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Hi Everyone,

Next Run – Sunday 6 January 2008

As many of you will recall, we reluctantly had to cancel this event in 2007 due to the bush fire crisis. With heavy snow falls so far this winter, things are looking good for a great run in 2008.

The 2008 Race Pack is now on the website – click [here](#) to download it. There are 60 spots available, and it is first in first served, provided you can meet the criteria regarding experience. Note that we will be preserving 45 spots for entrants in the full Bogong to Hotham option until 1 December.

You'll also notice that subject to our being able to get adequate volunteers to act as sweepers, and provided the weather is good, we'll be allowing runners to choose a "light kit" gear option. HOWEVER, it is vitally important that you train and bring with you the full kit so that you will be able to still participate in the event should it be required.

Twin Cities Radio & Electronics Club

When we cancelled the 2007 run, quite a large number of runners elected to donate their entry fee to the Twin Cities Radio & Electronics Club, whose members provide the valuable wireless safety net, without which the run would not take place.

A few weeks ago, I was privileged to attend a meeting of radio club members and present them with a cheque for \$1265. To be quite frank, we were all blown away by the amount; so a big thanks to those who generously donated their fee in this manner. The money will be put to very good use in upgrading equipment, which not only helps with our event, but also forms part of the vital emergency communications system in the area.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed on race day to assist at the various check points. If you know anyone who can help in this area, would you please put them in touch with Volunteer Coordinator Greg Sargeant – phone (02) 6026-8948 or email sarge@iinet.net.au?

In addition, we need 4 sweepers to follow the runners as part of our safety arrangements. One pair will cover the first half of the course and a second pair will cover the

second half. Sweepers will need to maintain a steady pace carrying a small backpack for up to 9 hours. If you can run a marathon in 4 to 4-1/2 hours, you should have adequate pace. Familiarity with the course is a bonus; however map and course notes will be provided.

Sweepers will be guaranteed entry into a future Bogong to Hotham event (which includes shorter options), and will pay no entry fee. Contact John Lindsay on 0419 103 928 or email jlindsa1@bigpond.net.au.

Tip: The Western States Endurance Run in the USA requires entrants to provide proof that they have put in 8 hours serving in a volunteer capacity for an ultra event. Those who intend to run Western States in 2008 may wish to use Bogong to Hotham as an opportunity to meet their WS service requirement.

Communications Officer

(I've received the following note from current Communications Officer John Lindsay)

Michael, I will be retiring from my job early next year. My wife Olga and I plan on spending some time overseas and then returning to Australia to join the ranks of the "grey nomads" traveling around Australia with a caravan.

At this stage we don't know how long we'll do this for, but it's likely to be a number of years. It's too early to say how this will affect our involvement with the Bogong to Hotham Run, but it is highly likely that 2008 will be the last one I will be able to physically attend for some time. The best outcome for the event would be for someone else to take over the role of Communications Officer after the 2008 event. Ideally my replacement will be able to work with us for the 2008 event, which will make it an easier transition for 2009 and subsequent years.

To find out more about what's involved, contact John Lindsay (see contact details above).

Good luck with your training.

Michael Grayling
Race Director

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