

**** RACE DIRECTORS REPORT****

Did you know the dictionary definition of MOJO means “a magical quality?” Well the events of the 2022 MOJO RAID were definitely magical! 🌈

Starting with our course setting missions to prep the lands for the event the intoxicating beauty and smell of wildflowers had us excited for the race and what was to come.

As we discussed the course design it mostly went like this:

Erren: the 12's will go here here and here and the 6's here here and here...

Jo: (lacking Erren's geospatial awareness and cognition of concepts...) oh really... wow ...
Then it went like this..,

Jo: imagine if we did a night adventure run in the forest with glow sticks and headlamps!!
And let's do it Friday night!!!! Before our biggest weekend of the year!!!

Erren: yeah why not!

And so we created a plan for a wicked weekend of fun and adventure.

But no large enterprise is ever conducted by two people - it takes the support of their tribe to make it happen.

So we want to thank a bunch of people for their input for helping make the event weekend a super success!

Let's start with our sponsors!

TriRunning
Dirty Possum
iRide Bikes
Instinct

We gave out lots of cool prizes and these guys made it happen for you! But also Aaron Crawford and Robyn as well as Mr Possum Shaun Jackson for their insight and input into doing things well! Thanks from the bottom of our hearts x

The entities who approved our permits:

Queensland Parks and Ranger Bruce
Toowoomba City Council

HQ plantations

As well as our epic landowners Ken and Di.

And the Persistence Aquatic Club for the amazing HQ.

Thankyou!

The support services that helped with transport and logistics (lots of logistics!)

Range charters - our friendly bus driver for the 6's

Frenzy mountain bike shuttles for moving the 12 hour bikes Frenzy MTB Shuttle Bus & Bike Hire

Sandstream - our trophy team.

Rogaining Queensland for some extra supplies

Navis Outdoors - kayaks! Yeah!

And the rest of our Raid adventures family Rogue Adventure

The illustrious Richard Robinson and Tamsin Barnes for help in course design and hanging 

Our amazing volunteers:

Fiona Crossley

Michele Krome

Nikki Seymour

Kevin Ryan Smith

Courtney Jane

Shane Vearing

Heather Fearby-Roberts

Paul sharwood

Greg Krome

Mitchell Krome

Louvaine Wilson brownie queen  and Mark

Plus our ring in vollies

Carolyn Campbell

And Neil Tah

And our competitors!! We think it's so cool that you traded part of your precious budget to pay us to create this for you! What an honour it is for us! Thank you for coming along to play! Special mention to Trevor Mullens and Tiger Adventure for entering so many teams!

There were some definite highlights from our perspective...

Friday night

- watching the lamps of runners ping it around the forest!
- the cool art instillation created by @fiona feat: Sharkie
- the buzz at the finish line

Saturday

- the 12 hour messy start- guys what was that about haha
- no 6 hour teams missing the bus!
- the 6 hour teams being super attentive to our briefing and super polite to our bus driver! Woot!
- heart attack hill..
- our safety boat sitting quietly on the lake in the dark out of fuel.
- Tri Adventure Giants paddling fuel out for us!

Sunday

- watching all the baby races do their first event
- a show of good sportsmanship by Mt pleasant brewing meant a boy achieved his dream...

And so we hope that for all those involved you have taken a little MOJO home with you in your hearts and that your yearning for adventure and fun has increased.

Be sure to support our fellow race directors who run events like ours. It's an obscure sport and we need you guys to come alongside to keep it going.

We were going to finish with a photo but instead here is a video of one of your crazy Race Directors and vllie Mitch helping with some kayak logistics..

What a strange and wonderful job we have!

Adventure on!

Much love to you all,

Jo + E

PS apologies for those who I may have missed