



**Karunjie Newsletter # 13**

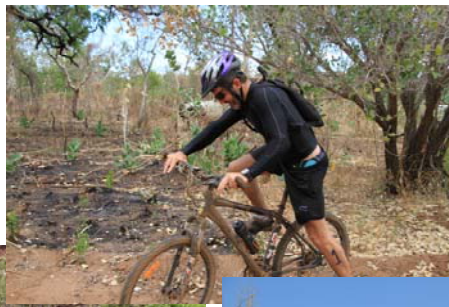


**Shut Up!!! That was incredible....spectacular location, challenging course, fabulous company and incredible hospitality from the management and staff of the Lake Argyle Resort. I'm still buzzing with excitement with what you have helped create; the very first adventure race set on Lake Argyle. Brilliant – *like selling beer in bottles.* Brilliant. It'll become the benchmark that other race events are measured in terms of beautiful wilderness locations, gut wrenching difficulty and competitive spirit. Well done ladies and gentlemen, you were Legend.....*wait for it.....keep waiting for it.....dary.* Legendary.**

**If you haven't caught the drift of my sentiment – I'm thrilled with our event and the interest we've generated. It achieved everything I hoped by showcasing the unrealised potential for adventure racing in the Kimberley and drawing together wonderful competitors from far and wide to become enthusiastic advocates for our remarkable race event. Tell your mates. Tell your family. Tell anyone who'll listen. Then tell your boss you're taking next September off and bring your mates, bring your family and anyone else half mad enough and let's all do it again next year!!**

**There were a host of memorable moments and I'm sure, more than just a few dark thoughts and musings of dire physical tortures for the race director but you triumphed and held proud your human spirit. For me the greatest moments were witnessing competitors helping one another; cheering each other on, carrying kayaks for one another, loaning equipment, offering race tips or fetching water. The spirit of the competition and the way you conducted yourselves was humbling.**

**That wonderful spirit extended to the way country was respected too. I retraced the course in the days following to retrieve course markers and of all the kilometres trekked, I only found one plastic water bottle. In truth, that appeared to have been dropped and not discarded because it was still full of water. You and I know.....no-one would willingly throw a drop of water away faced with that soul crushing ascent from Durack's Homestead Museum! Trail litter mars many events around the country so it was entirely cool that gel packs, carbo shots and lolly wrappers won't be trashing the pristine wilderness of God's Country. Well done guys and gals.**





## Heroic Support



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## Prize Booty

Thank you to our gracious supporters too who put up some wonderfully generous prizes in celebration of our competitor's extraordinary feats.





## **The Good, The Gooder, The Goodest**

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Race results are only part of the equation and while I'm sure you'll pour over the results to see how you and your team fared, searching for areas of improvement or chest beating acts of superhuman performance, you're already part of a special group of athletes. You were the first to challenge yourselves against an entirely captivating race experience; pitted against each other, the weather and an ancient and brutally rugged landscape.

There were some truly remarkable images captured by the official event photographer, Len Dray. They're his pics gracing the first page of this irreverent newsletter



### **2011 Sponsorship Opportunity**

Sniffing about for an extraordinary sporting event to hoist your corporate ensign upon? There ain't anything more **NOW BABY** than adventure racing and no where more rewarding to compete than *The Kimberley*.

The Lake Argyle Adventure Race is primed for some smoozy corporate canoodling – *get your people to talk to my people.....who am I kidding? I don't have any people.*

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and adorning the pages of *The Kimberley Echo* (Front Page, Page 30 & 32). If my retarded binary language skills allow, I'll post all Len's photos on the website. If you'd like your own copy – put on the kettle, prepare some lunch and Len will personally deliver them almost anywhere in Australia!! He'll throw in the Malcolm Douglas tribute impersonation for free.

### **Lost Gear.....?**

Thrilled as I was for the almost entire lack of *trail litter*, I did pick up a couple bits of racing gear. If you're missing a backpack, a towel or even a pair of sandals – I got 'em.

At one stage I had two pairs of carbon bladed paddles but they've already been collected and they're homeward bound. Pity, the carbon matched my bike.....