

11th ROTTNEST MARATHON & FUN RUN - 24th October 2004



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Mark Page has made the Rottnest Marathon his own by recording his sixth consecutive win in a time of 2.42.34. A broken toe had put him out of the Perth Marathon and a recent calf injury saw Mark succumb to cramps towards the end of the marathon (*or was it that he hadn't paid the piper????*) but this did not prevent him from getting his name again on the Ray Brown trophy alongside **Dawn Penney**. Dawn, second in the Perth Marathon, was challenged by **Janet Coote** and **Janet Kelly** at various times through the race but held on to win in a time of 3.24.30 with Janet Kelly (winner in 1997 & 1999) second in a time of 3.26.25 and Janet Coote (3.27.07) third. **Will Withers** did the reverse to Dawn, he won the Perth Marathon but was second to Mark in a time of 2.48.32 with **Tony Stahl** (2.55.11) third.

Of the 139 entries, one did not start, thirteen DNF'd (many of these using the event as a long training run for the Busselton Ironman at the end of November, with no intention of completing the full marathon), 125 finished with 61 completing their first Rottnest Marathon and 7 having completed all eleven events; **Ken Dacre** (3.45.10), **Paul Kelly** (3.46.06), **John Davies**

(3.46.51), **Stephen McGrath** (3.47.42), **Joe Clark-Murphy** (3.48.12), **Brian Danby** (4.05.52) and **Gary Harris** (4.55.34). A total of 537 people have now completed at least one Rottnest Marathon (345 have only done the one). **Des Mallon** was presented with a special award to commemorate his tenth Rottnest Marathon.



Dollar Girls: Glenda Lawrence, Chanelle Carter, Mick Francis, Jacqui McGovern and Karen Riley.

The sight and sound of a lone piper standing on top of Armstrong Hill was so authentic it was enough to make you believe the Harry McFordyce myth may be true (*see www.wamc.org.au for the full story*) – in fact it give me goose bumps as I passed as the lead cyclist on the first lap. The fiery red hair flowing in the breeze was also a nice touch. **Peter Fallon** (Club Member No.32) has lifted the bar for future Harry McFordyce's. In support of "Harry", the dollar girls **Karen Riley**, **Glenda Lawrence** and **Chanelle Carter**, again excelled with their costume changes and recruiting **Jacqui McGovern** and our first male "dollar girl", **Mick Francis** to assist.

FUN RUN

The recently appointed Rottnest Island Authority CEO, Paolo Amaranti (Club Member No.7495) fired the starting pistol to get the fun run under way at 10.30am. The strong winds may have deterred some day-trippers from coming over as the numbers were down from the exceptional turnout last year, however, the wind didn't bother **Dave Manning** (15.57) who was a clear winner in the 5k with **Scott Brown** second (16.44) beating his time last year by 26 seconds and **Samuel May** (18.18) third.

Todd Ingraham was hoping for a trifecta this year (currently he is the Rottnest Marathon record holder 2.29.24, the Rottnest 5k record holder 15.33 and was hoping for the 10k record) but whilst winning the 10k in a time of 33.24, he fell short of the record (32.10). The evergreen **Trevor Scott** (35.18) was comfortably second and **Michael Dymnicki** (36.32) third. **Susan Zlnay** (40.15) another evergreen, led the women home for her 3rd win in the 10k, followed for the second year by **Chanelle Carter** (40.42) and **Kate Trench** (41.15). Kate was hoping to do the marathon but injuries hampered her preparation and she had to settle for the 10k.

SPONSORS

This event would not exist without the assistance from the sponsors. Unfortunately, an administrative hiccup saw us miss out on the cash sponsorship from **Coca Cola** this year but they were able to supply the Powerade and spring water used during the event. Minor cash sponsorship was received from **Snickers** for sampling rights of their new “Snickers marathon bars”.

Other significant contributors were **Hillarys Fast Ferries, Rottnest Express & Boat Torque** by transporting all our helpers (including the 30 Cadets, the first aiders, masseurs, piper, photographers and sponsor) and equipment used for the event; **Rottnest Island Authority** by waiving the landing fee for the helpers; **Rottnest Island Business Community** by assisting with funding and the organisation; **Transfield Services** by storing the equipment used and the provision of a vehicle for our exclusive use; **Red Rooster** who distribute our entry forms through their outlets; the product sponsors who provide the prizes, namely, **Brooks, Runner’s World, Ryders Eyewear, Michelangelo Hair Salon, Polar Heart Rate Monitors** and **Goundrey Fine Wines**.

The WAMC is indebted to these sponsors for their invaluable support.

Bob Braid
Race Director