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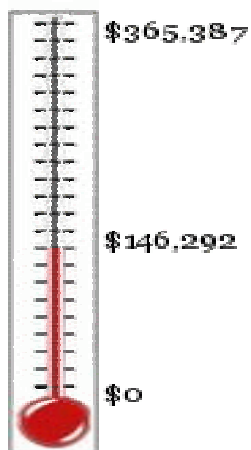
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2007 Geelong Relay all systems go!!!

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Hi everybody,

The site plan has now been finalised and site allocation has begun. This year we have invited teams to choose what sites they would like to have from our site plan on the website. This is a new system this year thanks to the clever work of Christopher McAvaney. To get into the system teams were sent an ID number to confirm their site. These were sent in the order that teams were registered, so that teams who registered early last year got to have the first selection. Teams who haven't chosen a site by the end of the Team Captains Meeting on the 14th of March will be allocated one.

All preparations for the event are well underway, with the entertainment, children's activities and vendors all now finalised. New on the menu this year is Tontong Thai along with all the usual food vans that you will see on the attached site plan. There will be a jumping castle for the kids, craft activities and the "Go for your life" van. On the entertainment list there is Dazzling Dan the Magic Man, The Periscopes, Sweethearts, and of course our own Relay Idol competition held in the afternoon on the Saturday and a host of other acts.

Team Captain's Meeting

Wednesday the 14th of March, 7.30pm @ Beckley Park, in the upstairs function rooms.

Calling for Nominations

Do you know an individual or group that has given their all to the Geelong Relay For Life? Well you can nominate them to be selected for the "Patsy Salathiel, Spirit of Relay Award". This is awarded to an individual or group in recognition of their outstanding commitment to the Geelong Relay. To nominate send an email to geelongrelay@gmail.com, stating their name and in 100 words or less why you think they should be the recipient of this award.

Alternatively mail it to:
11 Sandalwood Court, Grovedale, 3216. Nominations will remain confidential.

Early Bird Registration Prize!!!!

Congratulations to Mary Harvey of team High Voltage. You have won a hamper full of goodies for your team at the event!!! Mary's team was drawn at random from teams registered before the 14th of February. Well done.

If you haven't already **registered your team**, you can do so online at www.relayforlife.org.au or call 1300 65 65 85. It has come to our attention that some teams have only registered one person to start their fundraising. Could everybody please have their team registered before the event. Teams are a minimum of 10 people. The \$15 covers their insurance to participate in the event.



Seeking donations

The Relay For Life committee is seeking donations of gifts and certificates for prizes for award winners. If you can help us out please send us an email or bring them along to the next team Captain's Meeting. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Banking

The committee would appreciate that any money that you have raised leading up to the event be banked before **5pm on Wednesday** the 14th of March. We would like to be able to announce at the event that we have reached our target but can only do so if all money in your possession has been banked.



Tell us your story

Throughout the year the Geelong Relay has been featuring personal stories from our teams in the 'Geelong News'. If you have a great story about why you are participating in Relay For Life we would love to hear about it. It could also be a great opportunity to publicise an event that your team may be organising to raise money for relay. The people to contact are Sarah and Laura via the Geelong relay email or phone.

Have you had a Relay fundraising event recently? Send us your photos with a brief description of the event. They may be featured in our next newsletter. We would love to see what your teams have been doing.

Send photos to: geelongrelay@gmail.com

Ambassadors Breakfast

After a great success last year the Ambassadors breakfast is on again. To be held on Friday the **16th of March** between 7 and 9am the breakfast will feature guest speaker, Steve Moneghetti and special guest, Charlie Gardner (GFC). Tickets are \$50 per person or \$400 for a table of eight. Must RSVP by the 13th of March. Contact Peter Loney on 52722822 or 0418305538 for bookings. See attached flyer.

Relay Idol – It's on again

Last year's Relay Idol brought us lots of fun and a lot of laughs so we are doing it again. We are looking for acts to sing, dance, or act in our own Relay Idol contest. It's a great opportunity to get your team together and have a few laughs. Acts must be appropriate to be viewed by children. Send us an email to enter.

Volunteers required

The committee requires volunteers that can help us on the day unloading and setting up as well as assisting in the registration van.

If you can lend us a hand please send us an email to: geelongrelay@gmail.com or ph: 0432 493 555.





Get Creative

We want you to dress up your campsite and your team and have a ball doing it. Step 1: Create a theme. Step 2: Get Creating. It is a great opportunity to get your team together before the event and have some fun after all that fundraising. There are prizes for the best dressed.



Team Fundraisers

Glenda Arenson has some merchandise for sale for team fundraising. To view available merchandise visit our website via the following link: www.geelongrelayforlife.com. Glenda can be contacted on 0411 438 507.

Know the Facts

- Latest Cancer Council figures show around 990 people are diagnosed with cancer in the Greater Geelong each year. Around six times this number of local people will have received a cancer diagnosis during their lifetime.
- In 2006, the Cancer Council provided \$70,295 to the Geelong Hospital to support cancer trials locally.
- In 2006, 1,621 people from Geelong utilised the Cancer Council's Cancer Information and Support Services which provide free information and support for anyone affected by cancer, such as the Cancer Helpline (131120).
- In 2006, the Cancer Council allocated around \$21 million to research and almost \$16 million to education and cancer support programs.

Relay Awards

The Geelong Relay For Life has awards for the following categories:

- Highest individual fundraiser
- Highest team fundraiser

(Announced at event, must have banked before 5pm on the 15th of March.)

- Most individual laps
- Most team laps
- Best dressed team
- Best dressed site
- 'Patsy Salathiel, Spirit of Relay Award', awarded for outstanding commitment and achievement to the Geelong Relay For Life over a number of years.

