

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



## **Event Status Update**

**4 weeks to go**

The countdown is on, with only four weeks before the hooter goes (and you all start wondering – why are we doing this?).

### **Event Entry Status**

There are currently approximately 290 competitors registered for the event, with over 40 from interstate and 7 from overseas. All Australian states except ACT are represented.

Team lists are now available on the Oz Champs website (<http://wa.rogaine.asn.au/ozchamps>) – log on and see who your competition is. This list will be updated as entry numbers increase.

### **Setter's Report**

April has been the driest in WA for the past 12 years with only 1.0 mm of rain at Wandering, compared to 48 mm in April last year. And the forecast for the next week is more fine weather. Does this mean that the heavens are going to open on 6<sup>th</sup> June?

Due to the lack of rain there has been little growth in the paddocks on the course, so long grass is unlikely to be an issue. All controls have been set and vetted, and points allocation is well under way.

**Photos** @ <http://wa.rogaine.asn.au/data/albums/wanderingwest/setting/index.html>

More photos taken during setting have been added to the website.

### **Event directions**

Directions to the event will be posted out on the Saturday before the event (30<sup>th</sup> May) as usual, so you should receive them on the Monday/Tuesday beforehand. If you are travelling, let us know (at [waraeditor@yahoo.com.au](mailto:waraeditor@yahoo.com.au)) and we will arrange an alternative method of getting them to you. This is particularly relevant to those travelling from outside of WA, and are not catching the bus.

### **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 passengers flight arrival/departure times have actually been booked).

### **Friday night dinner/Saturday morning breakfast**

There has been a significant uptake of this offer from WA-based competitors. To help spread the demand on the Hash House volunteers, the timing for the Friday night meal has been shifted, from 5:00-9:00 pm to 6:00-10:00pm (and Brian (our Hash House Leader Extrodinaire) says that if you ply him with good wine, even later). Breakfast will be served from 6:30-9:00am.

### **Training**

If you are planning on being competitive, you should now be well into your training program: doing the hard yards, getting the miles under the belt, and feeling the pain. If you haven't started yet it isn't too late - there is still time to take the edge off, and improve your general fitness level.

For those just out for a walk in the bush, try going for a walk 3-4 times a week before or after work – get your body used to walking and the event will be so much more enjoyable.