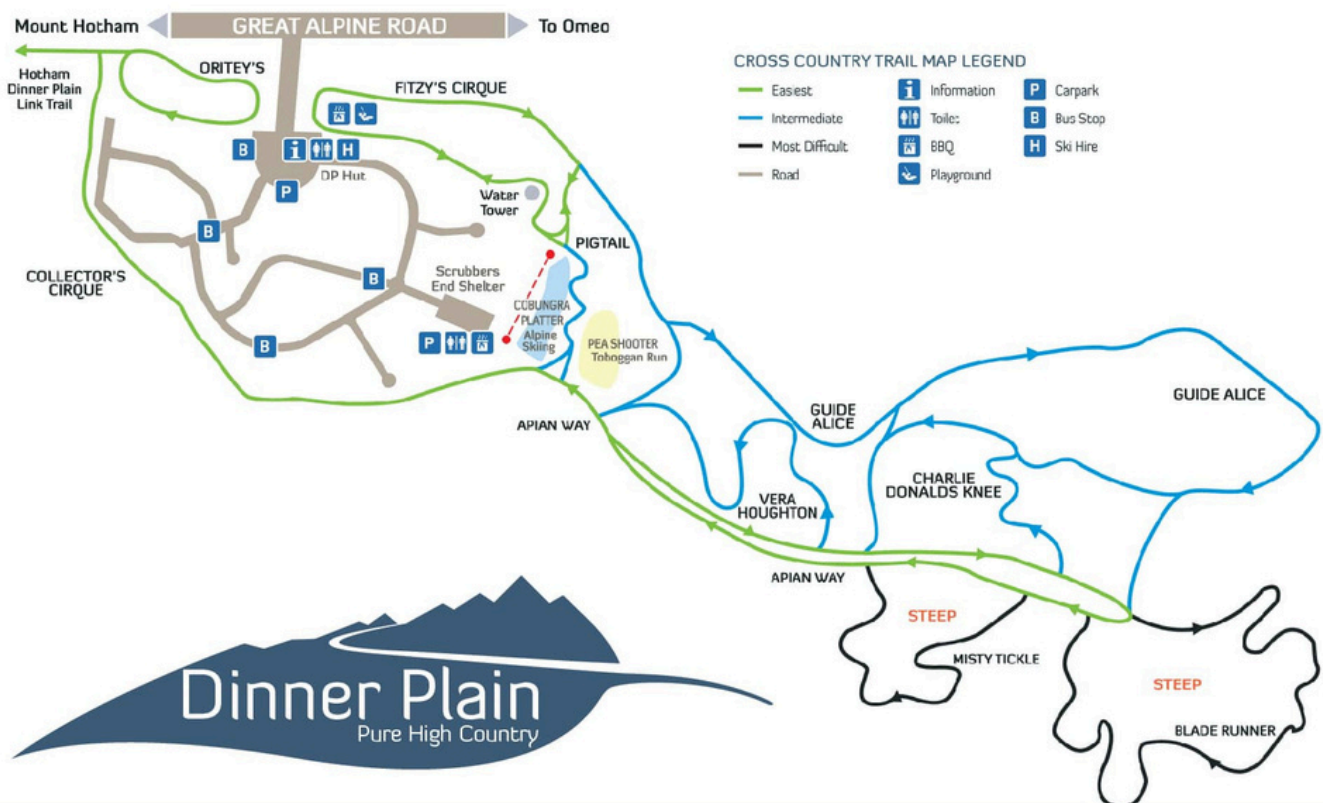
Training



NO TRAINING CURRENTLY
ALLOWED.

Continue to check the *Dinner Plain Sled Dog Sprint Mushers group* for updates on training. To protect the tracks for racing we been directed to close the trails

Dinner Plain Cross Country Map



For maximum enjoyment and to enhance your safety have ski lessons with qualified instructors.



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Schedule of Events

Thursday 6th August

Venue to be confirmed on mushers facebook group

- 12pm: Musher Bootcamp



Friday 7th August.

Venue: High Plains Hotel, Dinner Plain

- 5.30 - 6.15 pm: Check-In, merch collection, raffle tickets & last minute class changes
- 6.30pm: Welcome and Musher Bib Draw.

Saturday 8th August - Race Day 1

Venue: Day Hut

- 8am: Drivers Meeting
 - (Compulsory for all Mushers)
- 9am - 1pm: Racing Heat 1



Sunday 9th August - Race Day 2

- No drivers meeting.
- 9am - 1pm: Racing Heat 2

Presentation

Venue: High Plains Hotel, Dinner Plain

- 3pm: Raffle, auction and Musher Celebration



Raffle and Auction Items

TICKET PRICES

1 ticket - \$4

5 tickets - \$15

10 tickets - \$25

Half book - \$35

Full book \$65

1st



Valued at \$500



2nd

Valued at \$329

Large
PlushMat!
Orthopaedic
dog bed in
Royal Purple

Other items available



Hot pool swim sessions



**BILLY
BUTTON**
Alpine Valleys

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Valued at \$184



Backpack & walking belt



Snow Gear



Gift Hamper



Dog supplements



Dog leads



Payment details

ACCOUNT NAME:

Dinner Plain Sled Dog Sprint Inc

BSB: 633-000

ACC: 245 689 788

Or PayID

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REF: Name + raffle tickets

30th Snow Race at Dinner Plain - some memories

