

# **THE PPS PANORAMA TOUR**

**15 – 18 JUNE 2019**

**CASTERBRIDGE**

**WHITE RIVER**

## FOREWORD

In 2019 we celebrate the third year of PPS's sponsorship of The Panorama Tour, a partnership we are truly proud of. The 'toughest race on tar' is arguably also one of the most beautiful, taking cyclists through the scenic hills and valleys of the Mpumalanga panorama.

What inspires me about this race is what it represents. Firstly, it represents the sheer determination and resolve that the cyclists have, to complete 350km over four days on a route that challenges even the fittest body. Equally important and significant to PPS is the fact that it is completed in teams of two, demonstrating the power of partnership and that we're tougher together.

There is a metaphor in the concept of this race, that parallels the relationship between PPS and our members. We are not merely a financial services provider, but rather a partner that enables our members to realise and protect their financial dreams. We exist solely to benefit our members, and we allocate all our profits to the PPS Profit-Share Accounts of members with qualifying products. As our motto says, we believe **success is better, shared**.

This ethos of mutuality is what motivates us to be part of this unique cycling event, continuously demonstrating our commitment to ensuring the health and wellness of our members, both physically and financially.

In the foreword to the cyclists who participated in the tour last year, I noted that the best way to prepare for a race like this was to train from the healthy base of living a balanced life, week in and week out, with perhaps a spike of more bespoke training for the specific event. This speaks volumes about how financial well-being should be approached too. Doing the right things throughout your life from early on, and continuing on the course throughout your entire career, is what it's about. At PPS we partner with our members to stay the course.

On behalf of the proud sponsor of The Panorama Tour, I wish you all a successful four days of racing, and may the best team win!

See you at the race.

Regards,

**Izak Smit**

## **Time Schedule**

### Friday 14 June 2019

11h00 Registration at The Barn yard at Caster Bridge  
17h45 Registration closes  
18h00 Welcome and opening

### Saturday 15 June 2019

07h00 Sign on for Elite riders  
07h30 Start of Stage 1 for Elite riders  
07h30 Sign on for all other participants  
08h00 Start of Stage 1 for all other participants  
18H00 Prize giving at the Barn yard

### Sunday 16 June 2019

07h00 Sign on for Elite riders  
07h30 Start of Stage 2 for Elite riders  
07h30 Sign on for all other participants  
08h00 Start of Stage 2 for all other participants  
18h00 Prize giving at the Barn yard

### Monday 17 June 2019

07h00 Sign on for Elite riders  
07h30 Start of Stage 3 for Elite riders  
07h30 Sign on for all other participants  
08h00 Start of Stage 3 for all other participants  
18h00 Prize giving at the Barn yard

### Tuesday 18 June 2019

07h00 Start of Time Trial in reverse order of GC with 30" intervals

- Individual riders (non-competitive)
- Teams (non-competitive)
- Teams (competitive)
- Elite

Prize giving: TBA at The Barn Yard

## Commissaires and Personnel

|  |                                |                              |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Safety Officer                                 | JJ Masina                      | 082 330 4922                 |
| Tour Director                                  | Awie Storm                     | 084 957 3539                 |
| Ambulance                                      | Prince                         | 082 631 5216                 |
| President Commissaire<br>Elite                 | Bart Harmse<br>Rudi van Wyk    | 083 227 4500<br>082 569 8510 |
| President Commissaire<br>All other competitors | Ansie de Jager<br>Cathi Watson | 083 411 2480<br>083 744 7061 |
| Judges   | Janet Oosthuizen               | 079 417 5788                 |
| Results  | Craig Eldridge                 | 083 391 2568                 |
| Sweep  | Gert de Jager                  | 083 655 4694                 |

## Stage Details

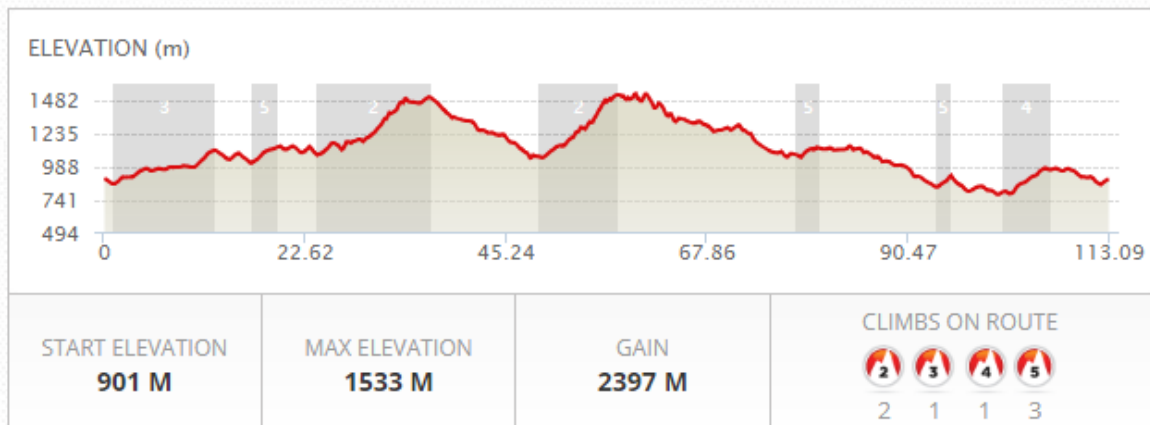
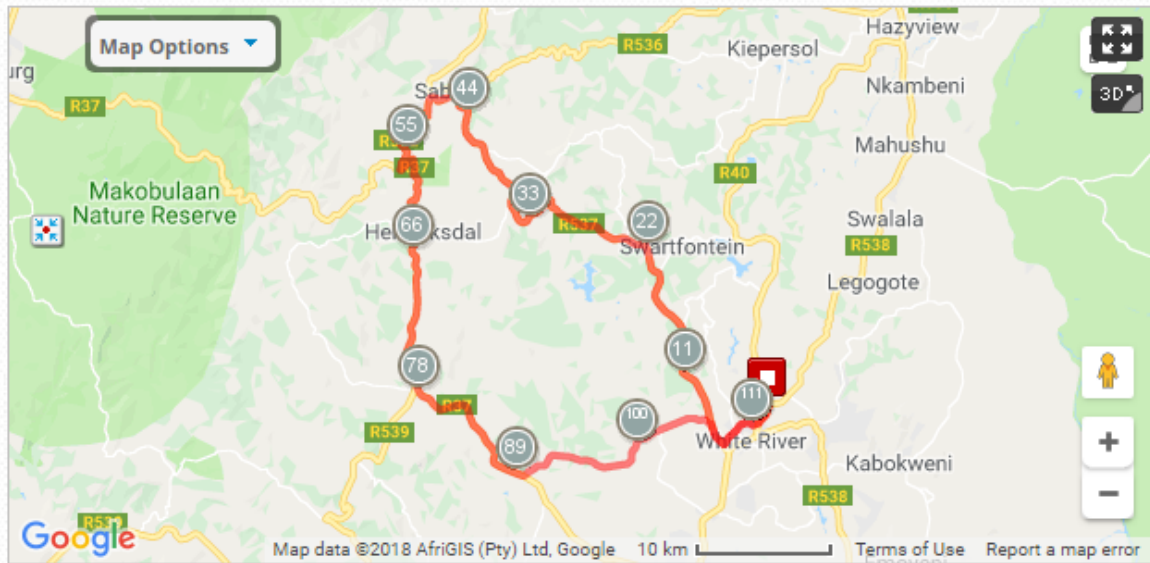
**Saturday 15 June 2019** Casterbridge - Sabie and Long Tom pass - Casterbridge  
**Stage 1**

**7h30**            **Elite group**  
**8h00**            **All other participants**

1. Start at Casterbridge, turn left. Neutral zone starts
2. On 1.3 km at T-junction turn right into Kiepersol road
3. On 2 km turn right into William Lynn street
4. At 4-way stop go straight
5. On 5 km at T-junction turn right towards Sabie. End of neutral zone
6. **Hotspot and waterpoint** on 33 km (Spitskop)
7. On 47.2 km at the T-junction turn left
8. On 47.5 km at stop sign turn left
9. On 47.7 km at stop sign turn left towards Lydenburg
10. On 56.2 km turn left towards Mbombela on R40
11. **Waterpoint** on 57.7 km (View Point)
12. On 88 km turn left towards White River
13. **Waterpoint** on 93.5 km
14. On 104.6 km at T-junction turn right towards White River on R537
15. On 106.5 km turn left into Impala road
16. At 4-way stop go straight
17. On 109.5 km at stop sign, turn left into Kiepersol road
18. On 109.8 km at the T-junction turn left on R40
19. **Finish** on 111.5 km at Casterbridge

**HOTSPOTS:**    **Women; Mixed; Tandems**

## Map and Profile Stage 1



**Sunday 16 June 2019**

**Stage 2** Casterbridge - Hazyview - Casterbridge

**7h30**

**Elite group**

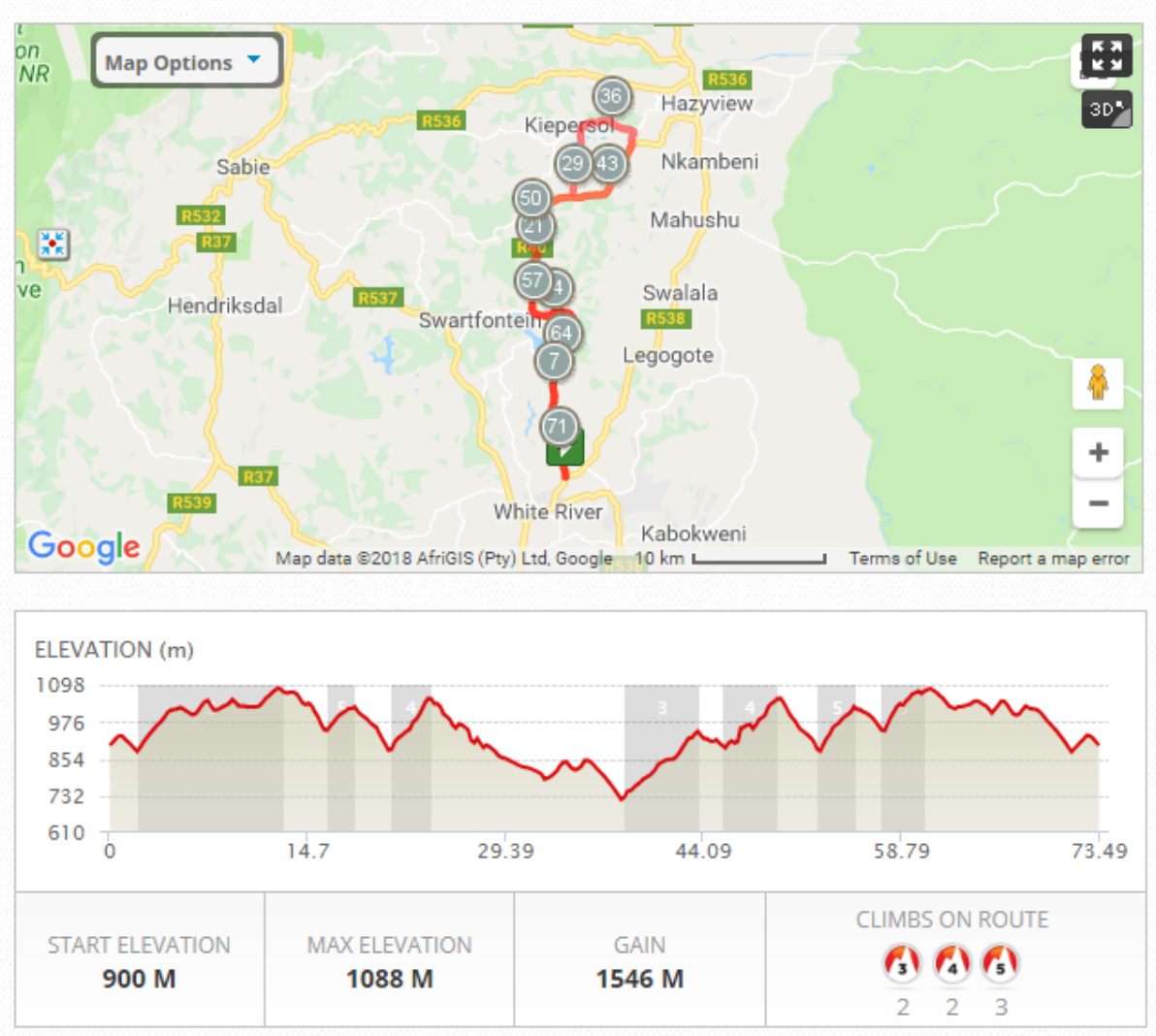
**8h00**

**All other participants**

1. Start at Casterbridge, turn right.
2. At round-about take 2<sup>nd</sup> exit towards Hazyview
3. Hotspot on 23 km (Spitskop)
4. On 27.2 km turn left towards Kiepersol
5. **Waterpoint** on 35km (Koelte bome)
6. On 37 km turn right towards Hazyview
7. On 38 km at T-junction turn right on the R40 towards White River
8. **Waterpoint** on 48.4 km (Da Gama dam)
9. **Finish** at Casterbridge on 72 km

**HOTSPOTS: Open Men; Masters; Grand Master**

## Map and Profile Stage 2





**Monday 17 June 2019**

**Stage 3** Casterbridge – Sudwala - Casterbridge

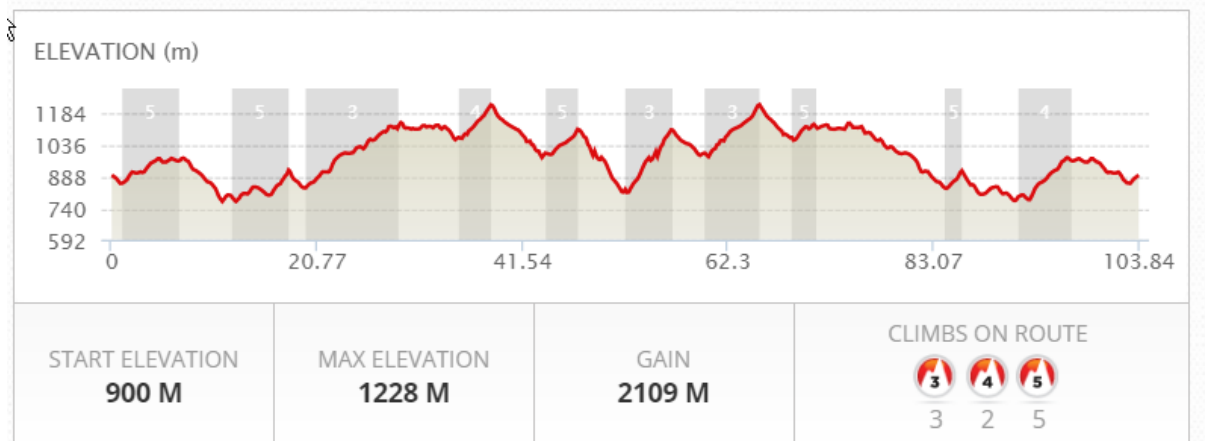
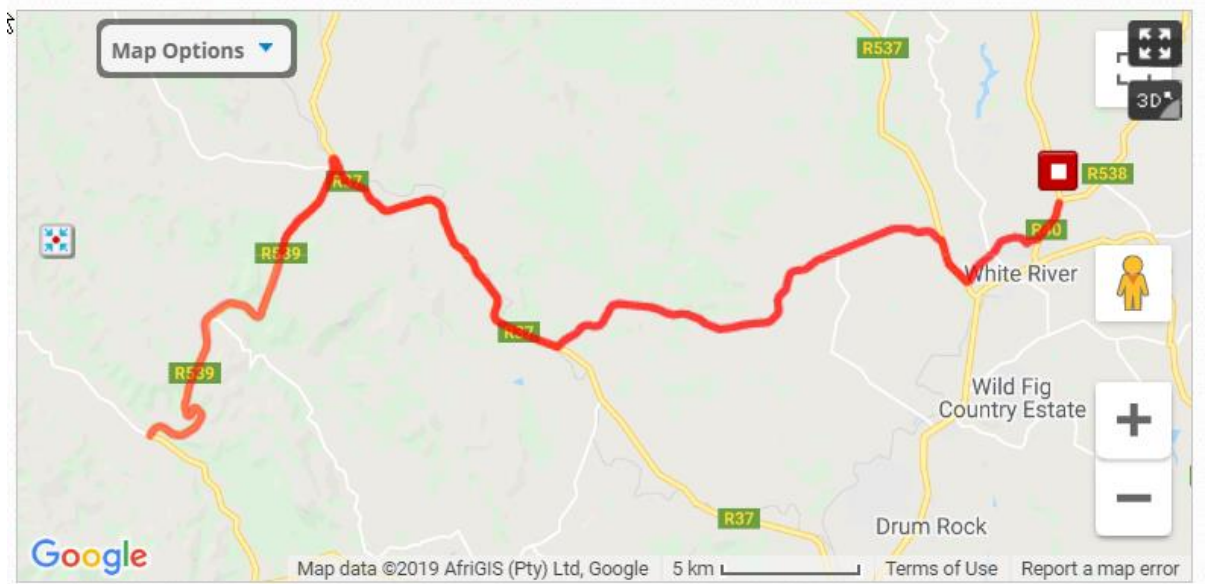
**07h30** Elite group

**08h00** All other participants

1. Start at Casterbridge, turn left. Neutral zone starts
2. On 1.3 km at T-junction turn right into Kiepersol street
3. On 2 km turn right into William Lynn street - beware speed bumps
4. At 4-way stop go straight
5. On 5 km at T-junction turn right towards Sabie. End of neutral zone
6. On 7.2 km turn left towards Brondal
7. On 24.4 km turn right on R532 towards Sabie
8. On 37.3 km turn left on the R539 towards Sudwala
9. **Waterpoint** on 39.6 km (MTO Group Paradise falls sign)
10. Turn-around on 52 km just at the T-junction
11. **Hotspot and waterpoint** on 60.5 km (Schagen sign)
12. On 69 km turn right on R37/40 towards Mbombela (Nelspruit)
13. On 81 km turn left towards White River
14. **Waterpoint** on 87 km
15. On 98 km at T-junction turn right towards White River on R537
16. On 100 km turn left into Impala road
17. At 4-way stop go straight
18. On 101.5 km at stop sign, turn left into Kiepersol road
19. On 102 km at the T-junction turn left on R40 towards Casterbridge
20. **Finish** on 103.8 km at Casterbridge

**HOTSPOTS: Sub Vets; Vets; Elite**

### Map and Profile Stage 3



Tuesday 18 June 2016

Stage 4 Time trial

Start 07h00

1. Start in front of Zannaz coffee shop
2. At round-about take 1<sup>st</sup> exit on R40 towards Hazyview
3. **Turning point:** on 16 km at Swartfontein exit
4. **Finish** at Casterbridge on 32 km

### Map and Profile Stage 4

