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7th World Rogaining Championships 13-14th October 2006, Sydney, Australia

The site for 7WRC is 100 km inland, and between the international entry point cities of Brisbane and Sydney.

Message from 7WRC Co-ordinator, Alan Mansfield: "We are finalizing the entry process including the on-line entry system for the 7th World Rogaining Championships.

We expect it to be operational in early March.

If you are a subscriber to the www.rogaine2006.com.au mailing list you should receive a newsletter about this as well as information about the location of the event centre, weather conditions at Coonabarabran, answers to frequently asked questions and astronomical information for the 24 hours, shortly.

Best regards,
Alan Mansfield

New Zealand Rogaining Championships

The 2006 New Zealand Rogaining Championships were held on 18th-19th February 2006 in the Wairapa area near Wellington. The event was in the eastern Tararua ranges in ideal weather.

The course vetter, Pete Squires, reports: "With its high ratio of hills-to-flats, there were limited options once committed to a route. There was the occasional need for some track finding, bush-bashing and boulder-hopping skills, and the need to be prepared for poor weather. This Rogaine will not be the typical standard for future rogaines. Having said that, I found navigating the various routes was quite delightful, and with conservative and careful planning you will find this a really enjoyable experience. The adventurous will also have many opportunities to test their off-track tramping skills.

The planners, Mike Sheridan, Alan Stowell, and Chris Tait, have gone to extraordinary lengths to make this rogaine possible, with track marking and extensive track clearing in addition to all the normal work which planning requires. They have made an outstanding effort.

The north-east part of the course (about 25%) is mostly open farmland, but still hilly. It will provide an opportunity for more conventional rogaining skills and route variation.

The Tararua ranges. In general, the Tararua are steep and bush-clad, but the mature bush is fairly open underneath and travel is possible almost anywhere, although ferns may obscure your footing. The long ridges offer good travel in most cases, but the steeper side spurs can be more testing, and sidling in and out of gullies can test your patience, especially if you encounter supplejack on steep faces. The steeper streams are rocky and slippery, with fallen logs and steep sides, and are best avoided. Flatter streams and the bigger rivers usually provide reasonable travel, with a bit of boulder-hopping skills”.

And the results: Chris Forne and Aaron Prince retained their NZ title with a brilliant display of sustained rogaining and 3970 points. Only Hamish Goodwin and George Christison were close on 3730 points. Third place was a distant 800 points behind the winners. For full results see the event website at <http://www.tararua24.co.nz/>.

New Zealand Rogaining Champions

1995: Tony McNulty, Richard Matthews
1997: Chris Tait, Tony Gazley
2000: David Rowlands, Greg Barbour
2003: Keith Murray, Aidan Craig
2004: Chris Forne, Phil Novis
2005: Chris Forne, Aaron Prince
2006: Chris Forne, Aaron Prince

27th Australian Rogaining Championships

The Australian Rogaining Championships are on 13-14 May 2006 northwest of Melbourne. This is a 1850s gold mining area that today has farming, forest and an expanding wine district. Around the Pyrenees range, total relief is 350m and there is a little rocky ground, but mostly the course is open farmland and light bush. The hash house is at the small community of Barkly in a community hall.

The only competition is the 24-hour championships, and it will cover 245 square kilometres of which 30% is around two state forests. The pre-marked map is at a scale of 1:30,000 with 10m contours. It is unlikely there will be any water on the course except the specified water drops. The average temperature range at this time of year is 18°C (maximum) to 4°C (minimum).

Accommodation will include camping at the hash house. Food will be offered from the Friday night onwards consisting of soup and pasta, and this occasion will provide an opportunity for people to meet and socialise. There will be breakfast on Saturday and food during the Championships. A sit-down lunch is planned on Sunday after the event. Friends and family are encouraged to come and enjoy themselves as well.

<http://vra.rogaine.asn.au/BarklysHope2006.htm>