

Cairns Road Runners Team Challenge, 16 September 2012

Race Director and Race Report: Lorraine Lawson

The results are in, and we now know who is 'the fastest in town'. Go the Cairns Road Runners! 40 teams (160 runners) participated in the Team Challenge on Sunday, 16 September 2012. Team Spirit was evident with great fancy dress costumes and corporate running outfits. A strong competitive drive saw the top 7 runners dusting off the 5km on the Esplanade in under 20 minutes! Ben Gehardy (17.54); Steve Cunningham (18.17); Keith Fearon (20.00) and Andrea Hargreaves (20.33) from the Cairns Road Runners Elected Team finishing up **FASTEST TEAM IN TOWN!** They were closely followed by the Tablelands Elite Team, who was crowned the Fastest Male Team in Town. The quickest female team, TRC Barbie Girls, was also from the Tablelands and with names like Glamour Barbie, Cheerleader Barbie, Combat Barbie and Sporty Barbie, one might have thought this team was coming along for the Best Dressed Prize! However, the Best Dressed Trophies were handed to the Zombie Nurses – who assured everyone they are in fact GOOD nurses from Cairns Base!

Size category prizes were awarded to Smithfield Dental (2 teams from a workplace with less than 12 employees!); AECOM, with four teams, took the prize for category 20-48 workers and Hinterland Aviation with 3 teams in category 49-200 employees got a prize too. The wonderful Cairns Road Runners turned up in force to take out the prize for the most teams entered in the 201-500 category (4 teams). Many other CRR members ran with their own companies. And Tablelands Regional Council brought down 5 teams to show up the CRC – who could manage only one team this year. McDonalds provided each of these competitors with a coffee voucher. Well done everyone!

As expected, competition was fierce between rival companies – and also between work mates – with the 5KMS A Short Circuit Team from JM Switchboard beating their girl team Megga Meter Maids – although the girls did come dressed for the occasion. Fit-looking TeamMoto Yamaha beat Wayne Leanard Motorcycles – the boys from Wayne Leanard only need to knock off 1 minute of their time each to be in line for a win next year! Good try, boys. There was also a great challenge between Black & More, AECOM and Aurecon, with Black & More (who by the way consisted of four CRR members), beating the four AECOM teams and the two Aurecon teams by coming in third overall. Who will you challenge for next year's event, and will you beat them? Join the winning team – the Cairns Road Runners! Only \$35 for 2013 membership and you get the rest of this year's events at CRR prices.

Special mention goes to the group of CRR Beginner Runners who came along today – some doing their first 5km race! Well done Donna Baker, Maudi Bennett, Fatima Borges, Nicola Ellis, Tammy Kiefer, Wendy Mackay, Nadia Mead, Tina Reagon, Hazel Restrivera and Helen Simpson. And with them, the volunteers who helped at the Clinics – Steve Bailey, Dave Berry and Jim Cavill.

A big thank you to major sponsor CBC Staff Selection, who provided cash donations for medals and trophies and also merchandise give-aways to all teams. CRC provided in kind support in venue hire. Various other sponsors made the day a great event to pick up a prize from a local company. The list of prizes are on our website. Shedboss brought out the tongs and cooked up a sausage sizzle for the competitors. Thanks!

The event was only possible with the help of all the wonderful volunteers. Setup/pack up – David von Senden, Larry Lawson and Jim Cavill. The finish line – Taras Jakubovsky, Kylie, and Marco Kiefer. Registration and recording – Lorraine Lawson, Maudi Bennett, Chrissy Ratcliffe, Lauren Sunner and Peter Morris.

The next Cairns Road Runners event is the Canine Challenge on 23 September. Check out the Cairns Road Runners website for full race results and details of upcoming events.

Results:

Overall placing	Team Name	Time in seconds	Category	Category Placing	Challenge
1	Cairns Road Runners	4624	Mixed Team	1	Cairns Crocs – who said they were out of town doing a triathlon...
2	Tablelands Elite	5249	Male Team	1	
3	Black & More Crazy Horses	5374	Male Team	2	Beat AECOM and Aurecon
4	TeamMoto Yamaha	5375	Male Team	3	Beat Wayne Leanard Motorcycles
5	AECOM 1	5527	Male Team	4	Better luck next year
6	Government Cutbacks	5565	Mixed Team	2	
7	Wayne Leanard Motorcycles	5635	Mixed Team	3	Better luck next year
8	AECOM 4	5873	Mixed Team	4	Beat Aurecon Mixed, but not Black & More
9	Aurecon Mixed	5921	Mixed Team	5	Better luck next year
10	AC Solar Warehouse	6021	Mixed Team	6	
11	Fit Feet	6145	Mixed Team	7	
12	The Wallers and more	6200	Mixed Team	8	
13	Hinterland Aviation 2	6347	Male Team	5	
14	AECOM 2	6478	Male Team	6	Better luck next year
15	TRC Barbie Girls	6526	Female Team	1	
16	Tooth Faeries1	6956	Mixed Team	9	
17	Shedboss Bandits	7020	Male Team	7	
18	Tooth Faeries2	7055	Mixed Team	10	
19	5KMS A Short Circuit	7081	Best Dressed	1	Beat Megga Meter Maids
20	AECOM 3	7134	Mixed Team	11	Better luck next year
21	JCU Gals	7274	Female Team	2	
22	Tablelands Tortoises	7293	Mixed Team	12	
23	Red Hot Go	7329	Female Team	3	
24	CBC Staff Selection	7368	Mixed Team	13	
25	Aurecon Ladies	7390	Female Team	4	Better luck next year
26	Team Present Continuous	7390	Mixed Team	14	
27	Dirty 30's	7618	Female Team	5	
28	Health Kicks	7786	Mixed Team	15	
29	Beginner Runners 2	8100	Best Dressed	2	
30	Zombie Nurses	8138	Best Dressed	3	Best Dressed Winner
31	Hinterland Aviation 3	8145	Mixed Team	16	
32	Wilde Ones	8244	Mixed Team	17	
33	Beginner Runners 1	8690	Best Dressed	4	
34	Dark Horses	8760	Mixed Team	18	
35	Fleeing Felines	10239	Best Dressed	5	
36	MOGC mates	10275	Female Team	6	
37	Megga Meter Maids	11151	Best Dressed	6	
38	Last Minute Runners (3 team members only)	4727	Mixed Team	19	
39	Hinterland Aviation (3 team members only)	6036	Mixed Team	20	