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Volunteer Roles | Pilliga Ultra 2026

Here's more about the roles you can volunteer for -

Welcome Committee / Traffic Management

Duties: Welcome people as they arrive at Pilliga Pottery. Direct people to their accommodation and provide a positive first impression. Be familiar with the venue, answer general questions, and direct people to event staff when necessary.
Desired skills: Friendly nature, outgoing and practical.

Volunteer Registration

Duties: Welcome and register volunteers as they arrive. Answer any questions they have, and ensure they know where and when they will be required.
Desired skills: Friendly nature, outgoing and practical.

Start / Finish Line

Duties: Assist at the start line when runners set off, helping event organisers and Race Directors direct runners and help runners get prepared. Help Race Directors with the roll call. At the finish line, welcome runners with hugs and high fives, and give them a well-deserved finishers token. Direct them to food, water, warmth etc., and generally monitor the well-being of runners. Coordinate with event medical staff if necessary, and check off runners as they finish.
Desired skills: Outgoing, positive, willingness to help people. Show initiative and help keep vibes high!

Aid Station Crew

Duties: Set up and pack down aid stations including marquees, tables, runners' food, drinks, first aid, etc. It is so important to have really good energy at aid stations and be that final dose of positivity runners have before the going gets tough. It is a really important role to play in the whole day and experience for runners. Monitor runners' health and capacity to complete the event. Direct runners to first aid if required. Aid Station crew will liaise with event HQ to communicate runners' whereabouts and wellbeing.
Desired skills: Caring and organised people. Good communication skills.
Qualifications Required: First Aid certificate preferred

Course Marshall

Duties: Guide runners through critical navigation points. Cheer runners on and provide snacks, if you wish!
Desired skills: Content to spend extended time in the bush. Enthusiasm and problem-solving skills.
Qualifications Required: First Aid certificate preferred

Course Sweep

Duties: Sweep the course after runners to ensure all participants are in good health and finish safely. Provide help along the course and communicate with Aid Station Staff and Course Marshalls. Be able to provide practical first aid if necessary.
Desired skills: Able to run course distance comfortably, and work with the sweep team (2-3 pax) to ensure the safety of all participants. Be able to start with runners and follow behind final runners to cross the finish line.
Qualifications Required: First Aid certificate or Wilderness First Aid. Experience in trail running, and able to BYO all mandatory gear items and operate UHF radios and satellite devices.

On Course Driver

Duties: Be on hand at HQ to drive the Event Medic and First Aid Volunteers out onto the course in case of injury or emergency. This role will involve a lot of waiting and hopefully not much action. The ability to confidently drive a 4×4 along rugged unsealed roads with passengers is essential. Ability to change a tyre and troubleshoot if necessary is encouraged.
Desired Skills: Experienced 4×4 driver (auto or manual), ability to read maps and follow directions. A cool head in a crisis.
Qualifications Required: First Aid certificate or Wilderness First Aid preferable

Set Up / Pack Down Crew

Duties: Assist FWP in setting up for the event (marquees, furniture, finish line etc.) from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th, and pack down on Sunday 21st and Monday 22nd September.
Desired skills: Ability to be hands on and help moving, setting up and packing furniture and marquees. A willingness to do a range of skills to ensure a quick and seamless bump in / out!

Dinner Helper

Duties: Check people in at the communal dinner on Friday and Saturday night and be around to assist when necessary.

What you'll get in return for your time

When you sign up for shifts using the Volunteer Signup form, each shift is allocated a 'credit'. Depending on the total number of shifts you do as a volunteer, you will receive different compensation for your time, effort, and enthusiasm.

Every volunteer will be provided with an exclusive event volunteer tee shirt and lunch and snacks on the day. We will also ensure you are fully informed and know what to do with an allocated team leader to supervise you on the day and any equipment needed for your role.

1-3 Credits

- Event teeshirt
- Packed snack/lunch

4-6 Credits

- Event teeshirt
- Packed snack/lunch
- Dinner on Friday & Saturday nights

7+ Credits

- Event teeshirt
- Packed snack/lunch
- Dinner on Friday & Saturday nights
- Free camping Friday & Saturday nights