How to get the Run Larapinta course route GPS file on your phone

There is a downloadable GPS file for all the Run Larapinta stage course on the event website and these instructions explain how to use them on a free mapping app on your phone so you can follow the course when out there and have no phone reception. This is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR ALL COMPETITORS. Follow this step by step guide and give us a call if you have any issues 0400 001 786.

STEP 1
On your smartphone install the MAPS.ME app. (MAPS.ME is a free mapping app that allows you to download maps and courses at home that live on your phone. Once downloaded it continues to work even when you are out of range or offline).

Once the app is downloaded, download the maps for Australia (or just the Northern Territory) so they are on your phone, do this by pressing the lower right button and selecting Download Maps…
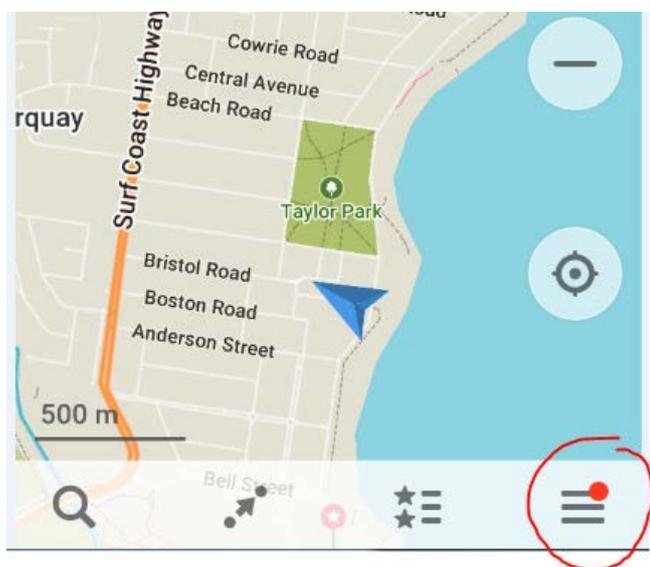
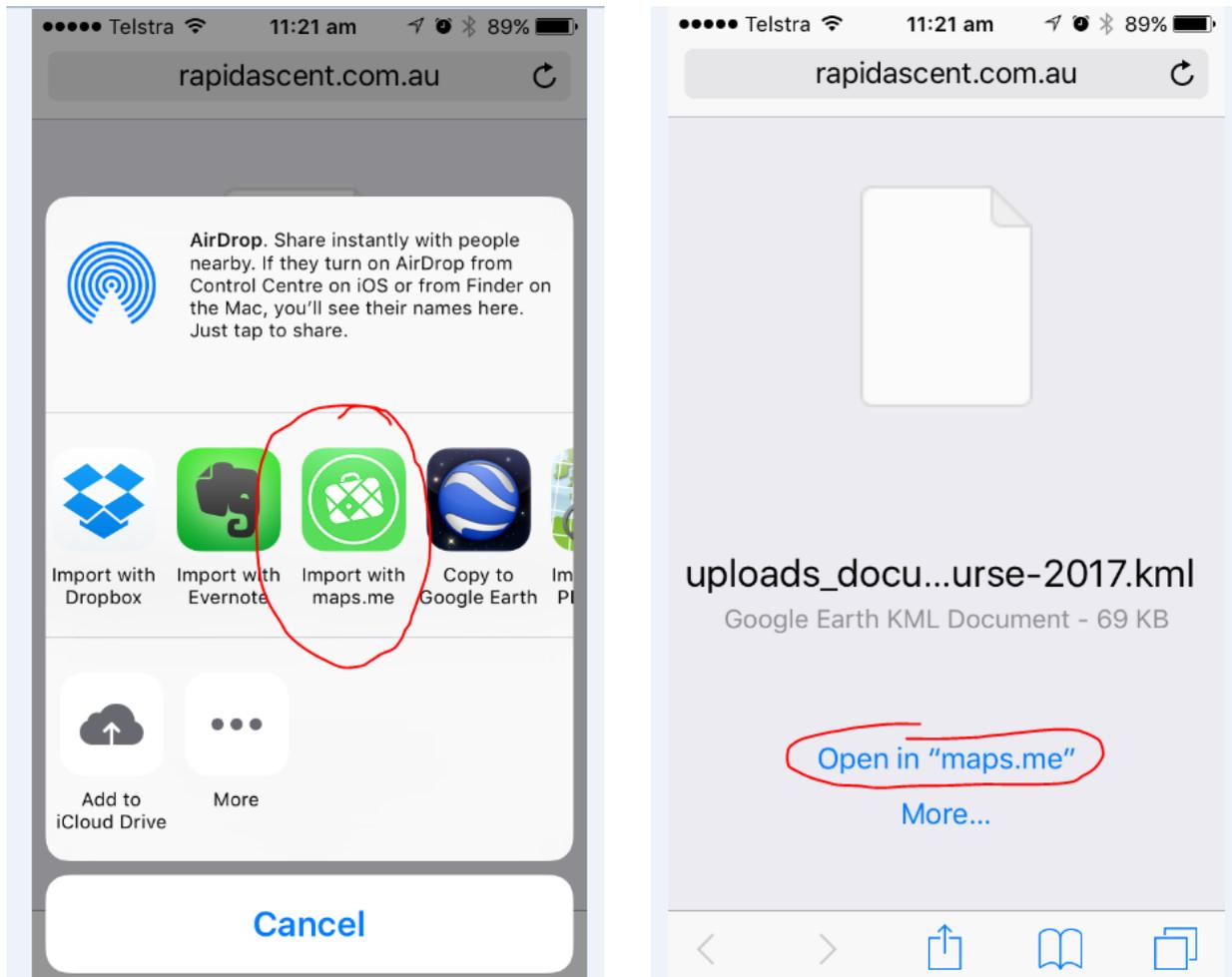## STEP 2
Go to event website course descriptions pages here;
http://rapidascent.com.au/RunLarapinta/eventdetails?curl=coursedescription and download the .KML course file.

STEP 3 – for iPhone

When you click the 'CLICK HERE' link it will download the file and open a new browser window that will look like one of these below, either way select the 'Open in Maps.Me' option.

GETTING AN ERROR? Some people seem to get a screen full of 'coding language' at this step, in this case you need to copy and paste the URL address for the page into a new browser window and then it works (especially when using Safari as your browser).
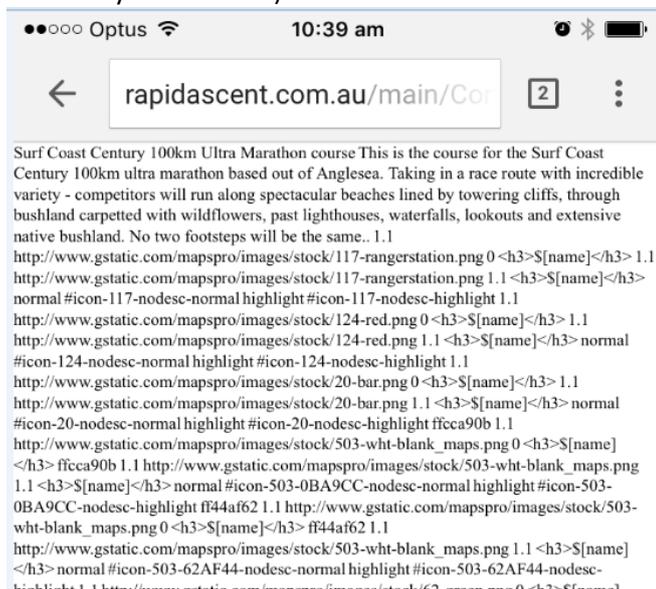
Once it has downloaded the GPS file, select 'Open in Maps Me' and the GPS track will be saved in 'Bookmarks'. Simply go to the 'Bookmarks' tab and select the Run Larapinta course, turn it to Visible and you will see it on the map. It will show additional information like water points, turn offs and finish lines…

STEP 3 – for Android

Note: it is a lot simpler if you have a Google account. (Most people do). If you do NOT have a Gooogle account then you just need to save the file to your phone, there are a couple of ways to open from here. Follow these steps:

OPTION A
1 - Download the file to "Downloads" folder in your phone or device
2 - Open "Downloads" folder and press and hold on file you want to move to Maps.me
3 - When the file is highlighted select the icon for "share via" and select "Save to Drive"
4 - The document will ask if you want to "Cancel" or "Save". Select "Save"
5 - The file will be uploaded to "My Drive"
6 - Tap on the file in "My Drive" and it will ask you to open it with "Maps.Me" or "Use a different app"
7 - Select "Maps.Me" and it will take you to the app and you can find the file in bookmarks

OPTION B
1 - Download the file to "Downloads" folder in your phone or device
2 - Open "Downloads" folder and tap the file you wish to move to Maps.Me
3 - It will ask you to open it with "Maps.Me" or "Use a different app"
4 - Select "Maps.Me" and it will take you to the app and you can find the file in bookmarks

If you have a Google Account;
1 - Download the file to "My Drive"
2 - File automatically uploads to "Maps.Me" (If it doesn't automatically upload, follow steps 6 & 7 from OPTION A)

Final points:

- When you get to Alice Springs open the Maps.ME app and let it find where you are while you are still in phone reception
- The map does not verbalise direction like Siri or Google Maps, eg *"…run here, turn right here…!"* it shows you where you are on the map and where the course is so you follow the line as displayed on the screen.
- Just remember to have your phone battery fully charged and 'Location Services' turned on in your phone settings so you can see where you are on the map!