

The 2009 Cunnamulla Games Venues

The Cooper Creek to Cunnamulla Bike Ride starts at Cooper Creek, 470km west of Cunnamulla deep in the Bulloo Shire. Organisers will ensure you understand the road you will be riding on, most of which is single-lane bitumen, coming in to double lanes after Thargomindah. There are plenty of grids to cross during the trek and it is recommended that participants walk their bikes across rather than risk a fall. Although there is not much traffic out this way, it is advisable to get off your bike when you hear a vehicle approaching. To date there has been no accidents, and through careful planning and adherence to the safety instructions we would hope our sound record continues. Other information that riders have asked, is the water safe to drink – throughout the west, bore water predominantly, with some rain water, is used for drinking purposes. The bore water is very pure; however has a slight sulphur smell to it, once cold the smell tends to disappear.

All camping venues are on grassed areas and fenced, with meals being provided by caterers and locals pubs.

The Cunnamulla Swimming Pool is an Olympic 50m pool situated within the confines of a fenced area that has a kiosk and paddle pool for children. Spectators have the option to view the events from a grandstand or grassed area.

Athletics events, 10km run and 5km walk will be an out and back event along the bitumen Weir Road, which runs alongside the Warrego River. All participants will be asked to meet at Centenary Park next to the information centre prior to the event. Both of these events are finals, therefore all participants will leave at the same time. The athletes will need to cross two roads, Louise and Alice Sts, giving way to cross traffic at Louise Street. There will be a water stop at the 5km mark, so 10km competitors will not be able to miss the turnaround spot.

Ballgames will be held in front of the Paroo Shire Hall in conjunction with the closing ceremony at the corner of Jane and Stockyard Sts. Markings on the grass will ensure that the captain and team know where to stand and where to race too, to complete each event.

Kayaking will be held on the beautiful Warrego River, with participants meeting at the north side of the Darby Land Bridge on the grassed area. Parking is available on either side of Louise St, leading up to the bridge. The event will travel north up the river for a kilometer and back again, with the bridge marking the finishing spot. Spectators can watch from the levy banks or on the south side of the bridge. As there is no walkway on the north side of the bridge it is not advisable to watch the race from this vantage point.

Polocrosse will be held at the Cunnamulla Showgrounds, north side of Emma Street, on the eastern side of town. A bar and eatery will be available both Saturday and Sunday, with showers and toilets available on site for campers. For spectators, there are several small seating stands, as well as a vantage point from

the bar area which is shaded. Plenty of parking space is available within the venue.

Darts will be held at the historic Cunnamulla Hotel, corner of Stockyard and Jane Sts, parking is available at the rear of the pub or along the main street. During the day, counter meals will be available for your convenience.

Cycling will be held at varying venues across the town, with the 40km road race and the 20km time trial starting at the front gate of John Kerr Park in Louise St. This will be an out and back event across the bridge on the Bulloo Development Road with a vehicle stationed at the turnaround point. This road will not be closed for the event, so riders will need to ensure that safety directions are followed to the tenth degree. Vehicles at both ends of the ride will ensure that oncoming traffic is aware of the event. The criterium event will start out the front of IGA in John St, with all roads traffic closed, competitors will circle the central business district which is about a 650m lap.

The mountain bike event will be held at Bandy Paddock, which is approx. 3km north of Cunnamulla along the old Charleville Road. To ensure you know where you are going for this event, it would be wise to meet up with someone prior to the event that can show you how to get there. The track is an old Motorcross trail, with plenty of bumps, mounds and sharp corners, sure to make an exciting feature to any competitive racing.

Touch Football will be held at John Kerr Park, in Louise St Cunnamulla. This beautifully kept park has soft green turf and the option for vehicles to enter via another entrance for easier access to the facilities. Always a good option for spectators with young children, who want to watch the action without the need to transport everyone from the car to the grandstand. There is the option for a kiosk, but at this stage the Masters are unsure if we will be able to find someone who will provide food and beverages for the event – watch this space. The grandstand is available for spectators to view the action, depending on numbers for this event a decision will be made to create one or two fields closer to the event.

Masters Golf will be held at the Cunnamulla Golf Club, which is on par with many of the best regional Golf Clubs in Queensland. A stately Queenslander with open verandahs creates a welcoming atmosphere, with eighteen fairways, nine of which are grassed winding along the magnificent Warrego River. To get there, travel west across the Darby Land Bridge for about 300 metres, turn right for about 200metres, and you will see the sign on the eastern side of the road. Follow the track down through the gum trees, across a couple of gullies and you will be there. The Opening Ceremony will be held at this venue on Friday evening, so ensure you make good use of our local taxi service which will drop you out and pick you up. “Emkay” will provide the entertainment for this evening so if your not to sore from the bikeride, put on your dancing shoes and come and have a great time.

The Adventure Race is a new addition to the Masters event, and the Committee has decided on the format, but at this stage is unsure of the track. We would like

the race to cross the Warrego River at least four times, via swim, run, kayak, cycle legs, to allow spectators to view the event without moving from this position. At this stage we will meet at the Darby Land Bridge, on the grassed area closest to town. Parking for spectators is available on Louise St. For further details watch this space and we will update in the near future.

The Clay Target Shooting event will take place at the Cunnamulla Clay Target Club, on the Charleville road, east of town, and south of the Cunnamulla Race track. There are limited facilities for campers at this venue, with showers and toilets provided. Food and beverages will be available from Friday evening through to Sunday evening, including breakfast, lunch and dinner.