

City - Bay 12km Fun Run



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Record crowds filled the streets in this, Adelaide's premier running event. This year's event, with a field of 19,000 entrants, was one of the best fun runs ever staged in South Australia. The new naming right Sponsor – Sunday Mail, heavily supported by the Advertiser, gave the City-Bay Fun Run excellent exposure and publicity that resulted in an overwhelming increase of 4,000 participants. The introduction of the 3 km event was another first, enabling the mature aged and younger members of the community to be involved in the excitement and atmosphere that this race generates. The Office for Recreation and Sport under the Be Active "Find 30" campaign contributed towards making this a first time success for those who entered this category. The increase in numbers predominantly came from women with competitors coming from all parts of Australia and overseas. The event was complemented with the

inclusion of 16 of Australia's elite athletes, seeking the substantial prizes offered in the event. The weather on the day was overcast with a head wind for most of the run.

This, with a new finish area 60metres after a right hand bend in the road, added a new challenge for the athletes.

Martin Dent and Peter Nowill tussled for a close finish to be only separated by one 100th of a second. Dent winning in 34.36, Peter Nowill second, followed by South Australian native, Brett Cartwright. First three South Australian males to finish where PJ Bosch in 37.05, Darren Wilson and Shane Thiele.

The first female to cross the line was Kerry McCann in 39.58, followed by a close finish between Susan Michelsson (40.45) and Lisa Jane Weightman (40.48). First South Australian females where Lee Ann Turner in 42.08, Jane Mudge and Tara Palm.

The wheel chair event was won by Richard Coleman (20.0)1 and Angela Ballard (22.27).

Men

1. Martin Dent	34.36
2. Peter Nowill	34.37
3. Brett Cartwright	34.42
4. Loius Rowan	34.58
5. Mark Tucker	35.02
6. Michael Chettle	36.40
7. Scott Rantall	36.57
8. P J Bosch	37.05
9. Darren Wilson	37.33
10. Shane Thiele	38.08

Women

1. Kerry McCann	39.58
2. Susan Michelsson	40.45
3. Lisa Jane Weightman	40.48
4. Belinda Wilsher	41.39
5. Sarah Salmon	41.52
6. Lee-Ann Turner	42.08
7. Lisa Dick	43.06
8. Jane Mudge	43.47
9. Tara Palm	44.12
10. Kate Seibold-Crosbie	44.31

The Petrac Great Pyramid Race

Local legend has it that two Gordonvale cane farmers while quenching their thirst at the local pub, decided to settle an argument with a race to the peak of the nearby Walsh's Pyramid. This was no ordinary race. A wager was made between the two to see who could run up in the quickest possible time. The race created so much interest that the local bookie at the time took bets on the outcome.

The first official race took place in 1959 to coincide with Queensland's Centenary Celebrations and now it is an annual event where some of the finest and strongest gather and strive to conquer the Mountain. Now recognized on the National Race Endurance Calendar and with Trans Tasman links and other international attention, it has made the Mountain Challenge a "Great Race". The course is an arduous trek over a rough 12km with a vertical climb of 900m thrown in just for good measure.

In the 2005 event, 100 competitors tackled the event with Australian Orienteering representative Troy de Haas delighting the crowd of 4,000 to run away with the win and the \$1000 prize cheque in a time of 1.18.34. Vivian Pott, the Australian Mountain Running Champion was the female winner in a time of 1.36.10.

Troy de Haas



Vivian Potts

Open Male. Troy de Haas	1.18.34
Open Female. Vivian Pott	1.36.10
Junior Male. Matthew Dewar	1.32.26 (Rec)
Masters Male. Graham Barralet	1.28.26
Senior Female. Bet Lennox	2.56.04
Veteran Male. Rod Tindale	1.40.54
Veteran Female. Stevic Johnston	1.52.13