

GUM CREEK COUNTRY ROGAINE – AMERTA STATION

On 26 & 27 May, Almerita Station hosted 200 people for a rogaing organised by the South Australian Rogaining Association.

Rogaining is long distance cross country navigation on foot in teams of 2-5. Competitors navigate using a topographical map and compass. They carry water, head torch, a first aid kit, and other necessities. In this event they had 58 check points (controls) placed 1.5 – 2kms apart located at features shown on the map. eg. watercourse junctions, spurs, gullies etc. The value of each control varied from 30 – 90 points depending on the difficulty and distance from the start. The aim is to navigate to, and find as many controls as possible in the time allowed, and record the value on an electronic device attached to each control. The winner is the team recording the highest score. In this event, teams had a maximum of 15 hours on the course within a 24 hour period from noon Saturday to noon Sunday.

The course was approximately 200 square kilometres and extended from the northern side of the Horseshoe Rim to the northern side of the Mt James Range.

Almerita hosted the hash house in their shearing shed, where we catered for 200 people a dinner on Saturday and breakfast, and lunch on Sunday.

We would like to thank Denise Ogilvy, Judy Dyson, Chelsea Fleetwood, Harley Bernhardt and Renee Feilding for their help. Also thanking the organisers Peter and Sue Milnes, Rob Tucker and the SA Rogainers Association for giving us this opportunity and to the competitors for leaving the properties the way they found it.

As a result of this event we have donated over \$800.00 to Denise Ogilvy's Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser.

Check out the SA Rogaining Facebook page for the results and more photos.

Shane and Paddy Rowe
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