

## Newsletter #2 - January 2024

Welcome to the 2024 Six Foot Track Marathon.

We are looking forward to having you all back this year on our revised course and finish line area.

#### START LINE

As a result of post-race runner feedback from the 2023 race, for the 2024 race we will have 6 waves, each being smaller in size but with less time in between to better manage the numbers descending Nellies Glen at the same time.

We will shuttle runners from KCC car park starting at 5:30 am on race day but will not have a bus pick up service from the YHA or Carrington Hotel.

There will be <u>no drop bags</u> at the start line. Drop bags for transport to the finish may be left at:

- Bib pick up on Fri at Café 2773 Glenbrook (next door to the Blue Mountains Running Company), OR
- KCC car park on the morning of race day before catching the bus to the start line.

#### WAVE ALLOCATION

The wave allocations have been made based upon the qualifying event and time submitted during the entry process.

Please check your wave allocation here >> www.sixfoot.com/2024-waves

#### **BUSES**

Buses will be available to shuttle runners and spectators from:

- KCC car park to the start line
- Start line/KCC to the finish line
- Start line back to KCC after every wave (for spectators)
- Millionth Acre Recreation Area (Duckmaloi car park) to the Finish line
- Finish line to Duckmaloi car park
- Finish line to Katoomba KCC. These buses will not stop at the Duckmaloi car park as there will be specific buses looping between Duckmaloi car park and the Finish line

Because Jenolan Caves House is not accessible via Jenolan Caves Road this year, there will not be a bus to take runners to the start line from Jenolan Caves House or Jenolan Caves Cottages.

Runners and spectators should refer to the detailed Bus Schedule (to be promulgated shortly) to ensure they catch the correct bus for their wave start and destination.

## SPECTATORS

We know that many friends and family love to come to the start and finish line and so spectators will be allowed at the start line and finish line this year. Spectators can only get to the start line either on the buses from KCC or walking to the start line using the footpath. Please do not stop vehicles on Great Western Highway to drop off passengers or walk along the Great Western Highway verge. There is a footpath to the start line from RFS Bushfire HQ Katoomba.

Spectators who would like to be at the finish line have the following options:

- **Option 1**: Drive through the Jenolan Caves Road and Duckmaloi intersection before 8:00 am and park at the finish. Volunteers will direct you where to park. NOTE: Spectators who choose this option will not be able to drive out of the finish line before 4:00 pm as runners will still be using the same entrance to the finish line, so please don't park at the finish line if you want to leave before the end of the day.
- **Option 2**: Spectators can park at KCC and catch one of the buses to the start line then reboard to go to the finish line. After the race catch a bus back to the KCC car park.
- **Option 3**: Spectators can park at Millionth Acre Recreation Area (at the Duckmaloi turnoff) and catch a shuttle bus that will shuttle between the finish line and the car park on a continuous basis during the day starting from 09:30 am. Buses will not stop at any point on the way between Duckmaloi car park and the finish line and vice versa.
- **Option 4**: Spectators can drive to the Black Range Camping Area (Deviation) to support runners but they will not be allowed to drive past the check point at the Jenolan Caves Road and Deviation intersection. There will be traffic managers at this check point. The only way to the finish from here is to walk or better still, go back to Duckmaloi car park and catch one of the shuttle buses.

# FINISH LINE

Due to the roads still being closed to Jenolan Caves, we will once again host the finish line for 2024 at Jenolan Caves Cottages. The Six Foot Track Marathon course has been adjusted to cater for the 45 km race distance. The current course map is available on the Six Foot Track Marathon website. <a href="https://www.sixfoot.com/elevation-and-map">www.sixfoot.com/elevation-and-map</a>

There will be food trucks with food and drinks for purchase at the Cottages.

Buses will shuttle runners back to Duckmaloi car parking or Katoomba as per a set schedule. Buses will leave as they fill up, so runners have the choice to stay around or leave after they finish the race. Spectators will be allowed at the finish line see details above.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We will call for volunteers in the next week or so. Please watch out for the call on our social media.

# AND FINALLY...

The Six Foot Track Marathon team have worked hard to make this event happen and we are lucky to have the support of more than 150 RFS and other Volunteers. We thank them for their support, without which we would not be able to have the race.

We will send more details of bib collection day and race day logistics in the February Newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of your training and I look forward to seeing you all cross the finish line on race day.

Mohammed Alkhub

Race Director

Regularly check the website and our Facebook page for latest details and stay tuned for future Newsletters containing more detailed information on the changes that are outlined in this overview and more.

If you have any questions please email us at <a href="mailto:info@sixfoot.com">info@sixfoot.com</a>

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