



Get ready to just fnq run!

Weipa Running Festival

Thank you for registering for the Weipa Running Festival 2026.

See below for your competitor pack.

If you have any questions, reach out to:

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COMPETITOR PACK

Whether you are a returning runner or joining us for the first time, please read through this email to ensure you are up to date with any changes for a successful WRF 2026!

Please contact the Race Director if you no longer wish to run the Weipa Running Festival 2026 or have any further questions: racedirector@weiparunningfestival.org.au

The event consists of five different races.

- **North Queensland Bulk Ports** - Marathon + Marathon Relay
- **Hambell Plumbing** - Half Marathon + Half Marathon Relay
- **Evolution Mining + Civil** - 10km
- **Rio Tinto** - 5km This year generously made free by Rio Tinto Weipa
- **HCJ Group** - 2.5km Fun Run

We also host two Grand Slam Events Proudly Sponsored by **FNQ Work Ready**

- The Goal Digger (10km + 5km + 2.5km)
- The Full Haul (42.2km + 21.1km + 10km + 5km + 2.5km)
- Submit screenshots of all required distances to racedirector@weiparunningfestival.org.au

Your entry fee includes:

- Entry into your nominated distance

- A race pack incl. personalised race bib (this will be hand written if registered after 31/05/2026)
- Note: children in prams do not receive a race bib. Non-Weipa-based virtual entries submitted after 30/06/2026 will not receive a bib.
- Finisher's medal for all distances (including virtual)
- Finisher Gift
- Novelty trophies for the winners in the 5km, 10km, 22km and 42.2km distances
- Lucky draw prizes
- A fun, safe and professional activity
- Public liability insurance

INDIVIDUAL RACE INFO

North Queensland Bulk Ports - Marathon + Marathon Relay

Check-in on Race Day: 4.20am - Marathon & Relay

Mandatory Gear will be checked at race check in and includes:

- Closed-in shoes
- Smart Snake Bandage (provided in your packs thanks to **Ecotone**)
- Whistle (supplied)
- Water carrier (e.g. hydration pack) with a 500ml minimum capacity to be carried at all times
- Head lamp (drop boxes on course will be available; please label with your name for easy return)
- Individual competitors: race bib to be worn on your front and visible at all times
- Relay competitors: race bib to be worn on your **front and back** and visible at all times
- Shoe tag timer – provided at race check-in.

Course Terrain: flat, dirt roads, dirt tracks, shared bitumen and concrete footpaths, hard and soft beach sand. It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the course (maps available on registration page and website).

- Aid stations will be as follows:
- Aid Station #1 Mission River Bridge – 11km Water only
- Aid Station #2 Rocky Point Boat Ramp 14km – Water, fruit
- Aid Station #3 Alby Drive Through 16km – Water, fruit

- Aid Station #4 The Lakes (Team Transition) – 21km & 34km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks
- Aid Station #5 Mitre 10 – 25km & 30km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks
- Aid Station #6 Parkrun Turnaround – 27.5km – Water, fruit
- Aid Station #7 Eat St – 38km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks

When you approach the Lakes road, you will commence anti-clockwise. Take the right leg at the footpath Y intersection near the Heritage. Relay changeover will be at the Lakes Aid Station. Leg 1 = +/-22km + Leg 1 = the rest.

Hambell Plumbing - Half Marathon + Half Marathon Relay

Check-in on Race Day: 5.20am - Half marathon & Relay

Mandatory gear to be checked at race check in includes:

- Closed-in shoes
- Smart Snake Bandage (provided in your packs thanks to **Ecotone**)
- Whistle (supplied)
- Water carrier (e.g. hydration pack) with a 500ml minimum capacity to be carried at all times-
- Head lamp (drop boxes on course will be available; please label with your name for easy return and collect at canteen or after party)
- Individual competitors: race bib to be worn on your front and visible at all times
- Relay competitors: race bib to be worn on your **front and back** and visible at all times
- Shoe tag timer – provided at race check-in.

Course Terrain: flat, dirt roads, dirt tracks, shared bitumen and concrete footpaths, hard and soft beach sand. It is your responsibility to familiarise yourself with the course (maps available on registration page and website).

- Aid stations will be as follows:
- Aid Station #1 Rocky Point Boat Ramp 4km – Water, fruit
- Aid Station #2 Alby Drive Through 6km – Water, fruit
- Aid Station #3 Parkrun Course – 9.5km – Water, fruit
- Aid Station #4 Mitre 10 – 11km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks
- Aid Station #5 The Lakes (Team Transition) – 14km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks
- Aid Station #6 Eat St – 18km – Tailwind, water, coke, fruit & snacks

You will run around the lakes clockwise, taking the left leg at the footpath Y intersection near the Heritage. Relay changeover will be at the Mitre 10 Aid station. Leg 1 = +/-9.8km, Leg 2 = the rest.

Evolution Mining + Civil - 10km

Check-in on Race Day: 5.50am - 10km

Mandatory gear to be confirmed at race check-in includes:

- Closed-in shoes
- Smart Snake Bandage
- (provided in your packs thanks to **Ecotone**)
- Race bib to be worn on your front and visible at all times
- Shoe tag timer – provided at race check-in
- Recommended but not mandatory - a water container (e.g. soft flask, quick cup).

Course Terrain: Small hills, shared bitumen roads, dirt roads, dirt tracks. There is one aid station at the halfway turn around point (Eat Street) which will provide water, Tailwind and fruit.

Rio Tinto - 5km

Check-in on Race Day: 6.50am- 5km

Competitors under 12 years-old no longer require an adult with them. However, we **STRONGLY** recommend that you gauge your child's ability before race day.

Mandatory gear to be checked at race check-in includes:

- Race bib to be worn on your front and visible at all times
- Shoe tag timer – provided at race check-in.

Course Terrain: shared bitumen and concrete footpaths, bitumen road (only McLeod drive will be closed. All other roads will be open to traffic. There will be one aid station providing water only along River Drive.

HCJ Group - 2.5km Fun Run

Check-in on Race Day: 7.45am- 2.5km

Mandatory gear to be checked at race check-in includes:

- Race bib to be worn on your front and visible at all times
- Shoe tag timer – provided at race check-in.

- **2.5km Fun Run note:** For insurance reasons, any persons accompanying children in the 2.5km Fun Run must be registered to run an in-person event on the day. E.g. A parent/carer registered for the 10km in-person event can accompany a child in the Fun Run for free. A parent/carer registered for a virtual race must also be registered for the 2.5km Fun Run in-person if they wish to accompany a child on the day. No in-person registration = no race day run.

Course Terrain: shared bitumen and concrete footpaths, bitumen road (only McLeod drive will be closed. All other roads will be open to traffic). There are no aid stations on course.

FOR ALL RACES

Mandatory race briefing: This will be accessible online and **MUST** be viewed by all competitors **PRIOR** to the event. There will only be a brief mention of safety precautions and race conditions before each race. **All** competitors are expected to have read and understood the race rules, course, etc. A link to the briefing will be provided on **Thursday, July 23, 2026**.

Check-in on Race Day:

- 4.20am - Marathon & Relay
- 5.20am - Half marathon & Relay
- 5.50am - 10km
- 6.50am - 5km
- 7.45am - 2.5km

Registrations close Friday, July 24 at 12pm or when sold out.

Race Day registrations are not available.

If you arrive without your bib, you will not be permitted to run.

Refreshments: water, electrolytes and fruit will be available at the RECOVERY TENT.

Capeaccino Crew will be in to support our caffeine fix.

Weipa Mens Shed will be on the BBQ with breaky wraps will be on sale from 7.30am until sold out.

Weipa Social Netball Assoc - will be selling cold drinks.

Toilets: Start/Finish area, Weipa Cricket Oval Rocky Point, Lake Patricia BBQ Area and Weipa Camp Grounds.

Medals

All finishers in the event will receive a medal on race day. If you are registered for the Grand Slam events, evidence is required to be submitted by 31/07/2026. Medals will be distributed shortly after the event or via post in August, 2026.

Checkpoints, cut offs & drink stations

The purpose of the checkpoints is to ensure the safety of the competitors. Call out your race distance, and run across the timing mat at each checkpoint. Failing to do so may result in disqualification. Competitors must take responsibility for their own nutritional needs and safety

during the event. 'Comfort foods' such as salty chips, lollies, water, Tailwind products and cola will be provided at the main aid stations and at the finish line.

Please refer to course maps for location of aid stations and water.

RACE RULES

- You must collect your race kit prior to Sunday July 26, 2026. If you cannot make the listed times below, contact the race director to make alternative arrangements. This year we have timing chips integrated into our bibs. If you do not collect your bib + kit prior to race day, you **CAN NOT** run. There will be no race day bib collection, no exceptions.
- You must check in on race day at the registration table.
- You must complete the marked course on foot under your own power.
- You must stay on the marked course. Short cuts are not permitted.
- Your race bib must be visible at all times on the **front** (and back for relay members) of your body.
- Closed-in shoes are mandatory for the Half Marathon, Marathon and 10km event.
- Earphones must be turned off when entering a checkpoint/aid station.
- If you need First Aid help on the course, you must attract the attention of another runner, or go to the nearest aid station, or to the finish line.
- If you withdraw from the event, report to the Race Director. Do not leave the course without informing someone!
- If another competitor is in trouble, you must stop to help them.
- You must obey all directions of race officials.
- All competitors will be allowed to finish the race in their own time – within reason. Race officials can, and will, withdraw competitors from the course if required.
- Use of profanity or aggression towards race officials or other competitors will result in immediate disqualification from the event. If you have an issue with the event management, speak directly to the Race Director, rather than the volunteers/marshals.
- McLeod Drive is the only closed road. All other roads will not be closed for this event. Obey all road rules and give way to vehicles and bicycles.
- Do Not Litter - put your rubbish in the bins provided at the drink stations and the start/finish.
- Pets/dogs anywhere along the course are **prohibited**.
- Prams are not permitted in the 42.2km, 22km and 10km races.
- Due to safety considerations, we do not allow bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades and animals (e.g. dogs) in any of the events.

- All decisions of Weipa Running Festival, Race Director are final. Weipa Running Festival, Race Director are the sole judges of fact. There is no right of appeal regarding any decision made by Weipa Running Festival, Race Director.

Breaking any of the rules may incur a time penalty or disqualification. Any such penalties are at the discretion of Weipa Running Festival - Race Directors, and are final.

RACE PACK COLLECTION

Thursday 9th July, 4-7pm @ Woolworths

Saturday 18th July, 9am-12pm @ Woolworths

Wednesday 22nd July, 5-7pm @ Kumrumja/Yoga

Saturday 25th July 9am-12pm @ Andoom Oval Canteen

*Times are subject to change. See our socials for up-to-date information.

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Contact us at racedirector@weiparunningfestival.org.au to make alternative arrangements.

VOLUNTEER AND RACE SUPPORT

Events like these don't just happen. Below is a list of positions we need to fill to ensure a safe and memorable race. Some of the duties happen before and after the event, so even if you are a competitor, you can still help out. Please encourage family and friends to help out and register at

<https://raceroster.com/events/2026/113419/weipa-running-festival-2026/volunteer>

Duties may include:

- Registration tasks
- Course marshals and drink station marshals
- Race sweeps for the marathon & half marathon course
- Photographers
- Breakfast delivery to aid station volunteers
- Floaters during the day

Volunteers are provided with mandatory safety PPE, breakfast, coffee and an after party drink voucher.

INSURANCE

Competitors are NOT covered by insurance. We recommend that you arrange your own personal accident insurance before participating in the event to cover any unforeseen personal costs you may incur due to travel, medical expenses or time off work due to injuries sustained whilst participating in the event.

MEDICAL ADVICE

Ensure that you are in good health and that you do not have any illness that will hinder your ability to complete the event. It is your responsibility to monitor your health and condition during the event and to withdraw from the event if you are no longer fit enough to continue. Whether you have a medical condition or not, if you feel unwell - don't race.

If you have any known medical condition(s) (such as diabetes, asthma, allergy to penicillin, etc.) please ensure you have written all your medical details, including any medication on the back of your race bib, include your Medicare number, next of kin and emergency contact details. This is not just an administrative request, it could be a matter of life and death in an emergency.

FIRST AID

Competitors must take responsibility for their own nutritional needs and safety during the event. **Ensure you know how to deal with a snake bite. It is mandatory for competitors in the Marathon, Half Marathon & 10km race to carry a smart snake bandage and a whistle.** A basic first aid kit is available at checkpoints and at the start/finish line. If you get injured, you must attract the attention of others out on the course.

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Please read this waiver carefully. Your ability to participate in the event is subject to your acceptance and agreement to the terms of the waiver below.

WARNING: This is a legal document that affects you and your family's rights.

1. I acknowledge that running and walking involves the real risk of injury or death from various causes which may include but is not limited to overexertion, dehydration, heart problems, disorientation, accidents with other participants, spectators, volunteers or road users, equipment failure, unforeseen events, the course, or the weather conditions.
2. I have read the conditions of entry for this event and I attest that I am sufficiently fit and have sufficiently trained for the exercise associated with the event I have chosen. I understand that I should not participate in the event unless a medical practitioner has verified my physical condition.
3. I am not aware of any medical condition or impairment that will be detrimental to my health if I participate in this event. In the event that I become aware of any medical condition or impairment or am otherwise sick or injured prior to the event, I will withdraw from the event.

(Optional) I will inform the organiser of my medical and/or physical conditions from which I suffer that might affect my performance or be relevant. I accept the risk of participating, despite these conditions.

4. By participating, I accept all risks necessarily flowing from my participation that could result in injury or death. Accordingly, I release all people associated with the conduct of the event from, and will indemnify them against, all liability (including liability for their negligence) for any and all injury, loss or damage arising out of or connected with my participation in these activities. For clarification, the people released include board members, coaches, organisers, sponsors, managers, government and public authorities, contractors, volunteers and medical and paramedical personnel supporting the event. This release and indemnity is perpetual and binds my heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.

5. I consent to receive any medical treatment that organisers or medical or paramedical personnel believe is necessary for my health because of illness or injuries suffered by me before, during or after the event.

6. I understand that the organiser does not provide health insurance for me, and I will bear all financial responsibility for all and any medical treatment arising from my participation in the event; including but not limited to ambulance, doctor, and hospital fees. I understand that I should have my own personal accident and ambulance cover (if applicable).

7. The organisers cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen valuables. I am fully responsible for the security of my personal possessions at the event.

8. I acknowledge that safety precautions undertaken by the organisers (such as event briefings, trail maps and signage, drink stations) are a service to me and the other participants but are not a guarantee of safety. I agree to abide by the conditions of the event as stated in the race rules and as directed by any volunteer or official involved with the event.

9. Entry information is to be collected into a database which is and shall remain the property of Weipa Running Festival Inc. The database will be used in the management of Weipa Running Festival Inc. and for the purpose of conducting the event.

10. I consent to the publication and/or use in any form of media whatsoever of my name, image, voice, statements or otherwise, before, during or after the Event whether for broadcast, telecast, advertising, promotion, or otherwise, without payment or compensation.

11. The organisers reserve the right to delay, alter or cancel any activities in the event of dangerous weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

12. Should the event be cancelled for any reason whatsoever I understand that entry fees in full or part may not be refunded and that no liability of any kind will attach to any person, corporation or body involved or otherwise engaged in promoting or staging the event.

13. My registration is not transferable to other people. If I am unable to compete, a request for refund of the registration fee must be submitted to the organiser at least one month prior to race day. A 25% administration fee applies to all refunds.

14. The organiser reserves the right to reject or disqualify any participant whose conduct is inappropriate to the spirit of Weipa Running Festival Inc. It is expected that each participant participates in the appropriate spirit.

15. The organisers reserve the right to make additions, changes or clarifications of these terms and conditions without prior notice to participants. The organisers will endeavour to advise participants of any changes, but any such change shall be considered effective for all participants whether or not the participant has received notice of the change prior to participation.

16. I acknowledge that the information on the online registration form or otherwise provided by me (or my parent/s or guardian/s, if under 18) to Weipa Running Festival Inc. is true and correct.

17. I have read the Terms and Conditions and the rules applicable to the event and I Agree (or I Agree on behalf of my child or ward) to comply with them.

18. By progressing with my registration and payment I accept the rules and conditions listed above.

Can I get a refund/Can I transfer my registration to another person? I am injured/sick/etc. and cannot run.

We appreciate that circumstances arise where you may no longer be able to participate in the event. Your registration is not transferable to other people nor can you hold it over to the next year's event. A request for refund of the registration fee must be submitted to Weipa Running Festival at least one month prior to race day. A 25% administration fee applies to all refunds. PLEASE cancel your registration or inform the race director if you can no longer compete.