

LATEST INFO – FLINDER’S TOUR, 2014

The local community will be holding a “ Matthew Flinder’s Festival” in the main street of Beerburrum between 10am and 2pm on the same day. Thus car pool as much as possible and obey the directions of the parking attendants. Hopefully all entrants will be parked by 9.30am. Matthew Flinders was the first European to ascend one of the Glasshouse Mountains (Beerburrum) on July 26, 1799 during his circumnavigation of Australia. He died on July 19, 1814.

The festival will include a Matthew Flinders re-enactment , a children’s interactive environmental playground, a photo booth where people can take vintage style family photos, high tea in La Calaca café with live music, tea and damper, Aussie BBQ, pottery making and sales, plant stall, silver smithing, gem fossicking, vintage stall, folk art demonstrations, and all local traders will be open.

There will be a coffee van at the school as well as the normal BBQ for runners post race. Runners will be given tickets so the BBQ will be free for them but family and friends will need to pay for their food/drink. You will need to purchase the coffee from the van.

This year marks the 25th year that trail runs have been organised in the Glasshouse Mountains area. The first was in August, 1990. The Glasshouse Mountains Advancement Network was also formed in that year and have assisted at many of the events. GMAN has a nursery that raises endemic species of plants and since it is also National Tree Day they will have some plants there to give away or sell. GMAN and TRAQ shared the cost of materials (\$8,000) to construct a bridge as part of what will be known as Soldier’s Settler’s Track when finished. This bridge will part of our courses for the first time and a GMAN member will be there to take photographs between 10am and about 12.30pm. Beerburrum was established as a Soldier’s Settlement in 1916 and there used to be a hospital partway up the mountain.

There will also be a sad note to the event since Roger Guard, club member and longtime entrant at Glasshouse events was on the Malaysian flight MH17 with his wife Jill. Roger achieved the 30 runs goal at the May event and surpassed 2000 km in distance. His cap and shirt to mark these achievements were delivered to his son, Paul, only a few weeks ago. There will be other persons achieving number of runs goals, 10, 20 or 30 at this run. Jill Forster will also mark 30 runs finished. Caps will be there to give to those attaining these goals after they finish.

COURSE:

The 50 and 25 km courses have been changed due to a clash with permit issuing. The 50 and 25 km entrants will go on a track between the Twins (Tunbubudla). Care will need to be taken for about a kilometre over the saddle between the Twins as the track is narrow and has loose rocks. Runners should not run too close to those in front so that they can see where they are placing their feet. 50 km entrant will not go all the way to the top of Mt Beerburrum at the start only to the car park. The 10km course remains the same.

CHECKPOINTS:

The main Chpt out on the course will now be Chpt 3 where DROP BAGS can be delivered for 50km entrants. This checkpoint and the one at the school after loop 1 for the 50km will have water, Endura, soft drink, sweets, fruit and potato with salt. The other checkpoints 2A, 2B, 3A and 1A will be there mainly for direction and safety (road crossings) and will not have fruit or potato but will have limited amounts of other food and drink. Note that cups of water are not place out a checkpoints. Any cups will be for Endura or soft drink. All entrants should carry a water bottle or wear an hydration pack.

MEDICAL FORMS:

Could 50 km entrants please email in (ianjaves@outlook.com) or post TRAQ P O Box 1059 MORAYFIELD 4506 as soon as possible to speed up the registration process. If not possible bring a completed form along.

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