GLOW WORM TUNNEL ATHLETE EVENT GUIDE



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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Welcome to the Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon, we are glad to bring the event is back after a tumultuous 2021 with the copious amounts of rain and the ongoing trials of the Covid Pandemic. In 2022 you can see the effects of the large amount of rain and flooding that has occurred in the valley and as a result we had had to implement some changes compared to previous years.

The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon course takes runners on an amazing journey along a course that takes in the best sights of Newnes and the Wolgan Valley. In 2022 we are returning to the original Marathon course that takes you to the heights of Pagoda Lookout and then down to the beautiful Glen Davis Campground. The course is the tale of two halves and runners will encounter creek crossings, sections of long single trail, old mine cuttings, ruins and some long-forgotten railway easements. The terrain is exciting, challenging and you may find it hard to keep the smile from your face. The first half of the marathon a steep mountain trail and the second half is a railway grade up trail skirting the cliff line and making its way up through the Glow Worm Tunnel and returning to Newnes. The event starts and finishes in Newnes and from the moment you arrive in "town" you will revel in the serene surroundings. We at the Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon aim to create an amazing weekend of trail running in the beautiful Wolgan Valley. To this end we have created a schedule of events for the whole family including a 1km kids run, the 6km Ted Bolt, the Mystery Mountain Dash for those who like the steep stuff, the half marathon on Saturday and Sunday and the full marathon on Saturday. Alongside these events we will have live music, food, coffee an outdoor cinema, sponsor stalls all with the aim to create an experience like no other. So, thank you for signing up to the event - bring you passion and enthusiasm we will strive to make it the most enjoyable experience possible, More than anything we want to create a safe event so we request that you help us to comply with the requirements associated with safety. The purpose of this guide is to ensure that all participants are well informed for the Glow Worm Tunnel Event. We have made every effort to ensure the information contained in this guide is accurate up to date at the time of publishing. Late changes are possible, and we will do our best to communicate these to you in a timely fashion via the website www.glowwormtrail.com or our Facebook and Instagram pages.

CULTURE & HISTORY

Evidence of the First Australians dates back some 40,000 years with ancient artefacts and stone tools unearthed in the valley. Today, the territory is shared by four Aboriginal nations; although it is thought that the Wiradjuri are most likely to have been predominant through the ages. The name Wolgan Valley is derived from the Aboriginal word 'wolga' used for the vine commonly known as Old Man's Beard, found across the area.

The Ruins is part of a major oil shale mine that was started construction in 1906. The ruins consist of retorts, various distillation areas, oil storage tanks and washers, plant for the refining of the various finished products, a power station, and workshops. They were built in a substantial manner, as attested by the extensive ruins that stand to this day. A 50km railway line was constructed to the site which includes the 400m-long Glow Worm Tunnel. The mine was problematic over its lifetime changing hands on several occasions before being abandoned in 1932. The Glow Worm Tunnel is now home to thousands of glow worms that cling to the dark, damp walls. Switch off your torch, keep quiet, and wait for the worms to light up the tunnel with pinpricks of blue light.

COVID SAFE EVENT

The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon will be registered as a Covid safe event. Even though a lot of restrictions have eased there are still requirement that we need you to adhere to with the main one being if you are experiencing any symptoms associated with Covid 19, please don't enter the event area - go home and get a Covid test and we will provide a credit to you for the event as per the refund policy.

Covid Symptoms include:

- fever (37.5 ° or higher)
- cough
- sore throat, runny nose
- shortness of breath (difficulty breathing)
- loss of taste, loss of smell.

Other reported symptoms include:

- fatigue
- acute blocked nosed (congestion)
- muscle pain, joint pain
- headache
- diarrhoea

The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon will provide hand sanitisation stations around the event hub and the toilet areas. In addition we will ensure good ventilation at in any of the Marquees. Please sanitise before your hands prior to entry to the event hub for registration, race marshalling, toilets and before any water refill areas.

SELF SUPPORTING EVENT

COVID 19 is spread by micro-droplets generated from heavy breathing, sneezing and coughing. Also via direct physical contact when a person touches a surface where live Virus exists. As a result we have to implement a Self-Support Strategy where athletes should take responsibility for their own nutrition and hydration. The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon will have:

- Water Refill Stations and Pre-mixed Tailwind Nutriton that will be located around the course and at the finish line where athletes will have their flasks/cups refilled by aid station attendants no touch policy.
- Athletes should carry their own nutrition of a sufficient quantity to complete the course.
- We will not be providing any takeaway cups

REFILL PROTOCOL

Sanitise your hands at the sanitisation station prior to refilling your container with water

Refill Container

Move away quickly

TAILWIND NUTRITION

As a major sponsor - Tailwind Nutrition Australia will be providing their endurance fuel at the aid stations during the race and their Rebuild Recovery product at the event hub for after the race.

ENDURANCE FUEL: 40 X 20L Labelled Tailwind Nutrition drums filled and premixed with the correct dosage of Endurance will be distributed around the course at the refill stations. Dosage will be at a ratio of 200 Calories/500mls. Flavour will be Mandarin Orange (non-caffeinated product).

REBUILD RECOVERY:8 X 20L Labelled Tailwind Nutrition drums premixed with the Correct Dosage of Rebuild Recovery. Dosage will be at 1 Serving/500mls. Flavours provided will be both Chocolate and Vanilla (noncaffeinated products)

COVID Safe:

Drums are prepared in a COVID safe environment and once closed, no further contact with the ingredients are made. Hand sanitisation is required coming into the aid station if you want to refill your water or Tailwind.

SPECIAL TAILWIND NUTRITION AUSTRALIA OFFER FOR REGISTERED GLOW WORM TUNNEL ENTRANTS: 15% off all non-discounted product simply go to <u>www.tailwindnutrition.com.au</u> and use the promo code: GLOWWORM22 valid only from the 27th May -11th July 2022.









SET REGISTRATION TIME

Registration is where you will be required to pick up your race bib and timing chips. Also, event bags and any pre ordered merchandise.

Due to COVID the following is required:

- Set times for registration at each event
- Hand sanitise before entering registration area
- maintain social distancing of 1.5m where possible
- Avoid touching surfaces
- Move quickly away after service

REGISTRATION DESK SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 17^{TH} JUNE

- 3.00 to 3.45pm Registration is open for Mystery Mountain Dash + Grand Slam
- 3.45pm to 7.00pm Registration for Sat Half Marathon, Full Marathon

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

- 6.00am 8.15am Registration Sat Half Marathon and Full Marathon Only
- 1.00pm 2.30pm Registration Ted English Bolt
- 4.00pm 5.00pm Registration opens for Sunday Half Marathon & Family Team Pairs

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

- 6.30am 8am Registration for Sunday Half Marathon & Family Team Pairs
- 11.30am-12.00 noon Registration Kids 1km Race

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2022

- 3.00pm -3.45pm Mystery Mountain Registration Open
- 4.00pm Mystery Mountain Dash
- 4.30pm Mystery Mountain Dash Presentation
- 5.00pm 7.00pm Registration open for Sat Half Marathon and Full Marathon

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2022

6.00am to 8.15am Registration open for Sat Half Marathon and Marathon

8.00am Full Marathon (42.2km)

8.30am Half Marathon (21.1kms)

12.30pm Presentation - Sat Half Marathon

1.00pm - 2.30pm Ted English Bolt registration opens

1.30pm Presentation - Saturday Full Marathon

3.00pm Ted English Bolt (6km)

4.00pm Presentation Ted English Bolt

4.00pm-5.00pm - Registration opens for Sunday Half Marathon

5.00pm Marathon Cut-off

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE 2022

6.30am to 8am Registrations open for Sunday Half Marathon

8:30am Half Marathon (21.1km) and Family Team Pairs Half Marathon child 12-15 can run with Parent 18 yrs+. Both must stay together!

11.30am to 12.00pm Registration open for Kids 1km

12.15pm Kids 1km

12:30pm-1:00pm Presentations Half Marathon and Grand Slam

NOTE: The only Combination race for 2022 is the Grand Slam!

VENUE INFORMATION & PARKING

The Newnes campground is on the western side of Wollemi National Park. To get there: Turn off the Castlereagh Highway at Lidsdale, 7km west of Lithgow. Newnes is 35km from the turnoff. The road is unsealed for the last 8kms but is accessible with a 2WD vehicle. This is part of the Wollemi National Park and contains very sensitive flora and fauna. As a result, we ask that you observe all the National Park requirements that include:

- o No pets
- \circ No gathering of firewood
- Park only is designated parking areas
- No littering and please don't leave anything on the trails.
- Use provided toilets only



The actual Event Hub is on Lithgow City land and hence we are able to use this to offer facilities that are not permitted on National Parks Property

There is limited parking at the Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon and we strongly encourage people to car pool as much as is possible.

There are 4 car parking areas. These are colour coded for ease of marshalling and parking.

Parking is free with no charge.

PINK CARPARK

Location: Day Use Area - just outside the entry to LCC (on the right)

CAPACITY: APPROX 40 CARS

YELLOW CAR PARK

Location: Little Capertee Campground

CAPACITY: APPROX 50 CARS

BLUE CAR PARK

Location: LCC Firetrail - to the left of the Wolgan Rd prior to entering LCC.

CAPACITY: APPROX 50 CARS

WHITE CAR PARK CAMPING

Location: Little Capertee Campground

At present 80 Sites are available in the National Parks Camp Sites

5 people maximum per site. We estimate 2 cars max per site.

CAPACITY: 160 CARS MAXIMUM (WITH 400 CAMPERS @ max campers 80 sites x 5 campers per site) spread over the Little Capertee Campground and the Cricket Pitch Camp Ground. Event usage **120** CARS MAXIMUM.

NEWNES CABINS CAMPSITE

The camping and car parking is being controlled by the Newnes Cabins at this site.

At present it is 3 vehicles maximum per site.

Estimating 20 sites x 3 cars = 60 Cars managed by Newnes Cabins.

GREEN CAR PARK- "Park and cycle"

Location: Koopartoo - 6km from event hub.

For anyone that wants to park and cycle to event

This car parking will also be utilized for the Old Coach Road Mile Event on Sunday at 1.30pm.We expect traffic to be parked from 1pm to 3pm.

CAPACITY: APPROX 30 CARS

Parking Etiquette

The following is the parking expectations for participants and their families who are travelling to Newnes to participate in the Glow Worm Trail event:

- Parking is to be in designated areas only. This is an ecologically sensitive area and parking where you see a free space is not acceptable and may jeopardise our ability to hold the event into the future
- If you see a green open space this does not mean you can just park there. Please assume areas without cars are vacant for a reason it may be for the movement of safety vehicles, for the evacuation of sick or injured people, a clearway to ensure safety of pedestrians or the ground may be unstable or ecologically sensitive.
- Please follow the marshals' instructions, be polite and happy and park where designated.
- Don't park on small trees, bushes or other sensitive looking areas. Please will also avoid Wombat holes and drains.
- Don't park on the side of the road or within the Newnes Hotel Cabins parking areas.
- Please do not park on the Wolgan Road from Koopartoo Causweay to the busy area before the Newnes Village sign.
- Please endeavour to carpool to the event this is really appreciated.



Key



Pink - Day Use Area Blue - Little Capertee fire Trail Yellow - Little Capertee Campground White Shaded - Camping Area Red - Event Hub

CATERING

We will have catering at the Event Hub for both Saturday Morning, Lunch and Dinner as well as Sunday Morning and Lunch. Please note there is no mobile coverage so

Catering options include:

8 THINGS: Nasi Goreng, Tacos etc ...



THE MINT BREW AND TIN SHED: Coffee and Wholesome food options





VOLKSWURST: Kransky, Pretzel and Beer





TOILET FACILITIES

Toilet facilities will be provided close to the event hub. The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon will also provide some additional portable toilets at the Capertee campground. Additional Hand sanitiser will be provided for people to use before and after use to ensure COVID safe practices

MANDATORY GEAR AND EQUIPMENT CHECKS

Mandatory Gear is there purely for the safety of runners. As the name suggests - it is mandatory.

There is only one list of mandatory gear in 2022. All gear must be taken no matter the weather. Things change quickly out there and you are going to some remote locations. We will be doing random checks prior to the event and on the course. Failure to have any or all of the mandatory gear will result in at a minimum a 30min time penalty or disqualification all together.

This is the minimum you will be required to run with on any day regardless of the weather.



• Waterproof Jacket (Taped seams)

For safety reasons we must have a no kit no start policy!

DROP BAGS

There will be a sticker in your event pack to identify your drop bag. There will be a drop bag tent run by the GWT volunteer team at the Event Hub which you will go past several times during the race. During the Marathon distance athletes will pass through the Event Hub and bag drop area at around the halfway mark.

COMPULSORY BRIEFINGS

The Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon value the safety of our athletes and aim to ensure they enjoy the best experience at our events. For this reason, it is compulsory for all athletes to attend the event briefing prior to the race at the event hub. Please ensure that your warmup is completed before the briefing and while the briefing is taking place please continue to observe social distancing of at least 1.5m.

The Race Director reserves the right to refuse entry to the start to any competitor that does not attend the briefing, as it includes important safety and course information that is essential for athletes to enjoy a safe and fair race. The briefing also includes any last-minute changes to the course or event details. No compensation is applicable if a competitor is refused entry to the start for this reason.

CHECK POINTS AND AID STATIONS

MARATHON AID STATIONS

Leg 1 of Marathon

Check Point 1 - Pagoda Track turn around of out and back

Check Point 2 - Starlight Canyon Entry Point - Start of the decent of Pipeline Pass to Glen Davis

Check Point 3 - Yarool Road, Glen Davis

Check Point 4 - Glen Davis Campground - 10km point - Aid Station

Check Point 5 - Yarool Road, Glen Davis

Check Point 6 - Pagoda Track/Pipeline Pass Gully - top of descent back to Newnes

Check Point 7 - Event Hub Aid Station

LEG 2 of Marathon

Check Point 8 - Penrose - 4 Ways Aid Sation 28km point

Check Point 9 - Old Coach Road/Pagoda Track intersection

Check Point 10 - Glow Worm Tunnel turn around point

Check Point 11 - Penrose - 4 Ways Aid Station 35km point Finish - Event Hub

Aid Station 1:

Location: Glen Davis Campground

Distance: Approx 10.5km

Water, Tailwind & Lollies

** Random Gear Check here.

Aid Station 2:

Location: Event Hub

Distance: Approx 21km

Water Tailwind, Lollies, Chips - Drop bags can be left here.

Aid Station 3:

Location: Penrose 4-Ways

Distance: Approx 28km

Water & Tailwind

** Random Gear Check here.

Aid Station 4

Location: Penrose 4-Ways

Distance: Approx 35km

Water & Tailwind Nutrition, Lollies, Chips

Finish at Event Hub - Tailwind Nutrition Rebuild Recovery Tent

It is always hard to determine the needs at an Aid Station, we will always do out best to supply the above to you at the designated Aid Stations. If you have a condition which requires certain food/drink etc - please provide this yourself to ensure you have the best event possible.

HALF MARATHON AID STATIONS

Check Point 1 - Penrose - 4 Ways Aid Station 7km point

Check Point 2 - Old Coach Road/Pagoda Track intersection

Check Point 3 - Glow Worm Tunnel turn around point

Check Point 4 - Penrose - 4 Ways Aid Station 35km point

Finish - Event Hub

Aid Station 1:

Location: Penrose 4-Ways

Distance: Approx 7km

Water & Tailwind Nutrition, Lollies, Chips

** Random Gear Check here.

Aid Station 2:

Location: Penrose 4-Ways

Distance: Approx 15km

Water & Tailwind, Lollies, Chips

It is always hard to determine the needs at an Aid Station, we will always do out best to supply the above to you at the designated Aid Stations. If you have a condition which requires certain food/drink etc - please provide this yourself to ensure you have the best event possible.

Finish at Event Hub - Tailwind Rebuild Recovery Tent

COURSE MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS

MARATHON COURSE

Distance: 43km Ascent: 1950m Map and Profile: <u>HERE</u> Date: Saturday 18th June 2022

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Marathon Course Description - The Original Glen Davis is Back

Leg 1: Start Event Hub - Newnes Campground - Pipeline Pass - Pagoda Lookout - Pipeline Pass - Glen Davis Campground - Pipeline Pass - Event Hub -> Distance: 20km

Description: Starting at the Event Hub, runners make their way towards the campground and do a quick clockwise lap before heading down into the Wolgan Valley on the Riverside Trail. Here runners ascend the steep Pipeline Pass with an excursion to the Pagoda Lookout at the top. Quick turn around after seeing the awesome view and then rejoin the Pipeline Pass. You then pass through the ferny gullies to the amazing Starlight Canyon entry point before descending the technical terrain of Pipeline Pass to Glen Davis. A dirt road leads you to town and the Glen Davis Camp Ground. This is where the first aid station is located. After a quick check in and refreshment head back the way you came to Pipeline Pass. Climb the steep terrain to the saddle at the top (no excursion to Pagoda Lookouton the way back) and then down the technical descent back to the Riverside Trail. No lap of the campground on the way back to the Event Hub Aid Station.

Leg 2: - Event Hub - 4 Ways Penrose Aid Station - Tunnel - 4 Ways Penrose Aid Station - Event Hub -> Distance 22km

Description: After hydrating and grabbing some refreshments at the Event Hub Aid Station, runners cross the Wolgan River and make their way onto the Wolgan Valley Rail Trail. After 7km at the 4 Ways intersection of the Old Coach Road and Wolgan Valley Rail Trail at Penrose Junction there will be an aid station. From the Aid Station, runners will follow the Old Coach Road up the hill for 3 kms and then take the Pagoda Trail to the opening of the Glow Worm Tunnel (Note this is the opposite way we have done this in the past). Runners are then required to walk through the Glow Worm Tunnel. Upon existing the tunnel athletes are to make their way to the turnaround point, and go back through the Glow Worm Tunnel (yes you get to go through twice) and upon exiting the tunnel make their way onto the Pagoda Trail, Old Coach Rd and down to the 4 Ways Penrose Junction Aid Station. It is then a fast 7km back down the Wolgan Valley Rail Trail towards the finish line at the Event Hub.





HALF MARATHON COURSE

Half Marathon Course Distance: 22.0km

Ascent:735m Date: Saturday 18th June and/or Sunday 19th June 2022

Map and Profile: <u>HERE</u>

Glow Worm Tunnel Half Marathon course takes runners along the Wolgan Valley rail Trail up to and through the Glow Worm Tunnel - a 600m tunnel filled with Glow Worms. The journey begins at Newnes, right in front of the old Newnes Hotel and runners encounter creek crossings, sections of long single trail, old mine cuttings, ruins and some long-forgotten railway easements along the way. In 2022 The course is and out and back that takes you through the Glow Worm Tunnel twice. The finish is fast with the last 10km being a gentle but well deserved downhill run most of the way to the finish line.

The terrain is exciting, and scenic and you may find it hard to keep the smile from your face. The township of Newnes is now just the old Newnes hotel and some holiday cabins at the end of the Wolgan Valley in the serene shadows of Mystery Mountain.

Course Description

Leg 1: Newnes - Penrose Gully 4 Ways; Distance: 7kms

Description: Starting in front of the old Newnes hotel, runners make their to the Wolgan River Causeway and cross it just 300m from the start line. Runners then turn right and follow the river as they make their way onto the Wolgan Valley Rail Trail and begin the gentle ascent to Penrose Gully and the 4 ways junction. This is where the first aid station is.

Leg 2: Penrose Gully 4 Ways to Penrose Gully 4 Ways; Distance: 7-15 kms

Description: After leaving Penrose Gully - turn left and head up the Old Coach Road, hugging the cliffs and making their way onto the Pagoda Trail towards the Glow Worm Tunnel. At the end of the Pagoda Trail turn right and pass through the Tunnel. The tunnel is 600m long and runners must walk and only use a red light whilst in the tunnel. Here is the opportunity to turn your light off and check out the Glow Worms in all their glory. They are truly amazing. After exiting the tunnel, athletes are to head to the turn around point, then head back through the Glow Worm Tunnel, left onto the Pagoda Trail and then left again onto the Old Coach Road. Here the race really heats up as the downhill starts back to Penrose 4-Ways.

Leg 3: Penrose Gully 4 ways to Newnes; Distance 15 - 22kms

Description: After hydrating and grabbing some refreshments, runners leave the Penrose 4-ways junction and head back along the Wolgan Valley Rail Trail, cross the Wolgan River and run up to the finish line at the Event Hub.

TED ENGLISH BOLT - SATURDAY 18TH JUNE 2022

The Ted English Bolt is a 6km Fun Run through the ruins of the old Newnes Industrial area. Stretch the legs, get to know your surrounds. This run crosses the Wolgan River at the Causeway and heads toward the old Industrial Ruins. Along the way runners pass the old railway platform and the old Newnes Cricket ground. A quick tour past the old ovens and through the old ruins and return to the Event Hub for a fast finish along the flat.

Distance:6.7km

Elevation: 200m, a few small hills - mostly flat. Definitely fun.

Map and Profile: HERE

History of the Run...

Wednesday 3rd April 1907, records show that on this very evening the police at Newnes apprehended a man named Ted English, a local resident who was running through the bush stark naked, declaring he was Jesus Christ and he had come to deliver justice to the residents of Newnes. Senior Constable Guerin took Ted into custody, but he refused to stay, again bolting through the bush, and delivering his message with gusto. Eventually he was arrested and transported to Lithgow on Thursday evening, insisting he was indeed Jesus Christ. We consider Ted a prime example of a pioneer of Trail Running in the Newnes area at the turn of the century and in honour of his first documented run, there will be a leisurely 6km fun run in the afternoon. The Ted English Bolt will tour the old industrial ruins and the Newnes Township and is a great opportunity to stretch your legs and see the sites.

Note: This run is suitable for the whole family. If your kids want to run - this is a great run for them. Kids of primary school age or younger with limited running experience should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

MYSTERY MOUNTAIN DASH - FRIDAY 17TH JUNE 2022

Distance: 1200m

Ascent:370m

Map and Profile: <u>Here</u>

The 1200m race is a winner takes all hill climb straight up the iconic Mystery Mountain which overlooks the whole Newnes Campground. Runners will tackle 370m of elevation on tough terrain that will push your heart rate to the max. It is however worth it, as the view from the top is spectacular - however don't get distracted on the way up as the first male and female will claim the \$150 winners prize.

RACE RULES AND CUT OFF TIMES

Marathon: Marathon runners will need to cover the first half of the course in 5 hours to be allowed to continue on. The course closes at 5pm. This allows 9 hours on the course for the bulk of the field.

Half Marathon: Half Marathon Runners need to be finished by 3.30pm. This allows 7 hours on the course making the event an ideal first trail run for new runners.

Race Rules

- The course is to be run in the order in which it is advertised.
- Any changes to the course before the start of the event need to be adhered to.
- Runners who mis-run the course or mis run the order of the course or make any deviation will not be considered for prizes. If you make a mistake on the course you need to

return to the place you left the course on foot and then resume along the proper and correct route. There will be tags on the race bibs that are recovered by Marshalls at key out and back check points. Make sure your tag is taken at these points as we will use this to verify that athletes have completed the full course.

- Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon Pty Ltd is very strict about the "Leave no trace" policy. Please bring all rubbish you take out on the course with you. People seen littering, impact our natural environment, jeopardise the future of the event and will be removed from the event.
- All runners must start at the correct time with the correct field of runners to be considered for prizes. Runners starting late will be credited with a time but not a finish place.
- Mandatory gear is mandatory! no exceptions. You must carry the mandatory gear for the entirety of the event. The weather can quickly change and the mandatory gear is the minimum we ask you to be prepared with. Always consider your own personal needs and pack extra if necessary.
- Random Gear Checks will be done. Time penalties or disqualification will be given for failure to abide by mandatory gear rules.
- Gear Dumping anyone caught dumping gear will be disqualified from the event.
- Walking in the Glow Worm Tunnel. The Glow Worm Tunnel is a special place and to be allowed to host an event in the area we put strict rules on this section of the course. ALL runners MUST WALK through the tunnel a 30 minute penalty will be given by Marshalls for running through the tunnel.
- Note it is a National Parks requirement to have a head torch that supports a Red Light to be used in the Glow Worm Tunnel. We will be checking you have a red light before allowing anyone into the Tunnel.
- Trail etiquette is paramount in this event. 1) Keep to your left, 2) Downhill runners give way to uphill runners.
- Pacers are not allowed.
- Aid on the course aid is only at designated aid stations. Runners are not permitted to stash any items on the course.
- Compulsory Briefing Each Race starts with a briefing 15 mins before the race, you must be at the event hub for the briefing.
- Timing is electronic it is your responsibility to secure the chip properly and to ensure you step through the timing mats to trigger your timing chip.
- For those who are compelled to run with music, a single ear bud is allowed only (you need to keep one ear free to hear course marshals and other athletes)
- If you step off the trail for any reason please leave your pack or bottle on the track side where you stepped off. It will help us to find you if you get lost!

VOLUNTEERS

Events like the Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon Weekend do not go ahead without the help of the many volunteers. Thank you very much for all those that have registered to volunteer already and thanks in advance for anyone helping this event go ahead in 2022. We have volunteer roles for everyone, from being the first person a runner meets at check to the medal presenter at the end of their race. Roles include Check in desk, On Day Registration Desk, Aid Station Attendants, Drop Bag Tent Supervisors, Sweepers, Forerunners, Medal Presenters, Parking Marshalls, Traffic Marshalls, Event Set Up and Pack Up Crew. All volunteers will be given priority entry to GWTM 2023, free GWT merchandise and a meal/coffee voucher. For those doing extra long shifts of volunteering we will offer discount promo codes for GWTM 2022. For those wanting to volunteer for a minimum of 4 hours on the Saturday of the 2022 event we will offer a free Sunday Race Entry.

It's not too late to volunteer at GWTM. Check out this link for more information and Registration

https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=46028



ADDITIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 18th June - Evening 5.30pm - 8.00pm Live Band - Jack's Avenue

LOCATION: Event Hub



LOCATION: Event Hub

Saturday 18th June 4.15pm Outdoor Cinema, Local Content and La Sportiva Short Film Event \rightarrow brought to you by:





MERCHANDISE



A range of merchandise was offered via registernow when you signed up. For those who missed out we will have a range of merchandise available at the event which includes Hoodies, long and short sleeve shirts, caps, arm warmers, buffs and the first even Glow Worm T8 Shorts the best running shorts that are on the market.



PHOTOGRAPHS

This year we have some highly talented on-track photographers who will be capturing some special moments. In 2022 we have partnered with GEOSNAPSHOT to manage this with all photos being uploaded within 48 hrs of the event. All photos can be viewed and purchases via the following link through the website.

https://www.glowwormtrail.com/photos/

Photo pricing:

Individual - \$12.95

Photo Bundle \$27.95 - Participants can buy all the photos of themselves for a single price. (Facial recognition is used to collate all photos participants are in)

PRIZES AND PRESENTATIONS

The following prize allocations will be made in both the men's and women's events.

MARATHON:

1st Female/Male Overall: La Sportiva Shoe Voucher

2nd Female/Male Overall: Sponsor Prizes

3rd Female/Male Overall : Sponsor Prizes

1st Female/Male 18-19 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 20-29 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 30-39 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 40-49 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 50-59 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 60-69 Age Category Award

1st Female/Male 70+ Age Category Award

HALF MARATHON SATURDAY:

1st Female/Male: La Sportiva Shoe Voucher
2nd: Female/Male - Sponsor Prizes
3rd: Female/Male - Sponsor Prizes
1st Female/Male 16-19 Age Category Award
1st Female/Male 20-29 Age Category Award
1st Female/Male 30-39 Age Category Award
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1st Female 70+ Age Category Award

TED ENGLISH 6KM BOLT

1st, 2nd, 3rd - Podium Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers (Female and Male) in the Ted English Bolt.

Age Group Prizes will be awarded to the top finisher in each age group for Male and Female

12 years and under (top 3 awarded sponsor or GWT prizes - male and female)

13 - 15 years (top 3 awarded sponsor or GWT - male and female)

16 - 18 years (top 3 awarded sponsor or GWT prizes - male and female)

1st Female/Male 19-29 Age Category

1st Female/Male 30-39 Age Category

1st Female/Male 40-49 Age Category

1st Female/Male 50-59 Age Category

1st Female/Male 60+ Age Category

MYSTERY MOUNTAIN DASH

\$150 plus a Sponsor Prize - First Female and Male

GRAND SLAM

1st Female - wine glass

1st Male - Tankard

All finishers get a trophy

KIDS

No particular prizes - everyone gets to feel good about the run

LA SPORTIVA

La Sportiva is a major sponsor of the Glow Worm Tunnel Marathon. La Sportiva is an amazing technical outdoor brand, over 90 years old, originating in the dolomites in Italy, specialising in mountaineering, climbing, hiking and trail running. The technical contents of each La Sportiva model are the fruit of in-depth research and development, originating from the constant exchange of information between the R&D department at Ziano di Fiemme and some of the world's best athletes. Each shoe is developed using different construction techniques, technologies and technical details which makes each product unique and irreplaceable. Summit Gear Katoomba has one of the best ranges of La Sportiva trail running shoes and apparel in Australia as the shoes perform so well in the great variety of terrain offered in the expansive Blue Mountains.



La Sportiva showcase at Summit Gear - Katoomba





FREE LA SPORTIVA SHOE TRYOUT - As a major sponsor La Sportiva will be providing a range of shoes that athletes can try out during the Glow worm Tunnel Marathon weekend. This is an amazing offer and will enable you to experience the amazing performance of the La Sportiva range where it counts - out on the trails

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