

**Wandering West**  
**Australian Rogaining Championships**  
**6/7th June 2009**



**Event Status Update**      **2 weeks to go**

**Event Entry closing date**

The last date for entry into the event is 27<sup>th</sup> May. And there will be no late entries. So if you know of someone who is thinking about entering, but hasn't done so yet, they have less than a week to do so, or they will miss out. So how about giving them a bit of a prod.

**Event Entry Status**

There are currently approximately 465 competitors registered for the event in 193 teams.

**Setter's Report**

The map has now been completed, and is on its way to the printer. There has been a last minute modification to the map – due to it being larger in size to the normal WARA map, there will now be eight water drops.

The Volunteers meeting was held on Tuesday and everyone is fired up and ready to go. Brian Dunnage, "Mr Hash House Extraordinaire" has a few surprises for the weary rogainer.

**VIPs**

Holding the 2009 Australian Rogaining Championships is a big event for WARA, and to highlight this, a number of VIPs have been invited for the start of the event. The farmland on the event map lies within the Brookton Shire the CEO of that shire has accepted an invitation to attend the start (this also helps to promote the sport within these shires). The Department of Sport and Recreation have been long term sponsors of rogaining in WA, and the Minister, Terry Waldron MLA, will sound the starting hooter for us.

Mainpeak have also sponsored WARA for many years, and are the keystone sponsor for this event. They have donated a number of prizes for overall and category winners. John Mustard from Mainpeak will be available at the end of the event to present these prizes. Robyn and Steve Lazenby from In2Adventure will also be there to pick out the winning ticket in the TEVA draw, and will be competing as well.

**WARA Shop**

The WARA shop will be making a brief re-appearance for this event. Mainpeak are providing a number of items on consignment for sale, so, on the day, stop in and see Yvonne and Sue.

**Weather forecast**

Winter has finally come to WA – after the driest Autumn on record, the first significant rain fell on Wednesday night, and is forecast to continue through to the weekend. At long last, say the farmers. To date, not much rain has fallen inland, with Wandering receiving somewhere between 5mm and 20mm (the rain gauge appears to have been blown over in the strong winds on Thursday). Given the dry conditions, there is unlikely to be a lot of run-off even if the forecast rain does come – the ground is more like a sponge at the moment. But it will keep the dust down, and in two weeks we may see the place starting to green up. The long range forecast still has the event lying in a dry spell between two fronts. Wandering has had a few more sub-zero days, but the rain has put an end to that.

One good thing about the rain coming – there will now be a Hash House fire to help keep us warm.