

Carnivale Metrogaine Organisers Report May 21st 2006

The first Port Douglas Carnivale Metrogaine was held on a Sunny Sunday 21st of May. We had 54 participants which was a fantastic turnout, mostly made up of keen Rogaine members and also a few locals.

This was the first Metrogaine for the Port and also the first Rogaine that Max and I had organised and we hope to make this an annual event for future years.

We would like to thank the Port Douglas Surf Life Saving Club for the use of their facilities as well as their help with the catering. We'd also like to thank "Otz Catering", for the yummy burgers they supplied. A big thank you to Mike Coleman for all his help in showing Max and I how to organize and run a Rogaine and also for his help with teaching us how to use the computer program. We'd also like to thank Wendy & Josh for their wonderful help on the day!

Thank you to our sponsors "Quicksilver Connections", "Windswell Kite Surfing", "Pure Massage", "Adventure Equipment", "It's Extreme" and "Pages Bookshop" for the gift vouchers & giveaways and for their support.

Max and I had much fun in deciding where to put the checkpoints, and even more fun when it came to hiding the stickers. We are all ready looking forward to next years Metrogaine as we have many locations for checkpoints that we didn't get to use.

I think the best check point was the 50 green pipes next to the sports field! There were many people crawling in and out of pipes looking for a sticker the size of a ten cent piece. As you can imagine there were a few distressed competitors at this check point!

Unfortunately, we had one team ending up at Mossman Hospital needing stitches! The team member had a nasty run in with the gutter & came off second best. Thankfully "Paul Tuckett" from team "God's must be crazy" was on hand to provide first aid. A big Thank you to Paul and I hope the casualty is making a quick recovery so she can get back in the field ASAP.

Overall, the Metrogaine was a success and much fun was had by all!

- **Sarah Hughes & Max Bernstone**