

# Wheelie Mad Women

## The Great Wheelbarrow Race – Mareeba to Chillagoe – 2011 Information Sheet

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[www.fnqcpsupportgroup.com](http://www.fnqcpsupportgroup.com)

### What you need to bring for you:

- Sleeping Bag/Pillow/Thin Mattress
- Clothes for the race: 3 x underwear, shorts, socks – you will have one shirt for the weekend – will be washed Friday night, not Saturday – shoes, change of shoes
- Hat
- Toiletries & Towel
- Clothes for the evening – it could be chilly, seriously chilly some years!!
- A Wine or two if you want to have a drink in the afternoon while resting up
- Bring a few dollars for wine/beer/rum/champagne – it numbs the pain!!
- Small chairs (if you want one for Almaden)

### For the Team Bus to share for the weekend:

- Box Museli bars, lollies, or a slice or something to share as snacks over the weekend
- Sun tan lotion to share / band aids / we will have first aid kit on bus

### Timetable of events:

#### FRIDAY:

- **6.30 AM** departure at Smithfield – outside the Tavern
- 8.00 Arrive Mareeba/various meetings for team mgr to attend etc
- 9.00am sharp – Commencement of walk through Mareeba from Heritage Tourism Centre, teams leave at 3 – 5 minute staggered intervals
- 10.00am (ish) set off on race from the other side of Mareeba from the International Club
- 10.00am until 1.30/2.00 (ish) a mere 50 km stroll/jog/race to Dimbulah
- Afternoon in Dimbulah with other teams
- Mid Afternoon & Evening at Aunty Olga's house
- Dinner at Olga's then to the soccer club for an hour to socialize if you are up to it
- Bed is your mattress and sleeping bag on the floor of a large tobacco shed (so clean you could eat your dinner off the floor). In order to be fair to Ivo and Olga (and the 20 people they are already keeping), any family will need to find another place to stay that evening.

## **SATURDAY**

- Breakfast with Ivo/Olga, then to Dimbulah 6.30am start
- Teams leave at staggered 3 – 5 minute intervals, slowest team first
- Morning Tea stop in Petford – compulsory ½ hour – food/drinks available
- Arrive Almaden c 1.00/2.00pm – I cannot remember!!
- Full day is 65km – quite a challenging day.
- Afternoon – Almaden Pub, sleep, shower, massage etc
- Evening – dinner provided at pub – you will need to pay for this (c\$10/\$15 per person)
- Bed is your mattress on the floor of a shed there, clean etc – we have booked this this year to avoid having to put up tents – if your partner is coming, they need to bring their own tent and stuff, and they can set up near us – *ONLY room for small tents.*

## **SUNDAY**

- 8.00 departure after brekky at the pub, ideally parterns/Olga etc will be packing up for you/us
- A down hill (or was it up?) run on dirt and bitumen, only 34 km today!
- Arrive Chillagoe about 10.30 ish, not sure exactly –
- Then Post Race celebrations etc... lunch etc, awards, lots of fun...
- Likely to depart about 2.00/2.30 ish, for those on the bus, back to Smithfield about 5.00ish

On Saturday night, if you have family coming, they need to go to the pub at Almaden (only one there!) Sue in the pub knows where Ivo and Olga are setting up camp (about 100 metres from the pub, but a slightly quieter location than most teams) find Olga and she will help you suggest where to set up the tent, there should be room near us, if not she will send you in the right direction. There is *ONLY* one shower for ladies and one for men where we are camping, so competitors & Masseur and bus driver get priority over other travelers, so don't expect a luxury spa bath or anything...and get kids and family to shower before leaving home!

Please call me if you have any questions, sooner rather than last minute, and also check out [www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au) to follow links to the Wheelbarrow Information, all the info is on there.

**Jen & Louise**