

2021 North Program			
Basket	Liberation	Delegate Approved Program	Distance to Zammit (km)
Fri 11th June	Sat, 12 Jun	Tin Can Bay	150
Fri 18th June	Sat, 19 Jun	Tin Can Bay	
Fri 25th June	Sat, 26 Jun	Hervey Bay	210
Fri 2nd July	Sat, 03 Jul	Hervey Bay	
Fri 9th July	Sat, 10 Jul	Bargara	270
Fri 16th July	Sat, 17 Jul	Bargara	
Thurs 22nd July	Sat, 24 Jul	Agnes Waters	350
Thurs 29th July	Sat, 31 Jul	Agnes Waters	
Thurs 5th Aug	Sat, 07 Aug	Benaraby	390
Thurs 12th Aug	Sat, 14 Aug	Benaraby	
Thurs 19th Aug	Sat, 21 Aug	Emu Park	490
Thurs 26th Aug	Sat, 28 Aug	Emu Park	
		Emu Park 10-bird Young Bird Derby	
Thurs 2nd Sept	Sat, 04 Sep	Marlborough (Old Roadhouse)	580
		Marlborough (Old Roadhouse) 10-bird All Age Derby	
Thurs 9th Sept	Sat, 11 Sep	Marlborough (Ring Race and/or Breeders Plate)	
Thurs 16th Sept	Sat, 18 Sep	St. Lawrence	640
		St. Lawrence 5-bird Grand National, \$50 per team.	
Sat 25th Sept	Sat, 25 Sep	Rest Weekend	
Tues 28th Sept	Fri, 01 Oct	Mackay	780
Tues 28th Sept	Fri, 01 Oct	Bowen	930
		18 weeks (including rest week)	
Program subject to changes due to unforeseen changes and weather events.			
To be approved by member vote			

See notes below

Proposed 2021 North Program

The 2021 North program was discussed with delegates and the following principles and program were unanimously agreed.

Principles

1. Coastal liberations are preferred to provide ocean protection from birds of prey, on one flank.
2. Races can in-principle be brought forward to earlier in the week if weather dictates. The wellbeing of the birds is tantamount. The same principles apply to hold-overs.
3. There is endeavour for the long-distance races from St Lawrence onwards to be coordinated with the QRPF. Update: It has since been approved by the QRPF management to work the details out with NRC. This is an incredibly positive change in attitude on all sides, and hopefully it will prevail the next time the NRC and QRPF go North in 2024. The first goal is to provide an open 'Grand National' for QRPF, NRC and other eligible clubs outside of these organisations.
4. A shortened program of 18 weeks was preferred by all Delegates, and there was a strong view supported that the NRC offer a different product to the QRPF to cater for those members who fly small teams and for those members who want less racing with higher quality races and more birds.
5. Novelty events, like Grizzle, Ladies and other races can be added to the programmed race points. Proposals are invited. e.g. the North Gold Coast suggested 'two-clock-two' events with the average velocity being used to determine places.
6. Club and Combine points shall be applied to all races other than novelty races. e.g. the Grizzle Race will not attract points.
7. It was recommended by delegates to increase the National and Derby races to a 10-bird limit, from 5. This is because the NRC has a minimum birdage rule of 100 birds, for a separate liberation. It is proving more and more difficult in the longer races to reach this minimum due to predation and other factors, which means that special races not reaching 100 birds would need to all be liberated on-mass, defeating the purpose of these races.
8. Delegates agreed that trying to determine a 'breaking point' is unrealistic, but survey distances that reflect a more likely flight path of the birds given the coastal profile, and the Western Range shall be used, better reflecting reality. It was recommended by delegates that an apex at Maryborough be used for races beyond Gladstone (Benaraby)