

White Balloon Day Coastal
- Semaphore -
Fri Sept 10th 2021



Welcome to the 6th year running of our popular White Balloon Day Coastal event. Distances include 10km, 21.1km half marathon & a 42.2km full marathon.

Event Rules>>

Have fun...lots of fun!! #coastalfunruns.

****Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic please be aware of the following restrictions in place for this event.**

Physical distancing, or social distancing principles still apply. Every person should attempt to stay at least 1.5 metres from other members of the public.

We have a Step 3 COVID-Safe Plan in place and also your COVID Marshal for this event is Chris Glacken.

Please try and keep the social distancing of 1.5 metres at all times even when on course with other runners if possible.

We will provide hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes at the start/finish for all to use before and after your run.

You will need to use your mobile to check-in to our unique QR Code using the mySA GOV app. If you don't have a mobile or the app you will need to check-in with our volunteers and leave your name and contact number.

There is an 8 hour cut-off time for all distances (and a very late start option for the marathon with prior notice). Plenty of time so relax, run/walk well and see you at the finish safely.

If you do need to rest or walk do so but please be aware of other runners and stay to the left.

This is not a closed course so please be aware of all other users.

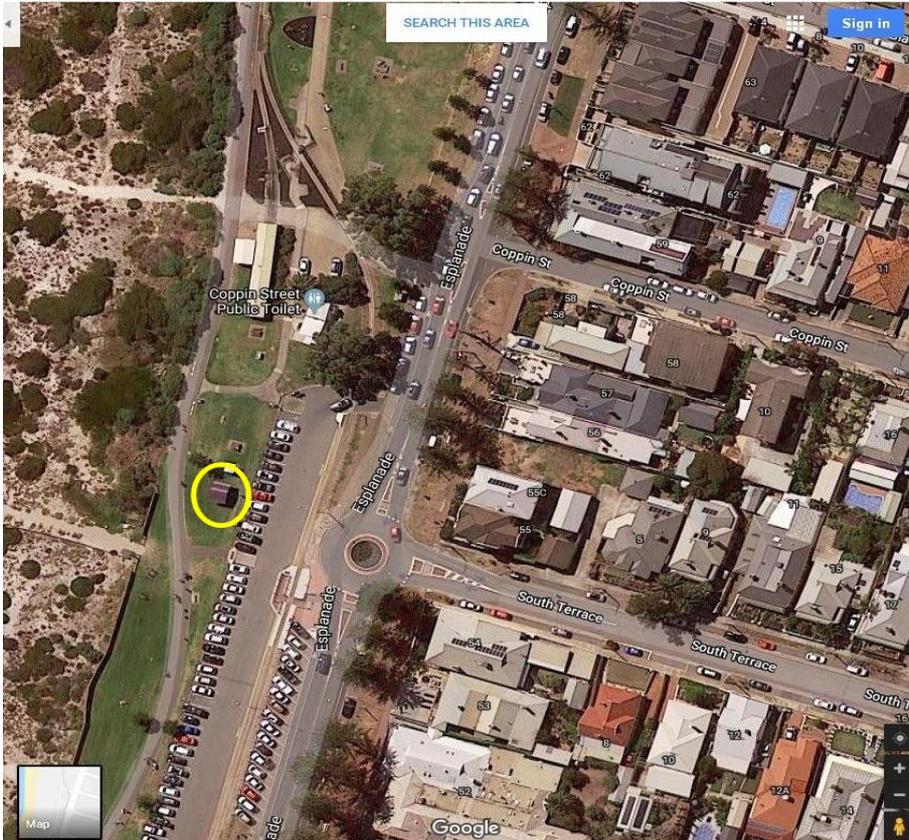
Entry>>

Registrations are online and will close Wed Sept 8th at midday (unless noted otherwise).

The Start>>

The start line and check-in has been moved from our usual Semaphore location. In future the start/finish location will be located approx 300 metres south of the existing location. This will not affect any of our current distances available. The new location is opposite South Tce Semaphore. There are toilets within metres and also an undercover area for our volunteers. (see picture).

This means the start and check-in is now located approx 200 metres SOUTH of the Semaphore Jetty.





Start/Finish

Schedule>>

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42.2km - 6:00am - \$35 (A very late start option is available with prior notice)

21.1km - 6:00am - \$30

10km - 6:00am - \$20

****It may still be dark for our 6:00am start so if unfamiliar with the course you may require a headlamp or torch initially.**

Please arrive to check-in and have your name taken and collect your bib and pins at least 20-30 minutes prior to your distance starting time so you are ready for the race briefing.

Check-in will open from 5:15am on the morning for bib collection for all runners.

Bibs will not be mailed out and need to be collected from the check-in area on the day.

Please be aware we start on time and cannot wait for any late comers. If you are late your time will be recorded from GUN time.

Race briefing AND group photo will be 15mins SHARP before the advertised start time.

****Just an update effective from March 1st 2021. We are very low cost, low key with a heavy focus on the fun and enjoyment of running. We continue to remain as flexible as possible with most rules and regulations, but at the same time there is a need to add the following guidelines effective immediately. To keep some level of professionalism we need to set some fixed rules in place. All runners must start at the scheduled start time for all distances at all events.**

Any early starts are only allowable with good reason by prior arrangement with coastalfunruns at least 24 hours before the event start time. You must also stay in the distance you nominated and registered for and cannot decide to drop back to a shorter distance or run a longer distance without prior arrangement with coastalfunruns at least 24 hours before the event start time. This ensures our medal count and bib allocation is correct for all distances and makes our volunteers work much easier including the recording of finish times as we currently use a manual timing system.

The Course>>

For the half & full marathon distance the course is a 10.55km AIMS measured loop course with the start/finish and one aid station situated in the middle. You will pass the station approximately every 5km.

The course consists of an approx 6.40km northern loop followed by a 4.15km southern loop.

You will start on the coastal walk/bike path in front of the new location (approx 200 metres south of the Semaphore Jetty) and head north and finish from the south onto the lawn.

There will no longer be purple cones placed at turn-around points. We will have yellow paint distance markers on the left hand side of the path at all turn around points and pink ribbons tied to the tree or post on the left hand side next to the paint markers.

Here is a link showing the same full marathon course used at a recent similar event.

<https://www.strava.com/activities/3043631477>

The gpx file is available upon request also.

On the southern loop the path splits into two for a few metres on several occasions. Please take the left option both out and back as this is how the course was measured.

**** Just a note regarding the new Semaphore Foreshore bypass footpath around the outside of the Palais Hotel.**

Just north of the start/finish the path now directs left around the back (ocean side) of the Deck in front of the Palais Hotel.

THIS REDIRECTION IS ONLY FOR CYCLISTS SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO RUN STRAIGHT AHEAD AS PER OUR NORMAL COURSE BETWEEN THE PALAIS HOTEL AND THE DECK AS PER THE SIGNS.

(please be careful of anyone entering or leaving the hotel in this area).



The half marathoners will run 2 laps whilst the full marathoners will run 4 laps.

The course for the 10km will be explained on the morning at the briefing. It will run on the same above listed course but with an earlier northern turn around point for an out & back northern loop of 5.85kms. The southern loop remains the same as above.

The Race Director will explain in further detail the course and turn-around points for each particular distance at the race briefing.

Aid Station/Toilets/Water Taps>>

The aid station is located at the start/finish which you will pass approx every 5kms. We will provide water, powerade, coke, chips, lollies etc which will be handed out by our volunteers as you pass through the start/finish area.

Please be aware we are now cup free (a few cups will still be provided however)

Toilets are available at the start/finish area and also about 1km both north and south.

There are also several drinking fountains and showers in each direction both north and south along the path.

Timing>>

As this is a low cost, low key event there is no timing chip but your bib and time will be recorded as you cross the finish area.

Please make sure you wear your bib on the front so it is clearly visible and easy for the volunteers to record.

When convenient please confirm you have a finish time recorded with our volunteers.

Safety>>

Be mindful this is a shared path so please watch out for other walkers, walkers with dogs, runners, bikes, prams etc. and it is advised to keep left where possible.

Drop Bags>>

There will be an area at the start/finish under the shelter to leave your bags but please don't leave any valuables as no responsibility can be taken for them. If you need to use your own food, drinks etc. for the run you can leave them in your bags to utilize on your way through the start/finish area.

MP3/iPODS>>

These devices are allowed, however please try and use only one earpiece so as you can hear other path users and instructions from marshals etc.

Finish>>

Once you have crossed the finish line on the grass please keep moving forward before collecting your medal so as to not obstruct other finishers. Before finishing please make sure your bib is CLEARLY visible on your front so as to make it easy for our volunteer timekeepers to record your bib number and time.

Photos>>

We now no longer have an official event photographer (but would welcome someone willing) but hopefully we will have someone or at least our volunteers to take some photos. Please remember to smile even if you are hurting.

There will be the usual group photos for each distance (observing the 1.5m social distancing rules) before the race so please be ready when called over.

Presentation>>

There will be no award presentation for this particular event, apart from the awarding of the trophies at the briefing.

Bibs & Medals>>

EVERY finisher of EVERY distance at EVERY event will receive a medal on crossing the finish line.

“coastalfunruns” is “THE ORIGINAL” series of annual low cost, low key community coastal fun running events held in South Australia and proudly supporting both the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF) & Bravehearts.

Our costs are probably already the lowest in Australia and will remain so as the fixed EARLYBIRD price.

We do encourage all runners/walkers to enter as early as possible to ensure a smoother event day and to assist our volunteers work load on the day.

Finisher medals and bibs need to be ordered at least one week from the event date to ensure they arrive on time. Online entries will remain open until midday 3 days before each event (unless noted otherwise).

There will be NO “on the day” late entries.

Theme>>

For this event we will have a "WHITE" theme trophy for whoever best represents this theme.

First Place Medals>>

At this stage there are no first place medals on offer in this event for either male or female. The event is all about participation and fun but we do however occasionally offer extra medals.

Results>>

Results will be made available as soon as possible after the event and posted at www.coastalfunruns.com

Results will be provisional and become final 3 days after posting online.

Event Parking>>

There is a large car park within metres of the start/finish area.

There is also plenty of available space with all day parking along the esplanade.

Sponsors>>

We are still currently looking for sponsors for all future coastalfunruns events.

Volunteers>>

We are still in need of volunteers for this event especially with timing if anyone is free? If anyone is available to take a few photos please also let us know.

Any other queries please call 0402 441 277

CHEERS THANKYOU AND ENJOY☺

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White Balloon Facebook event page is here...

<https://www.facebook.com/events/579696892997483>

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<https://www.strava.com/clubs/327098>

Facebook "team BRAVERUNNER" group is here...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/406678329694875>

