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PICHI RICHI MARATHON

PORT AUGUSTA - QUORN - SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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PRESENTED BY



District 201-C1



**COMPETITORS
BOOKLET**



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Event History

The Pichi Richi Marathon (PRM) was run by the Port Augusta Road Runners Club (PARRC) until 2006. At that time the PARRC was facing difficulties in gathering the necessary resources to stage the event and considered abandoning the annual Marathon.

The previous Committee—comprising competitive runners, experienced tourism and event managers, administrators and enthusiastic supporters—stepped in to ensure the future of the only full marathon in regional South Australia.

From 2007 to 2011, competitor numbers doubled to almost 500 across nine (9) age and four (4) event categories. The PRM has re-established itself as a challenging and unique marathon event.

The PRM was awarded Port Augusta's Australia Day Award for Community Event in 2009 and the event celebrated its 30th Marathon in 2011 and 40th in 2022 (after taking a hiatus in 2021 due to COVID-19).

The 2007-2011 Committee intended to step in only as a temporary measure while suitable arrangements were made to ensure the future of the event. Rotary Port Augusta managed the event from 2012-2019. The Pichi Richi Marathon Committee was formed by The Flinders Ranges Council in conjunction with the Port Augusta Lions Club and now manages and delivers an annual PRM.

The committee consist of The Flinders Ranges Council staff, Port Augusta Lions Club representatives, runner representatives (Angus Searcy and Fraser Darcy) and Malcom Robertson (Event Strategies).

Course Information and Map

Participants will traverse 42.2 kilometres through the picturesque Pichi Richi Pass between Port Augusta and Quorn in the Flinders Ranges.

Starting at Port Augusta West, the full marathon will run from the sea through the stunning beauty of the Flinders Ranges to Quorn. The event also has later starts for half marathon, 10.5 kilometre, 5 kilometre and 1 Kilometre junior dash.

The event includes food stalls at the finish line, plus an award ceremony and presentation of trophies.

All events and distances are as follows:

Full Marathon – 42.km (note this is a RUN ONLY event – no walkers)

Competitors must be 18 years or over on race day.

Half Marathon Run and Walk – 21.1km

Competitors must be 15 years or over on race day.

10.5km Run and Walk

Competitors must be 12 years or over on race day.

5km Run and Walk

Open to all ages

1km Junior Dash

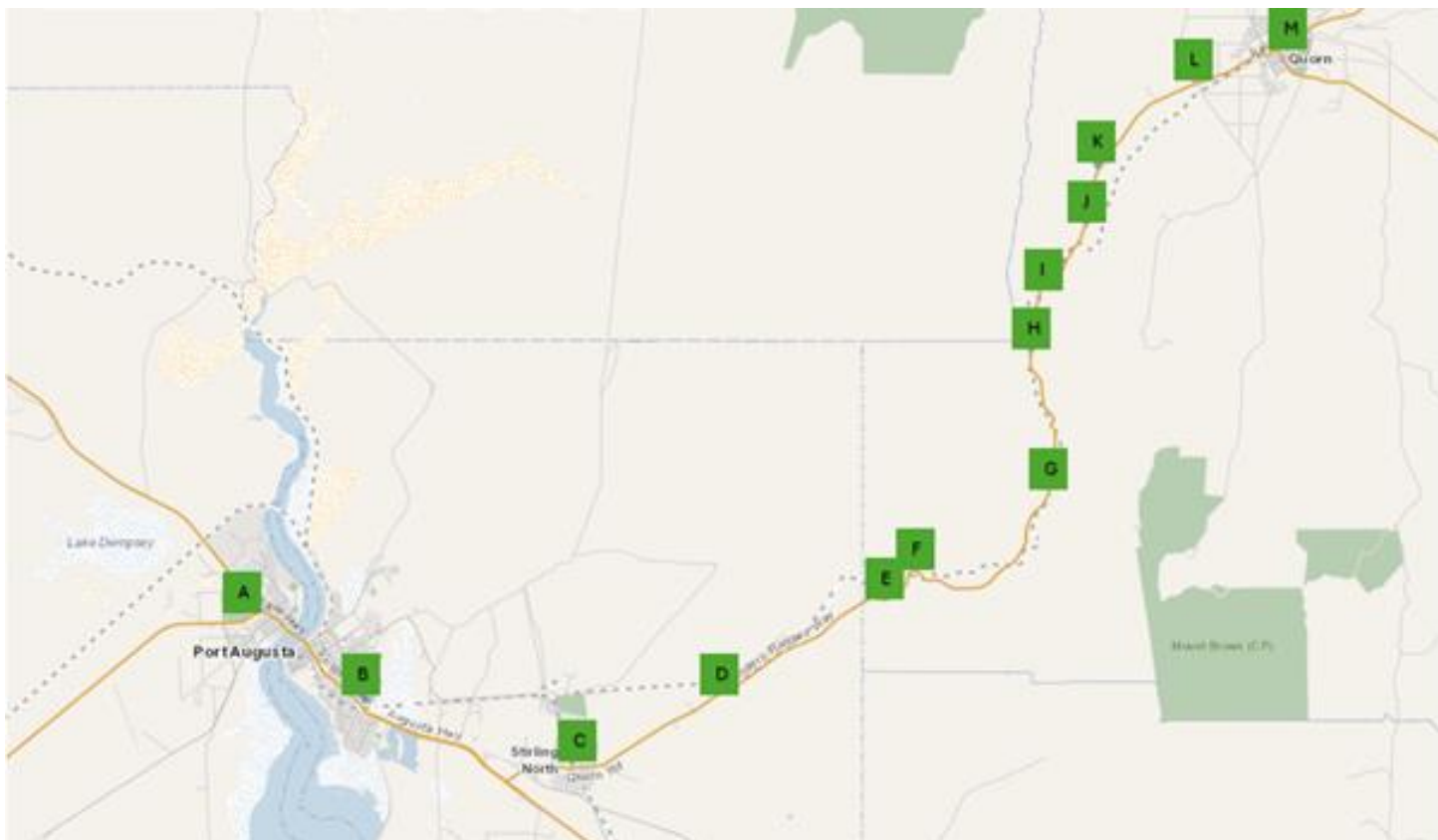
Competitors must be 10 years or younger on race day.

EVENT DAY—RUNNING SHEET

0730	Pichi Richi Marathon starts Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta
0830	Half Marathon (walk) starts Saltia Creek crossing
0900	Half Marathon (run) starts Saltia Creek crossing
0930	10.5km Walk starts at Old Willows Brewery Restaurant
1000	10.5km Run starts at Old Willows Brewery Restaurant
1030	5km Walk starts on the Flinders Ranges Way
1100	5Km Run starts on the Flinders Ranges Way
1130	1km Junior Dash (start to be determined)
1230	Award presentation

OPERATING MAPS

FULL ROUTE



Full marathon start	42.2 km	A - Port Augusta (near Standpipe Golf Motor Inn)
Half marathon	21.1 km	F – near Saltia Creek Crossing
10.5km run/walk	10.5 km	I – near Old Willows Brewery Restaurant
5 Km Run/Walk	5km	Flinders Ranges Way near informal parking bay
Junior Dash	1 km	Silo Road – just down from Swimming Pool
Finish Line		M – First Street, Quorn

WATER STOPS

B - 5km, **C** - 10km, **D** - 15km, **E** - 20km, **G** - 25km, **H** - 30km, **J** - 33km, **K** - 36km, **L** - 39km

How to Enter

Registrations for the 44th Pichi Richi Marathon open on Monday 16 February 2026.

Registrations are online via www.pichirichimarathon.org.au

The registration timeline and prices for 2026 are as follows:

Event	Early Bird Close 26 April 2026	Standard Close 14 June 2026	Late Close 21 June 2026
Full Marathon	\$100	\$110	\$120
Half Marathon	\$85	\$95	\$105
10.5 km	\$60	\$70	\$80
5 km	\$40	\$50	\$60
Junior Dash (1 km)	\$15	\$15	\$15

Note: Any registrations made after the close date, including those made on the day, will incur an additional \$15 admin fee (this excludes any bus transport costs).

All registrations must be paid for at the time of the booking and prior to closing dates as specified. The only registrations received after closing dates will be for the Junior Dash where registrations can still be taken on the day, however, it is preferable if registrations are made prior.

Any changes to registrations after 21 June 2026 will need to be requested via info@pichirichimarathon.org.au and will not be available online.

Bibs – Pick-up and Positioning

Bib pickup will be available on the Saturday prior to the event (e.g. the eve of the event) from the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta. Pick up times will be confirmed prior to the event so keep an eye on the official Facebook page. Bibs can also be picked up at the starting lines of the event that you are entering from the officials on site.

Pins will be provided with your bib to secure your bib at all four (4) points. Your bib must be positioned at waist height and not covered by jumpers or anything else. Positioning and securing the bib ensure that the timing sensors correctly detect your bib at the finish line.

All competitors are allocated a bib with a race number and an electronic timing tag. If you need to change any entry information you must inform officials when picking up your bib and before commencing the event. Please notify timing officials at the finish line if you think your online results are correct or if anything happened that may affect your result.

Transport

Transport is available for competitors only to start lines and back to starting points after the event – all buses depart from **Quorn**.

Times, details etc are available from <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/bus-timetable/>

Any transport requirements must be booked and paid for at the time of registration.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT:

The road will be closed from Quorn to Stirling North (southbound) from 7.30am until 1.00pm – therefore if you are staying in Quorn you will require transport to get to your starting point so please book the bus for your event when registering. Seats on buses may not be available on the day of the event and organisers are not responsible if you have not booked a seat and cannot make it to the start of your event.

Bags and Water / Supplements

Bags can be dropped off at start lines at bib pick up points and will be transferred back to the finish line venue by race officials. Please ensure all bags are clearly labelled. Bags will be available after the event in the location promoted on the day. No responsibility is accepted by the event organisers for lost property. Please be aware that bags may take some time to be transported back and may not be available immediately when you finish your event.

Water points are located along the route approximately every 5km. You can bring your own water, drink supplements or snacks. Please ensure these are clearly labelled and easily identifiable. These can be dropped at bib pick up on the Saturday night or at the start lines at bib pick up points. Race officials will deliver these to the requested water points prior to the race start. No responsibility is accepted by organisers for any provided water/supplements/snacks however all efforts are made to ensure they are available as requested.

Road Closures

The following are the road closures for the event.

- **Flinders Ranges Way**
Between the intersections of West Terrace, Quorn and Woolundunga Avenue, Stirling North (Southbound lanes only)
Between 7.30am and 1.00pm
- **West Terrace, Quorn**
Between Arden Vale Road and First Street, Quorn
Between 8.00am and 1.00pm
- **First Street, Quorn**
Between West Terrace and Eighth Street, Quorn
Between 8.00am and 1.00pm
(traffic control will be in place across the intersection with Sixth Street)
- **Silo Road, Quorn**
Between the Caravan Park entrance and West Terrace
Between 11.15am and 11.45am

As above, the Flinders Ranges Way is only closed in the southerly direction (e.g. Quorn to Stirling North) with speed restrictions in place for traffic travelling in a northerly direction from Stirling North to Quorn. There are no exceptions to these road closures with SA Police regulating the traffic.

Please ensure that you or any family/friends dropping you off adhere to the closures. SA Police will be monitoring the road closures and fines may be issued for any offences.

Exceptions to road closures only apply to official marked / signed vehicles.

Parking

Limited parking is available at the starting points for events therefore it is recommended that you have someone drop you off or that you use the buses provided. Please note road closure information.

Parking is available near the finish line in local streets and designated parking areas.

Facilities at Finish Line

Food and drink stalls are available. Toilets are available. Please note there will be no shower facilities available.

A “keep warm” room will be available in the Council Chambers for participants to use to keep warm following their event. Please see officials on the day to access.

Medical Services

During the event SA Ambulance and St John will be present along the route with St John present at the finish line.

Results

Results are available after the event from <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/results/>

A free electronic certificate will be available for download.

Tips

The course is a combination of flat and hilly for most of the various events and can be quite challenging.

Remember that you will be running on public footpaths and roads so will encounter vehicles. Please remember to keep as far right of the road as you can for your safety.

Due to the different events you may encounter or be passed by lead runners or walkers so please be courteous.

The marshals, officials, SAPOL, volunteers and all associated with the organisation of the event are there to look after your safety and ensure you have the best event possible, please follow their instructions at all times.

We rely heavily on volunteers to keep this event going and to assist you along the way. They are here to support and help you. Please be courteous to them at all times and they will support you.

Frequently Asked Questions

What if I want to change my registration or cancel it before the event?

If you wish to change or cancel your registration, you can email info@pichirichimarathon.org.au prior to the event and changes will be made for you. Please note that it is preferable that all changes are made prior to 21 June 2026. Alternatively you can access your registration online and make the changes directly via the registration link.

What happens if I can't make it on the day, can I get a refund?

Please refer to <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/registrations/> for our refund policy which will provide a cut-off date for registration cancellations. Cancellations after this date will not receive a refund. Please note that a \$15 administration fee will be charged for all refunds.

If I can't make it on the day, can I transfer my registration to the following year?

Yes, you can transfer your registration to the following year as long as you advise of your inability to attend and request a transfer by the close off date as outlined above. Please note that you may be charged for any extra costs associated with any increases in registration costs and will be only be able to transfer your registration for one year.

Will there be a pre-event briefing?

Pre-event briefings are held at all start points prior to the commencement of the various events. These briefings will include information on how to keep the event safe for you and course information amongst other important things to please listen carefully. If you have any questions or concerns after the briefing please speak to one of the officials.

Are there toilets along the way?

Toilets are located at the start points along the way e.g. the full marathon, half marathon, 10.5km and 5km start points.

Can I push a pram/stroller in the event?

Prams/strollers are not allowed in the event.

Can I ride a bike?

The event is for walkers, joggers and runners only.

Can I use a wheelchair?

This is an accessible event and if you wish to participate in a wheelchair, please contact the Race Director to discuss your requirements and options.

Can I run with a pet?

No animals, other than recognised mobility animals approved by the Race Director are allowed.

Where can I buy merchandise?

If available, merchandise will be for sale via an online store. Details are at <https://pichirichimarathon.org.au/merchandise/>

Does everyone get a medal or trophy?

All participants are presented with a medal at the finish line and all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in all event categories receive trophies. The trophy presentation takes place at approximately 12.30pm near the finish line. Prizes will also be awarded for "Teams" event/s.

Can I use headphones whilst participating in the event?

Due to safety reasons the use of headphones or similar are discouraged but if you must use them consider only covering one ear. As the event is on an open road, there will be a lot of traffic around you that you will need to be aware of as well as other participants coming up behind you.

Can I run/jog if I enter a walk event?

No. All "walk" events are strictly for walkers only.

If you wish to jog/run for all or part of an event you must register as a "run".