

ROUTE 1

Gisborne Gander

Start

Gisborne

KMs/Miles

238/149

Napier

118/73

Taihape

136/85

Wanganui

3 DAYS

536 KILOMETRES

336 MILES

Route Information

ENTRANTS: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE contact with the 'Branch Contacts' upon receipt of this notice, to confirm your reservation and the total number in your party for the refreshments offered by each Branch, irrespective of whether they are free of charge or a chargeable item on a pre-pay basis. Each Branch can then cater for the total number of Entrants visiting each Branch venue on this Rally Route, thank you.

SATURDAY 14TH JANUARY - GISBORNE TO NAPIER 238 KMS / 149 MILES

START AT VCC GISBORNE, MAIN ROAD, MAKARAKA, GISBORNE

HOSPITALITY: VCC GISBORNE, MAIN ROAD, MAKARAKA, GISBORNE

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REFRESHMENTS: MORNING TEA AVAILABLE

FINISH: VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

HOSPITALITY: VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

BRANCH CONTACT DEREK GORDON 06-843-7537

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REFRESHMENTS: 3 COURSE EVENING MEAL \$20.00 PAY IN ADVANCE
CONTACT DEREK FOR PAYMENT DETAILS

Route Information

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY - NAPIER TO TAIHAPE 188 KMS / 118 MILES

START AT VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

HOSPITALITY: VCC HAWKES BAY, 804, MEEANEE/AWATOTO ROAD, NAPIER

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REFRESHMENTS: Morning Tea available - gold coin donation appreciated

MONDAY 16TH JANUARY - TAIHAPE TO WANGANUI 136 KMS / 85 MILES

START AT: TAIHAPE

FINISH: WANGANUI

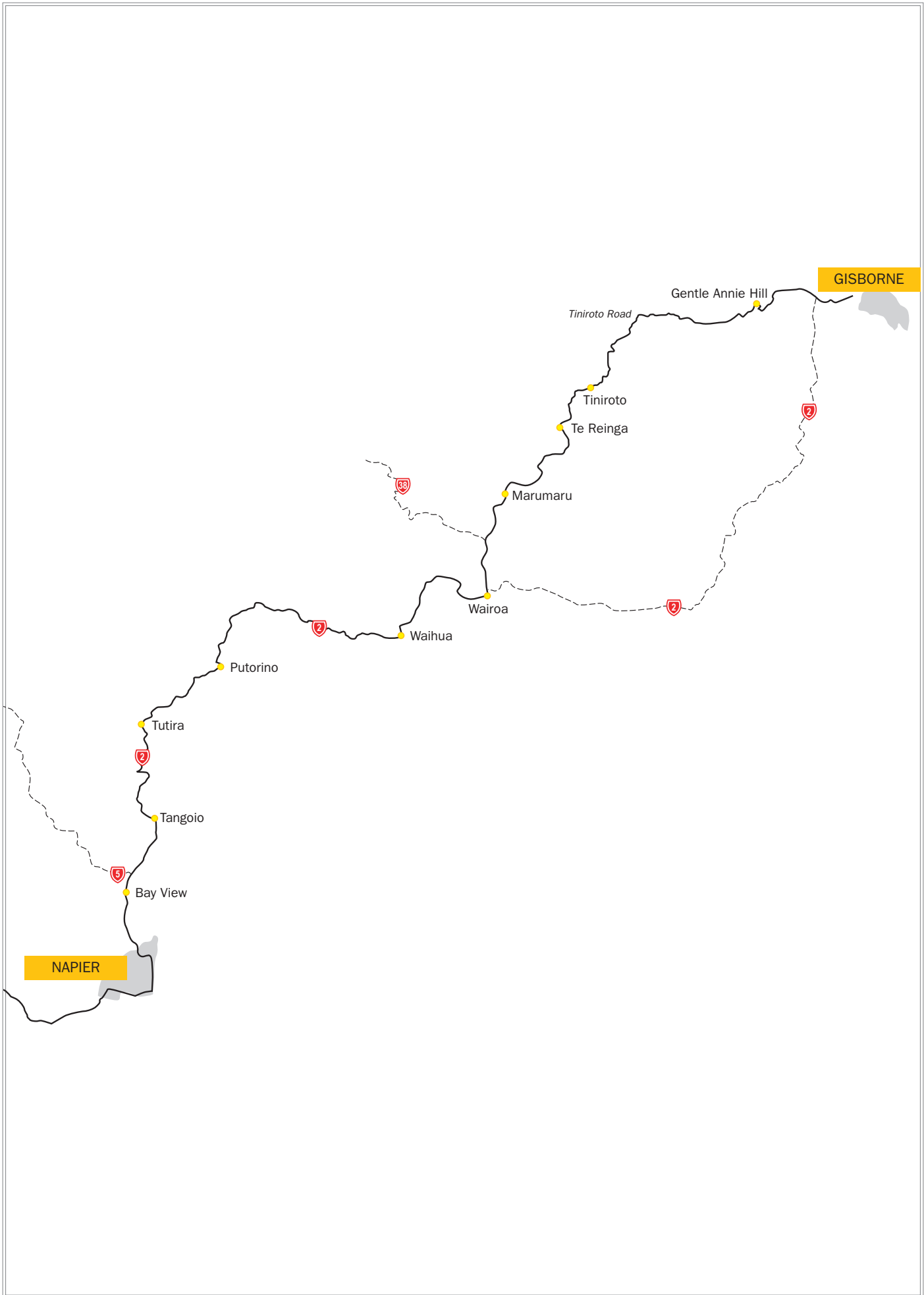
Please refer to the last page of the route for the 'Town Route' leading to the Rally Venue.

We hope you will enjoy your Rally.

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE AT WANGANUI BETWEEN 2.00 P.M. – 2.30 P.M.

ADVISORY NOTES. FOR YOUR PEACE OF MIND AND ENJOYMENT.

Your vehicle must be roadworthy for the Rally duration and should also be insured. It is advisable to start the Rally Route with a full tank of petrol each day. You should carry a mobile phone, have a recovery service in force such as the AA service, First-Aid Kit, Fire Extinguisher, Road Triangle, Day-Glo Vest, Tow Rope, filled Petrol Can, Torch, Tool Kit and pertinent spares for your vehicle.



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LAST PETROL UNTIL WAIROA APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES

Leave Gisborne Branch Clubrooms and turn left onto the tarseal

Follow SH2 WAIROA NAPIER

Note the Matawhero Hotel on your right. Matawhero is the site of the "Poverty Bay Massacre" when in 1868 Te Kooti and his followers attacked the settlement resulting in 54 deaths

Cross the river then ahead at the Roundabout to follow TINIROTO WAIROA (Tiniroto Rd)

This was the first Gisborne to Wairoa route undertaken by regular coach services.

Leave Rockhill Rd on your left

Left to leave Ruakaka Rd (Donneraille Park) on your Right

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

Ahead into Ruakaka Rd leaving Tiniroto Rd on your Left.

Pass Donneraille Park native bush reserve

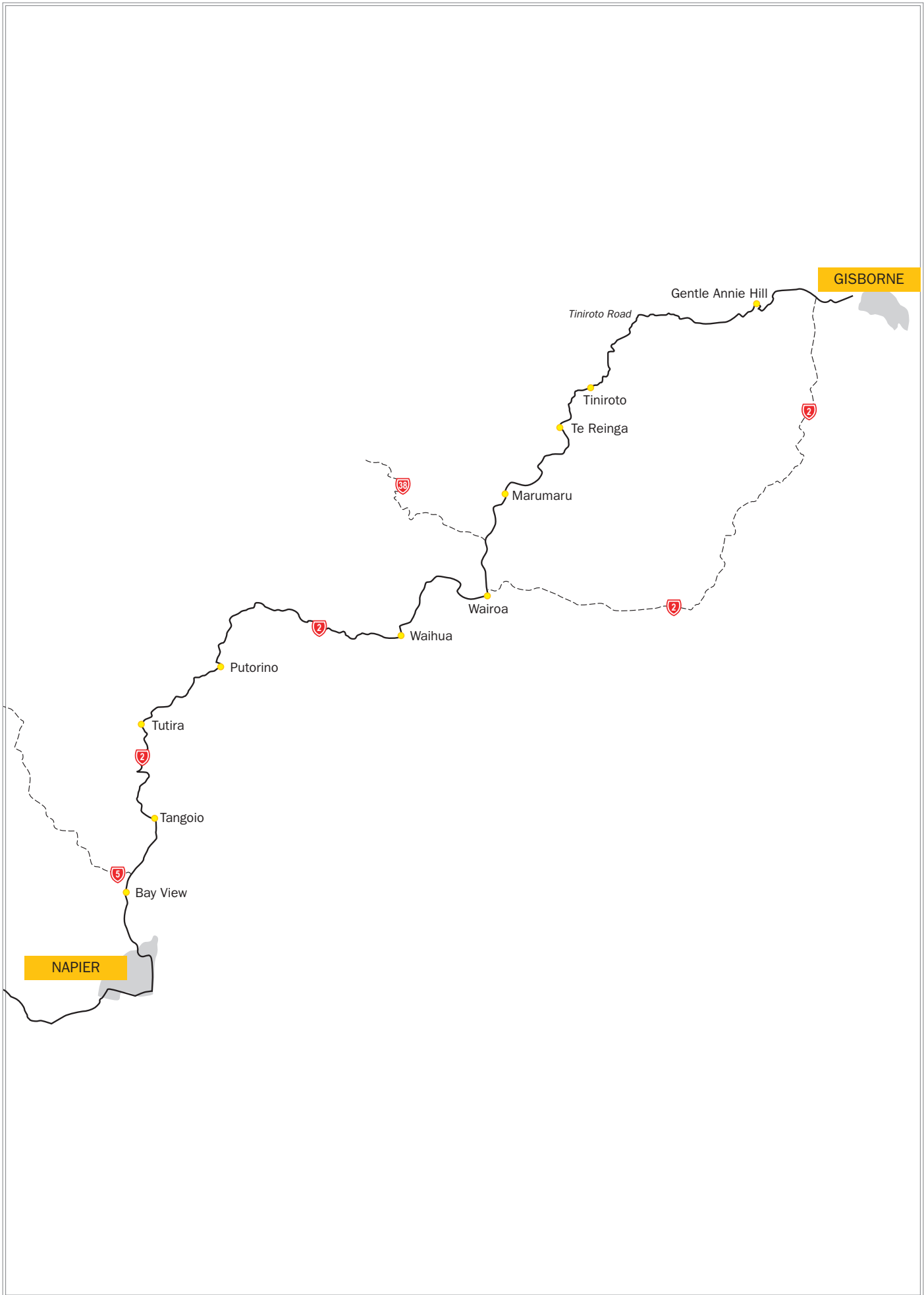
Stay on Ruakaka Rd until Right onto Tiniroto Rd leaving Tiniroto

Hotel on your Left

Stay on Tiniroto Rd to pass the Tiniroto Hotel on your Right

Te Reinga Falls *Right into Ruakituri Rd pass Whakarite Marae and pass over the bridge where you will see the confluence of the Hangaroa and Ruakituri Rivers on your right which then cascade over a 35 metre waterfall into a chasm on your left. There is a car park at the end of the bridge and a short walk will take you to a lookout. Rocks in this area are of great interest to geologists as they are heavily encrusted with ancient shell fossils. Return to Tiniroto Road to proceed to Wairoa.*

At approx 16km (10miles) from Te Reinga Falls note the Marumaru Tavern on your right



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The original Marumaru Hotel was one of the earliest in the area. The area was also a military settlement

Left at Tee onto Frasertown Rd (SH38) to Wairoa

Frasertown Rd becomes Carroll St at Wairoa.

Left into Mahia Avenue

Right at SH2 NAPIER WAIROA

Cross the Wairoa River Bridge

After crossing the bridge note the lighthouse on your left. This is New Zealand's only inland lighthouse. The lighthouse came from Portland Island, off the southern tip of Mahia Peninsular, after an automated lighthouse was located at Table Cape on the far eastern point of the peninsular

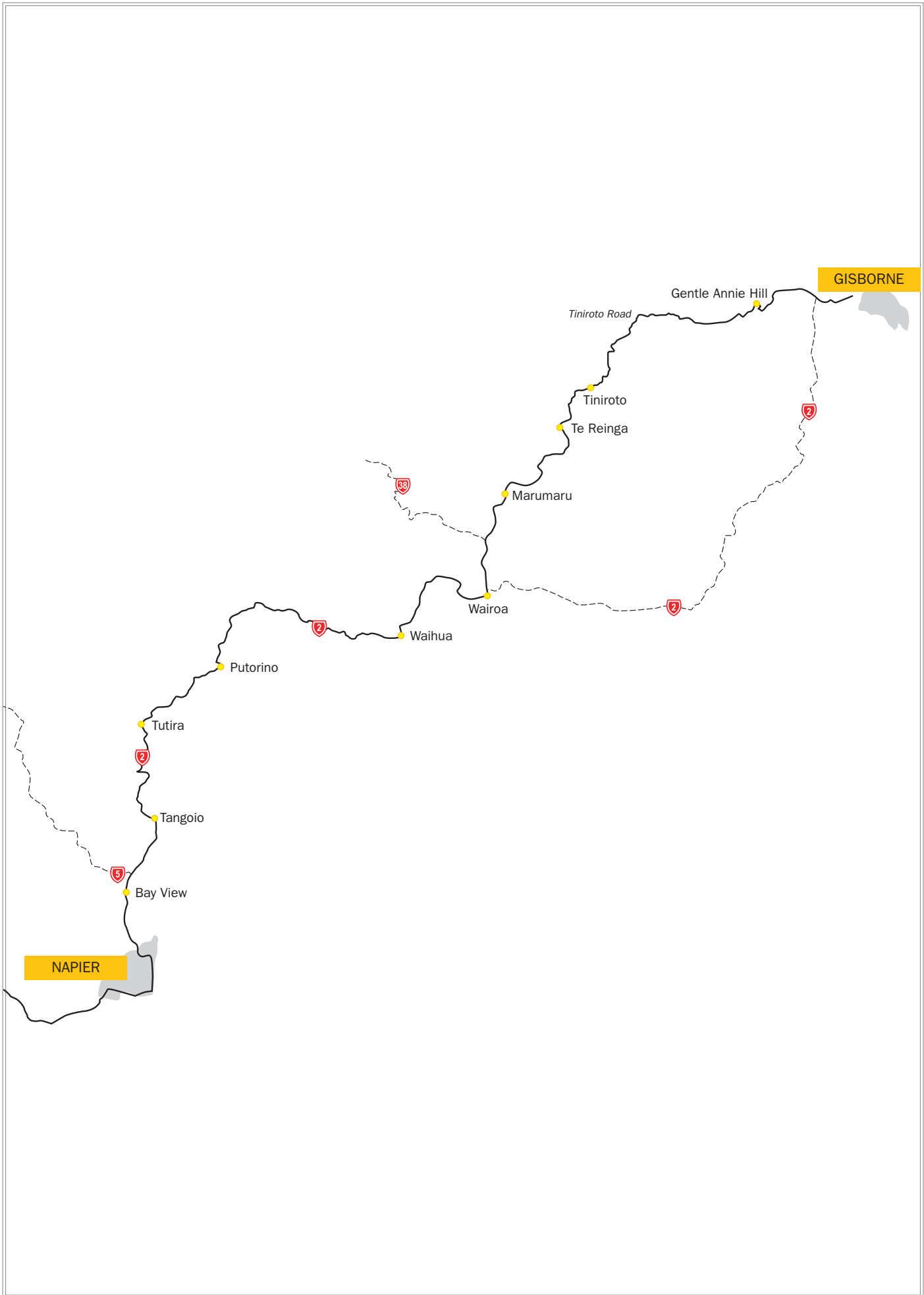
Ahead at roundabout

The township of Wairoa was established from 1840 as a port and service centre for northern Hawke's Bay, reliant on the river until the 1920's when road and rail access caused a decline of the port facilities. The northern side of Wairoa is known as North Clyde and was once a thriving business district

Follow through Wairoa staying on SH2

APPROX. MILES

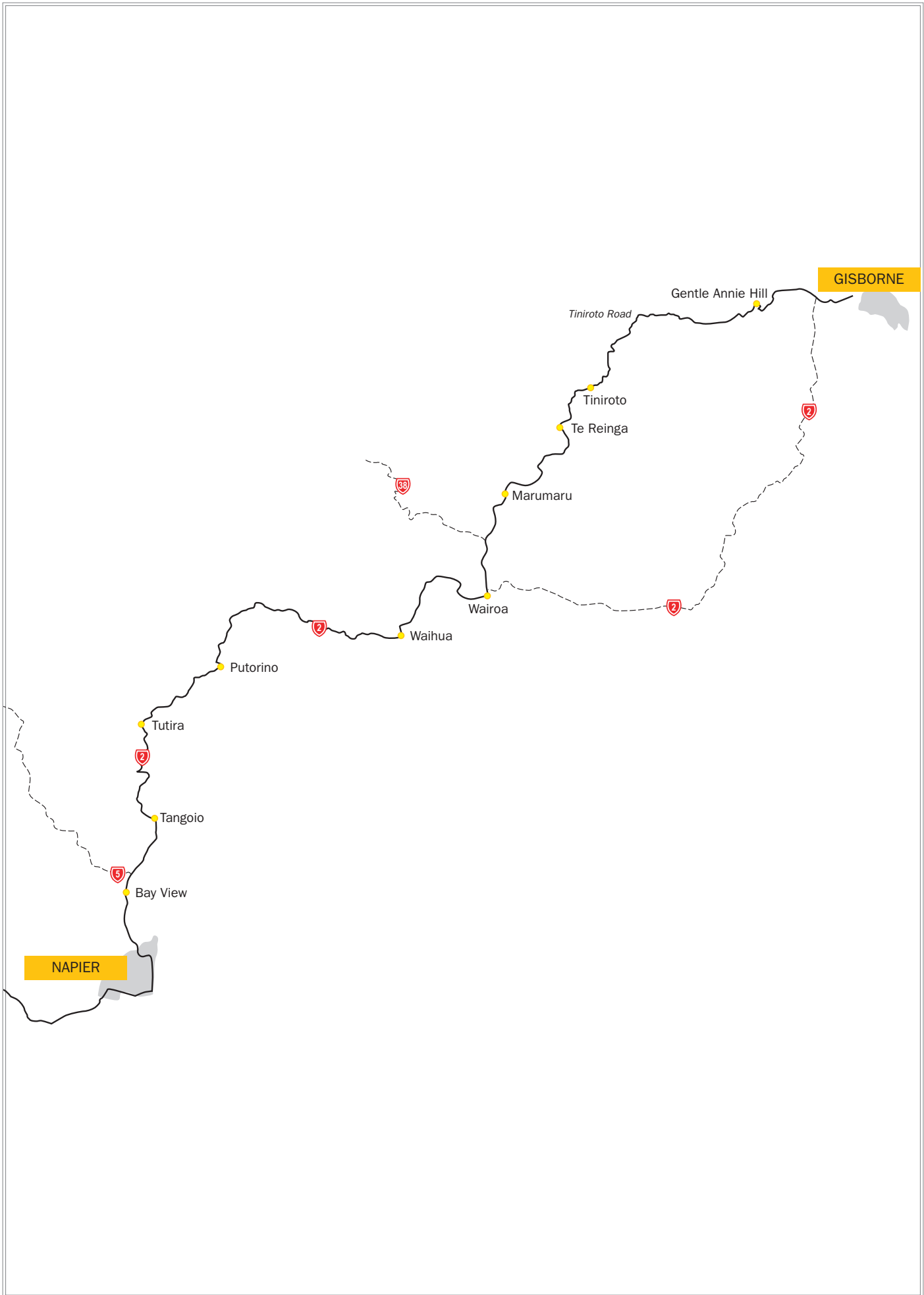
- 0 Depart Wairoa via SH2 (**LAST PETROL UNTIL NAPIER 85 MILES**)
 - 2.9 Second Left after 100km sign into Kiwi Valley Rd
 - 3.9 Stay on Kiwi Valley Rd until left at Give Way onto tarseal (**SH2 not sign posted**)
 - 5.3 Leave Cricklewood Rd on your Right
 - 11.1 Leave Glendining Rd on your Left
 - 12.0 Pass Waihua Beach Rd on your left
 - 16.0 Stay on Main Road until turning left into Mohaka Township Rd (**watch out for goats**)
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- 18.4 Leave Mohaka Township Rd on your Right and proceed ahead to Mohaka Coach Rd.
 - 19.1 Stay on tarseal to cross bridge
 - 19.2 After crossing the bridge Right into Mohaka Coach Rd.
Keep right to enter Mohaka Coach Rd
 - 21.6 Pass Springhill Station on your left
 - 22.3 Go over cattle stops to pass through Springhill Forest
 - 25.3 Ignore Ponui Rd on your Left to stay on Mohaka Coach Rd.
 - 30.4 Left at Stop onto tarseal (SH2 not signposted).
 - 39.8 Stay on SH2 until taking a comfort stop at Putorino (TUI)
 - 43.9 Stay on SH2 to cross over new \$32 million bridge.
 - 48.8 Stay on SH2 to pass through Tutira (cafe and petrol on your right may be open)
 - 49.1 Continue on SH2 and turn Right Waikoau Rd (Holt Forest)
 - 53.7 Leave Mokamoka Rd on your Right
 - 54.4 After Holt Forest Rd (on your Right) Waikoau Rd becomes Darkys Spur Rd
(some signs say Darkey Spur and some say Darkys Spur). Stay on Darkys Spur Rd until....
 - 57.5 Right into Waipunga Rd leaving Kaiwaka Rd on your Left
 - 59.3 Leave Turnbull Rd on your Right
 - 69.6 Cross bridge over Esk river and then cross railway line and immediately Left at Tee onto SH5 (Not signposted)
 - 71.4 Right at Hill Rd and Stay on Hill Rd until
 - 73.6 Turn Right onto Main North Rd (SH2) Petrol available on left at Mobil.
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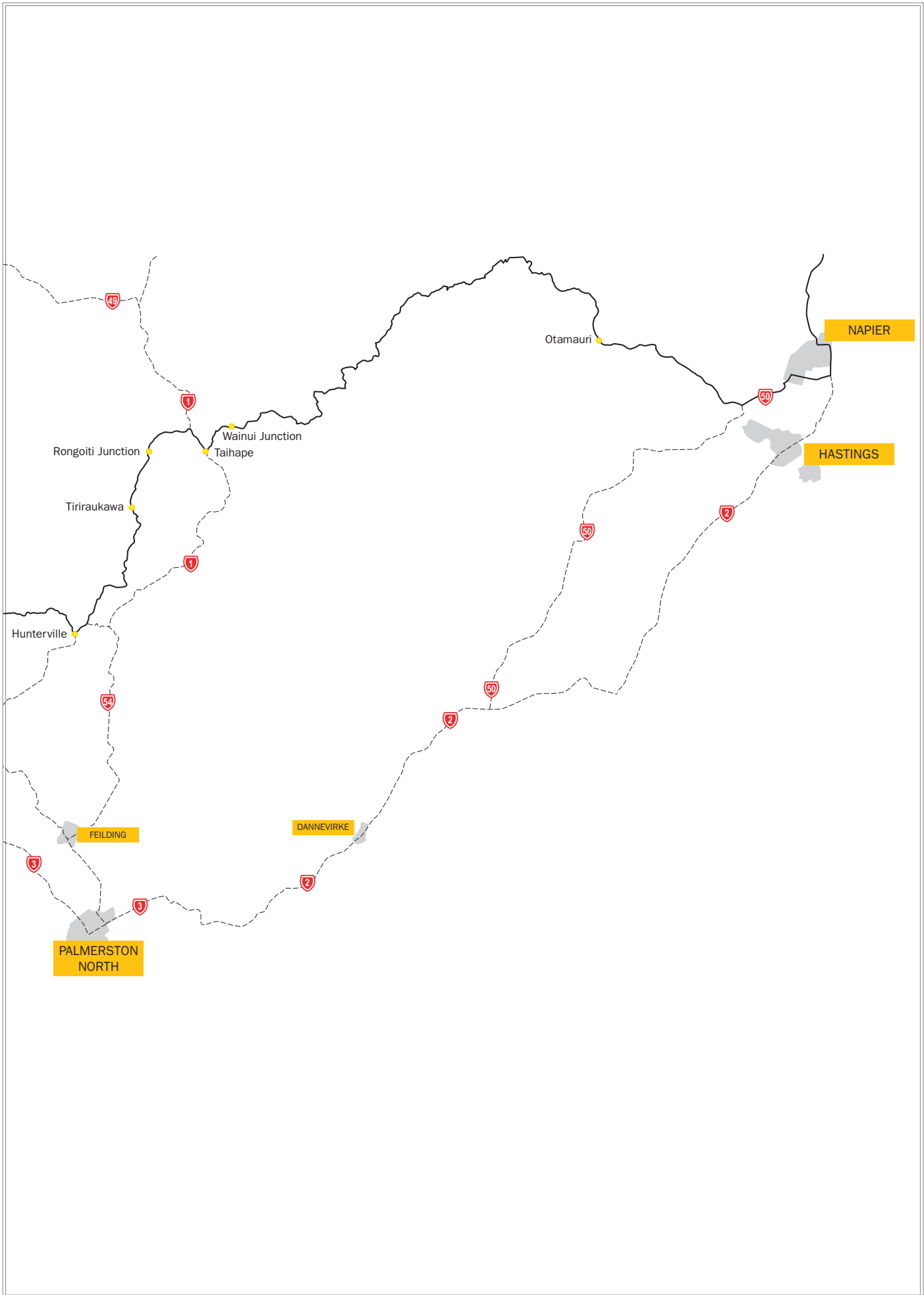


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- 77.1 Stay on Main North Rd (SH2) to pass Napier Airport on your Right
- 77.4 Bear Left at Meeanee Quay City Centre sign to stay on SH2 (watch out for speed cameras)
- 78.6 Stay on SH2 until Left at West Quay (view fishing boats on left and cafes on right)
- 79.0 Left at traffic island, stay Left and then turn Left into Nelson Quay.
Continue into Hardinge Rd.
- 80.0 Left at Tee onto Chatham and continue onto Breakwater Rd .
- 80.1 Keep Port of Napier on your Left.
- 81.1 Follow Breakwater Rd onto Marine Parade.
- 81.3 See Soundshell on your Left and Dome on your Right.
- 82.6 Continue on Marine Parade and then straight onto SH2. (see Cape Kidnappers in distance on your left).
- 84.4 Turn Right at Awatoto Rd and cross the railway line WITH CARE.
HAWKE'S BAY VINTAGE CAR CLUB clubrooms are immediately on your Left.

OVERNIGHT IN NAPIER



Day 2

Napier to Taihape

LAST PETROL UNTIL TAIHAPE APPROXIMATELY 118 MILES

- 0 When leaving clubrooms continue along Awatoto Rd in the same direction as before and turn Right into Awatoto Rd at Meeanee Taradale Sign.
- 1.2 At crossroads continue onto Sandy Rd and (1.7) go past Meeanee Speedway on Papakura Domain (site for proposed new HBVCC clubrooms).
- 2.5 Straight ahead onto Brookfields Rd. (not left). Stay on Brookfields Rd until
- 4.4 Right at Tee onto Pakowhai Rd
- 5.9 Left onto SH50/50A, get straight into Right hand lane and turn Right into Links Rd (SH 50 FERNHILL TAIHAPE).
- 7.4 Great chocolates and cafe at Silky Oaks on your left.
- 7.6 Left at Tee onto Koropiko Rd. (SH50 FERNHILL TAIHAPE) Follow Koropiko Rd until
- 11.7 Turn Right with care onto Taihape Rd. (PUKETAPU TAIHAPE) Taihape Rd becomes Taihape/Napier Rd.

Follow Taihape signs for approx 55.8 miles until
- 67.5 Turn Left into MANGAOHANE ROAD just past River Valley 60 minute sign

NOTE: There is gravel road for the next 33 miles

For a few miles after crossing the Ford, you will be travelling through the middle of a Farm (Otupae Station) As there are no roadside fences please watch out for stock. Also watch for tractors, and shepherds on motor bikes as they may not be expecting you.

- 86.7 Turn Left into MANGAHOATA ROAD (no exit) just after school and carry on to the end of this road and to the River Valley Lodge for a Lunch Stop

Take care on entering River Valley, slow to 18 mph.

- 89.5 There is a steep narrow down hill section, so watch out for tourists coming the other way

Food and Drinks and toilet are available at the Lodge.

Day 2

Napier to Taihape

92.5 On leaving River Valley, proceed back to the MANGAHOATA ROAD turnoff and Bear Left

92.7 1st Left into PUKEOKAHU ROAD

100.5 Left at TAOROA JUNCTION 3km Sign to follow Gravity Canyon sign

102.1 Straight Ahead at TAOROA JUNCTION into MOKAI ROAD (no exit)

104.5 Turn Right at carpark sign into Gravity Canyon

Food, Drink and Toilets available at the café, and if you dare, there is New Zealand's highest Bridge Bungy, a Giant Swing, and a 100 mph Flying Fox

67.5 Turn Left out of Carpark

106.9 At TAOROA JUNCTION turn Left into TORERE ROAD

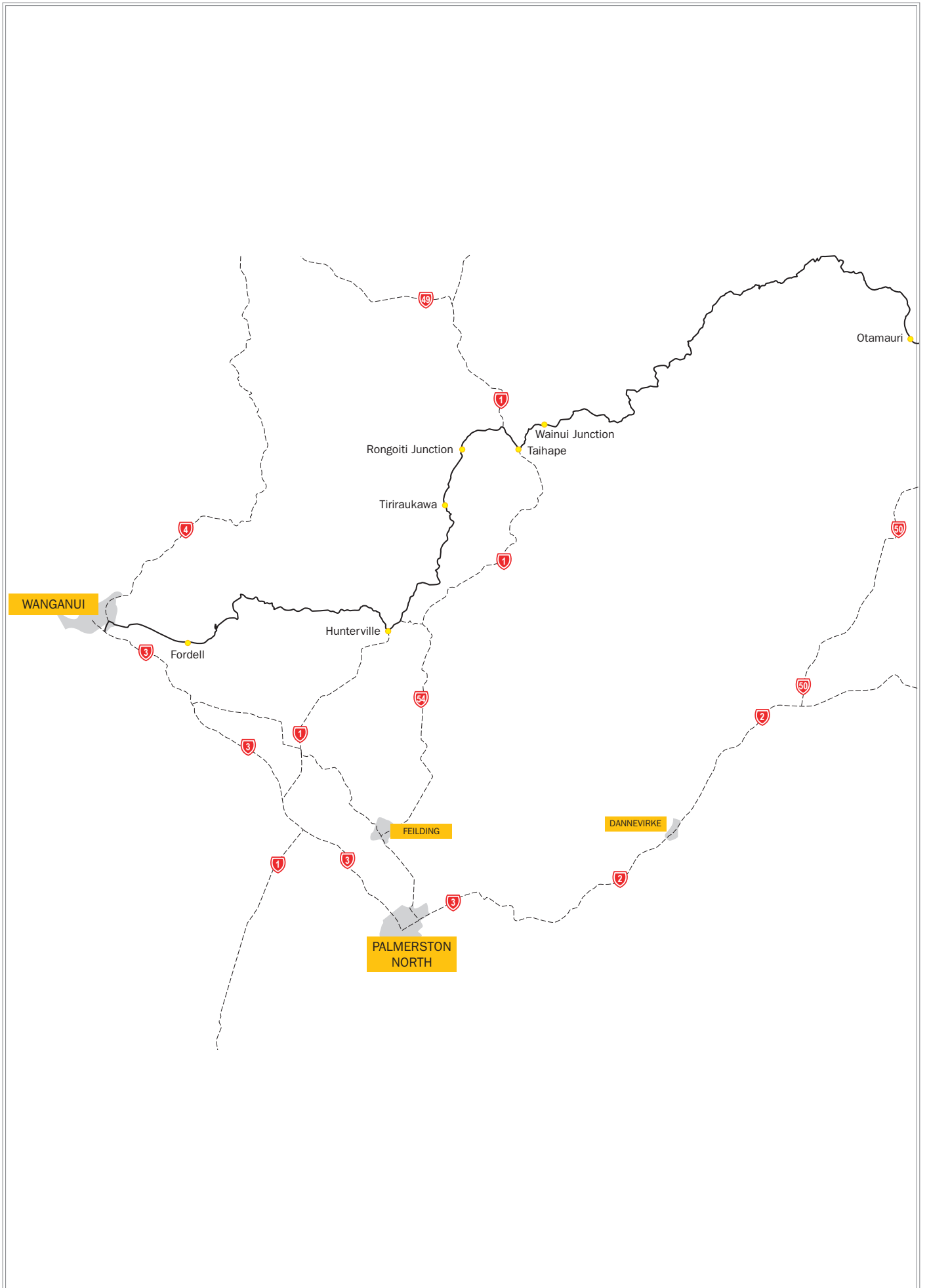
113.9 Turn Right at Giveway into GORGE ROAD

EXTREME CAUTION CROSSING THE RAILWAY LINE

The trains are quite fast along here

114.2 Right at T on to **SH1 WITH EXTREME CAUTION** and proceed to TAIHAPE

118.2 **OVERNIGHT IN TAIHAPE**



Day 3

Taihape to Wanganui

APPROX. MILES

- 0 Leave TAIHAPE heading North on SH1
- 1.6 1st Left after 100kph sign into PUKENAUUA ROAD
(GRAVEL ROAD FOR THE NEXT 6 MILES)
- 6.6 Take the Extreme Acute Right at Crossroads
- 11.4 Left at Crossroads into RONGOITI ROAD
- 14.6 Straight ahead at RONGOITI JUNCTION
- 21.6 Straight ahead into WATERSHED ROAD at MANGAONE JUNCTION.
(GRAVEL ROAD for the NEXT 11 MILES)
- 34.4 Right at T into KIEKIE ROAD
- 35.8 Bear Left into MURIMOTU ROAD to stay on seal
- 40.3 Right at Giveway onto **SH1 WITH EXTREME CAUTION**
- 41.3 Straight ahead off SH1 into KOTUKUTUKU ROAD
- 41.8 Right at T into HIGH STREET

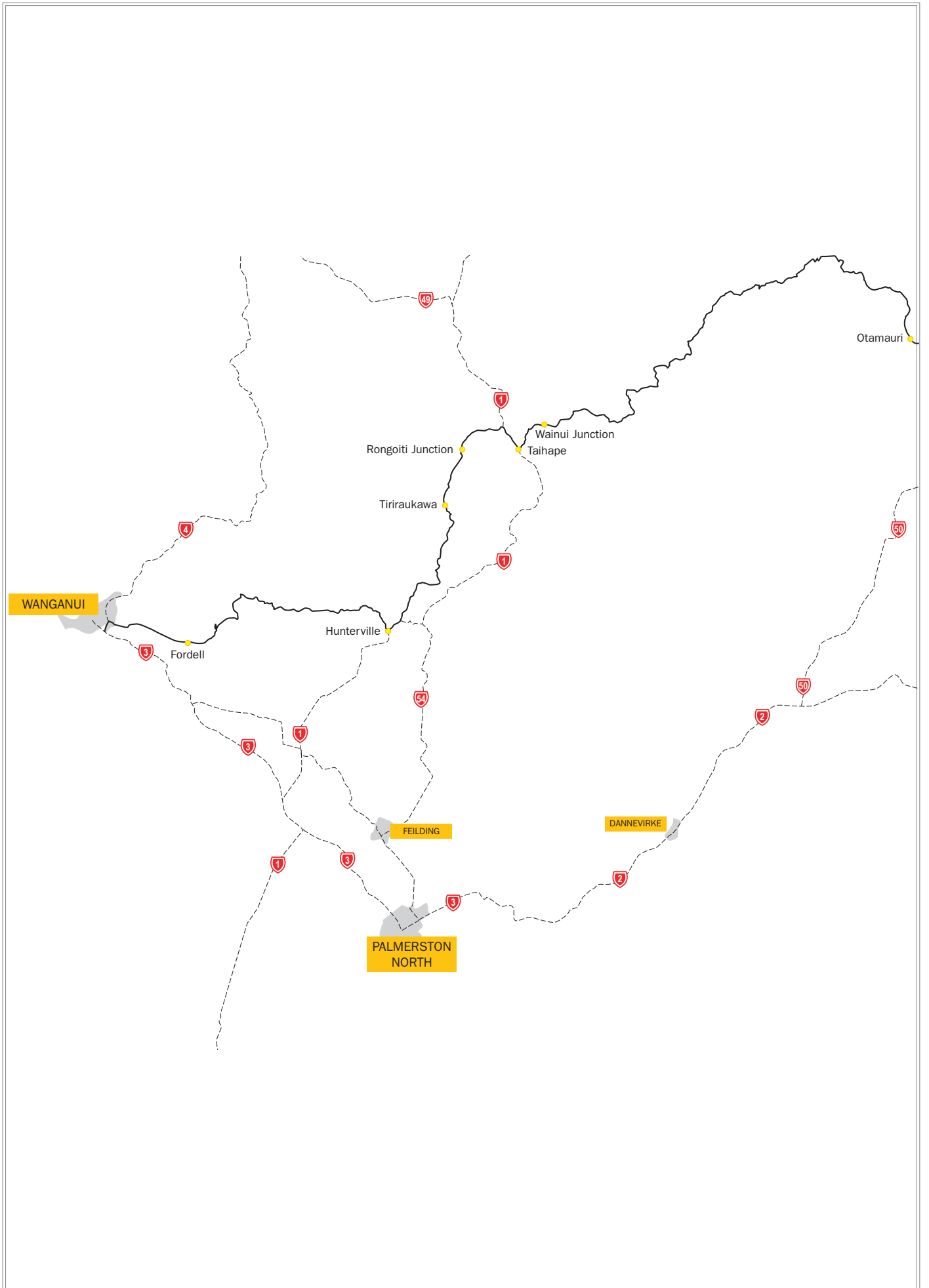
PUBLIC TOILETS ON YOUR RIGHT AFTER CROSSING BRIDGE.

You are now in HUNTERVILLE. This is the last toilets, food and petrol until Wanganui. There are several places here where you can get food and only one service station.

- 42.0 Straight ahead at COMPULSORY STOP to cross SH1 (**with caution**) into BRUCE STREET

Bruce St becomes ONGO ROAD

- 45.9 2nd Left into MANGAHOE ROAD
 - 55.6 Straight Ahead at Giveway into TURAKINA VALLEY ROAD
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Day 3

Taihape to Wanganui

56.4 First Right into MANGATIPONA ROAD which becomes KAUANGAROA ROAD

Stay on KAUANGAROA Road until

73.5 Right at the FORDELL HOTEL (Station Road)

STATION ROAD becomes MATARAWA VALLEY ROAD

Bear right to stay on MATARAWA VALLEY ROAD, leaving MATARAWA HILL ROAD on your left

Right at OKAIA ROAD

After crossing RAILWAY LINES bear left

Left at No.3 LINE

After 50Km. sign move into the Right Hand turning lane (on a Left Hand Bend) to follow No.3 LINE which becomes EASTOWN ROAD

Follow EASTOWN ROAD keeping the Railway Lines on your Left until

85.0 Left at Tee (Give Way) to pass under the Railway Bridge (This is ANZAC PARADE SH4 but there is no sign).

Right at Roundabout to cross the DUBLIN STREET BRIDGE

Left at the next Roundabout onto Somme Parade

Stay on Somme Parade keeping the Wanganui River on your Left and you will come to a CONTROLLED AREA.

87.00 At the CONTROLLED AREA please follow directions to the "WELCOME AREA"

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE BETWEEN 2.00 P.M. TO 2.30 P.M.

After you have been welcomed to WANGANUI CITY and the VCC RALLY 2012 please proceed to your accommodation.

We sincerely hope you have enjoyed the tour to Wanganui.