

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



## **Event Status Update**

**3 weeks to go**

The sound of that hooter is now only three weeks away.

### **Event Entry Status**

There are currently approximately 365 competitors registered for the event, with over 50 from interstate and 7 from overseas. All Australian states are now represented.

An updated team list has been added to the Oz Champs website (<http://wa.rogaine.asn.au/ozchamps>).

### **New Sponsors**

In2Adventure, the promoters of the Teva Adventure Series ([www.tevaadventureseries.com](http://www.tevaadventureseries.com)), have donated a spot prize of a team entry into your closest Teva Adventure Race (worth \$285) – you will get an entry ticket into the draw when you register for the event.

### **Setter's Report**

The map is nearing completion with only mapping work on the minor tracks remaining, and will be sent to the printers shortly. The map is slightly larger than A3 and is 44.5x 34 cm in size, with 5m contours, magnetic north lines and a scale of 1:50,000. There will be an unusually large number of controls and six water drops. The setters won't divulge how long the shortest possible route is, but will swab and drug test anyone who manages to collect all controls. The controls have been set such that the social rogainer will be able to achieve an acceptable score, but it will get noticeably harder as you move up the rankings.

The area does not contain any permanent streams, so it will not be possible to re-fill water bottles on the course other than at water drops. Make sure that you bring sufficient water carrying capacity.

### **Bus**

There are currently six (6) spare seats on the bus, should anyone who has not already booked wish to join. The cost is \$55 for the return trip – if interested call Sue on (08) 9451 7075 before 9:00pm. The bus is currently scheduled to leave Wellington St at 4:00pm and Perth domestic airport at 4:30pm. It will leave the Hash Site for the Perth domestic airport at 1:30pm. (Note: these times may change slightly depending on when passenger's flight arrival/departure times have actually been booked).

### **Training**

How is that training going? Are you feeling the benefit, or is it too early to tell?

### **Weather forecast**

WA continues to be dry, and it is starting to hurt the farmers, who would normally planted their crops by now. However, there are rain clouds on the horizon, and hopefully some will come soon. The long range forecast is predicting several cold front to come through over the next few weeks, though at the moment these seem to be straddling the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, so the forecast is only a moderate chance of rain. But better pack that wet weather gear anyway.

### **Event directions**

I forgot to mention last week that, for those teams for whom the team contact is registered as not coming from WA, the event directions will be mailed out two weeks before the event, in case they are travelling the week prior to the event (I have had a couple of queries, and I may have said that they will be emailed out – that is not correct). Anyone who will be travelling for the two weeks before the event, email [waraeditor@yahoo.com](mailto:waraeditor@yahoo.com) and we will make sure that you get the directions in time.