

## 2011 Volunteer Debrief

### Minutes

18 November 2011 Fascine Lodge Carnarvon.  
 Scheduled start: 6pm

#### Attendees:

Peter Barrett, Brooke Anthony, Paul Kelly, Stephanie Kelly, James Kelly, Ted Schultz, Stan, Bob Lawer, Trevor Corrigan, Glenda Sullivan, Wayne Reece, Mrs Bell, Jay Smith, Brett Renton, Chelsea Renton, Leaca Smith, Bob Smith, Lorraine Martin (St Johns), Rick Andreoli, Paul Dixon (Sandhurst Security), Peter and Vicki Bell, Garry and partner

1. Ted Schultz welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming
2. Paul Kelly acknowledged there were many, many good things to come out of the 2011 Dash and that the volunteers were responsible for the successful running of the event. Kelly explained purpose.
  - These sessions tend to look at what can be improved but I think as importantly we need to ID things we did well so we can keep doing them
  - Only looking for suggestions we are not here tonight to analyse
    - i. If someone has a particular interest and wants to form or be part of a sub-committee to solve please nominate
  - No right or wrong answers
  - It is the question you don't or the suggestion you don't put forward ask that could be the most important
3. Start.

20 people in attendance including Lorraine from St Johns. Lorraine thanked the club for the great manner in which they are received and treated over the weekend. Paul Kelly thanked St John's for their outstanding commitment to the event.

Positives	Could be improved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canteen</li> <li>• Outside vendors (coffee, pizza)</li> <li>• SuG rubbish collection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly mark "no go" camping areas</li> <li>• Park cars at front of civic centre after scrutiny</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crowd Controllers</li> <li>• Format worked well</li> <li>• Help on Monday</li> <li>• No injuries</li> <li>• Pits</li> <li>• Toilets / showers clean</li> <li>• Bar</li> <li>• St Johns</li> <li>• Registration / scrutiny</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Close Camel Lane for car display</li> <li>• Delineate bar area – police have suggested</li> <li>• No smoking under cover – against law</li> <li>• Scheduling of jobs throughout year and on weekend</li> <li>• Paint first aid box and shade at rear to reduce heat transfer through metal</li> <li>• Live coverage</li> <li>• More help on Monday – roster</li> <li>• More river</li> <li>• Hire cars needed to be pooled and not issued to one person exclusively</li> <li>• Shredder for bar tickets</li> <li>• Brief volunteers on do's and don'ts same as competitors</li> <li>• Vests to be worn whilst on duty. Tshirts to be held back until Sunday afternoon</li> <li>• More Team Leaders</li> <li>• Fuel Points to be better marked/prepared</li> <li>• Entertainment – consider kids needs</li> <li>• Track marking – consistency</li> <li>• Need Pit Marshall.</li> <li>• Need shade in Pits</li> <li>• Replace mobile lighting with fixed</li> <li>• Scrutiny – allocate specific times</li> <li>• Volunteers signed on then went missing for weekend</li> <li>• Some officials rude to other volunteers – appreciate may be under pressure but not good enough</li> <li>• Bigger canteen</li> <li>• Infrastructure scaleable</li> <li>• Skip bin at rear of bar</li> <li>• Needs formal CROs</li> <li>• Need delegated Camp</li> </ul>
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	manager for weekend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly define refuelling area at camp</li> <li>• All checkpoint personnel to attend briefings</li> <li>• DVD highlights in evening</li> </ul>
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Stephanie Kelly also advises she and 3 or 4 other people have offered to manage volunteers and certain aspects of administration.

Bob Smith brought up a good point – “the club needs to act like a club”. Ted Schultz agreed and suggested activities outside the Dash or Dash related activities anyone could join in – busy bees, small race etc.

Paul Kelly asked Bob to raise this at the AGM as it was a very valid point. Kelly advised AGM would be sometime after 31 December and in accordance with constitution.

4. Paul Kelly recommends the 2012 format be the same as 2011 but with 50 to 80kms of river probably on day 2. Look to add the extra 50km leg into day 1. Dates 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011.
5. Paul Kelly advised the Event Management Team in 2012 should be expanded to include leaders for;
  - Event Director/Admin - Chair
  - Volunteer Manager
  - Finance Manager
  - Sponsorship/fundraising Manager
  - Media Manager

This covers major segments of the Dash business and several of the critical positions went unfilled in 2011.

6. Introduce out and back concept.

Paul Kelly discussed considering an out and back race format similar to the highly successful Finke. At some stage during talk the BBQ catch fire and line of thought may have been lost on attendees. Put simply;

- Start race at say Carnarvon Race Club (CRC) to Coonatha on banks of Gascoyne River (south side)
- Overnight camp on Saturday at Coona
- Race back down river from Coona to CRC
- Benefits
  - The organisers concentrate on the business of running a successful safe race

- Local businesses provide bar services, food etc with a licence fee paid to Club
- Race Command is centralised in Carnarvon for the duration of event
- Teams are mobilised from Carnarvon daily to manage checkpoints/fuel stops at the Carnarvon end of the course
- No stop over at Rocky Pool. Cars would need a small time allowance to adjust tyre pressures. Fuel would be taken on the "race time"
- This format works for Finke who put upwards of 500 bikes and 100 cars through the start

Paul Kelly asks attendees to consider proposal and to bring any questions to AGM or contact him or Ted Schultz.

7. What next?

- Planning for 2012 commenced week after 2011 Dash
    - i. Rolling planner reviewed
    - ii. All positions are vacant
8. Closed by thanking all for coming
9. Attendees enjoyed and BBQ meal and drinks

**Special thanks to Peter and Brooke and the Fascine Lodge owners for providing a great venue and the meal.**