

Rainbow Beach Trail Run and Walk

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by Peter Lewis

The Rainbow Beach Trail Run, for the first time, had a walking section. In the longer event, a 45 km walk, 5 fellas and 2 women lined up. Dad and son, the Morgan clan, won these events in the male sections of the walks, hogging the top placings.

The picturesque surroundings were a constant tease to the competition, with shade most of the way during the event. Some of the birdlife sighted were the Brush Turkey, the spectacular Grey Goshawk, Wampoo Fruit Dove and the Green Catbird was heard, but remained unsighted. In the 52 km run, 4 men and 3 women lined up, dealing with the 7 km of beach as their first leg of the competition. There were several battles going on during the events as can be seen at the half way point, but the scenery was always there, crying out for our attention.

In the 15 km walk, another first time event, organisers successfully attracted 14 competitors. Nicholas Morgan won the male walk in 2:05:03, while Judy Moller won the female walk in 2:04:32. Bob Hill with a commendable 2nd at 2:05:40. Greg Moller was 3rd male with 2:21:09. Charlie Hall lapped up the scenery to come in 4th with the 5th male walker half an hour behind. The 30 km gut buster saw Corrie Davel 6th in 3:21:48 and Bob Burns 7th in 3:22:27. Lyn Lewis earned 2nd in 2:44:34 in the female section of the gut buster.

52 km Trail Run

Competitor	34 km Time	Finish Time
Malcolm Buchanan	2:27	4:26
Ed Matterson	2:24	4:36:36
Maureen O'Loughlin (F)	2:27	5:10:54
Grahame Walker	3:01	5:22:32
Kumi Kato (F)	3:07	5:29
Rainer Neumann	3:06	5:55:07
Vicki Tanner (F)	3:29	6:42:41

45 km Trail Walk

Competitor	Half Way Time	Finish Time
Rod Morgan	2:55	6:06:17
Arthur Cox	2:58	6:28:03
Kerrie Hall (F)	3:31:05	7:22:08
Ron Grant	3:34	7:22:08
Melanie Jonker (F)	3:34	7:31:58
Les Skiller	3:34	7:57:56
Peter Lewis	3:38:44	7:57:56