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## RUN FOR AUSTRALIA- 'CLIMATE EMERGENCY HEROES'

The 2009 'Run for a Safe Climate' aims to highlight the impacts and solutions to global warming in a way that captures the hearts and imaginations of all Australians.

Emergency workers are in the front line of dealing with extreme weather events and global warming. This November, a group of Australian emergency service workers including serving police, firefighters, paramedics, SES and military will run 6000km from Cooktown to Melbourne. Many of these emergency services workers dealt directly with the February 2009 heatwave and Black Saturday fires. The route will see runners pass through capital cities, regional centres and rural towns, engaging with all levels of these communities. In each location where they stop to rest, they will meet with local people - farmers, business people, scientists, politicians and school children - to share experiences about the local impacts of global warming, and share their own experiences and insights into climate change.

The Run will start in Cooktown on Monday 2 November and follow the coast through Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Canberra to Albury on the Victoria/NSW border. From here it will follow the Murray River west to Mildura, then on to Adelaide and the Coorong. The final leg to Melbourne will go via Apollo Bay, Ballarat, Kilmore and the towns most affected by last summer's devastating fires, to finish on Sunday 29 November with a family fun-run along the last two kilometers to finish at St Kilda beach.

Along their journey, the runners will draw attention to natural and agricultural assets under threat - the Daintree Rainforest, Great Barrier Reef and Murray Darling 'food bowl' - while also bearing witness to some of the solutions to this crisis: solar, ocean, geothermal and wind energy and biochar. The Run will enable thousands of Australians to see how they can be part of the solution to global warming.

These men and women, our firefighters, paramedics, police, military and SES workers, are donating a month of their annual leave for the Run. They have chosen to volunteer for this feat of incredible endurance because they understand, more than any of us, the urgent need for wide-scale action to secure a safe climate for Australia's future generations.



**“As an individual, to run 6000 kilometres in four weeks is an insurmountable challenge. As a group of people running in a team with a common goal, the challenge is possible. This run is synonymous with the need for a collective world challenge toward climate change.”**

**Matt Astill**  
Police Officer, Victorian Police

**Run for a Safe Climate is raising funds for Safe Climate Australia ([www.safecclimateaustralia.org](http://www.safecclimateaustralia.org)).**

Safe Climate Australia is an apolitical organisation comprised of concerned scientists, community leaders and business people who have come together to escalate an emergency-speed response to what is an emergency-grade threat to our national wellbeing. Safe Climate Australia is a science- and research-based organisation working to develop a comprehensive solutions framework for Australia to address the threat of global warming.

# PROVISIONAL RUN ROUTE

FINAL CONFIRMATION IN OCTOBER

DAY	DATE	DEPART	DESTINATION	FOCUS
FRIDAY	30th Oct	CAIRNS	COOKTOWN	PREPARATION, ACCLIMATISATION
MONDAY	2nd Nov	COOKTOWN	DAINTREE	LAUNCH OF THE RUN
TUESDAY	3rd Nov	DAINTREE	CAIRNS	WET TROPICS RAINFOREST / GREAT BARRIER REEF / CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
WEDNESDAY	4th Nov	CAIRNS	TOWNSVILLE	CROMARTY WETLANDS / GREAT BARRIER REEF / CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
THURSDAY	5th Nov	TOWNSVILLE	MACKAY	CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS
FRIDAY	6th Nov	MACKAY	GLADSTONE	GREAT BARRIER REEF / HERON ISLAND RESEARCH CENTRE
SATURDAY	7th Nov	REST	REST	
SUNDAY	8th Nov	REST	REST	
MONDAY	9th Nov	GLADSTONE	NOOSA	COASTAL EROSION / STORM SURGES / CLIMATE SOLUTIONS
TUESDAY	10th Nov	NOOSA	BRISBANE	SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY AND SOLUTIONS
WEDNESDAY	11th Nov	BRISBANE	BYRON BAY	NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY AND SOLUTIONS
THURSDAY	12th Nov	BYRON BAY	PORT MACQUARIE	CLIMATE IMPACTS ON AUSTRALIAN RAINFORESTS
FRIDAY	13th Nov	PORT MACQUARIE	NEWCASTLE	BIOCHAR RESEARCH FACILITY – SINKING CARBON IN SOILS
SATURDAY	14th Nov	NEWCASTLE	SYDNEY	LIDDELL AUSRA SOLAR THERMAL PLANT / RETROFITTING CITIES TO LOW CARBON
SUNDAY	15th Nov	REST	REST	
MONDAY	16th Nov	SYDNEY	CANBERRA	ANU SOLAR THERMAL RESEARCH FACILITY, NATIONAL SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE
TUESDAY	17th Nov	CANBERRA	TOM GROGGIN STATION	ECOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE AUSTRALIAN ALPS
WEDNESDAY	18th Nov	TOM GROGGIN STATION	TOM GROGGIN STATION	
THURSDAY	19th Nov	TOM GROGGIN STATION	ALBURY	WATER AND FOOD SECURITY IN THE MURRAY DARLING FOOD BOWL. SOIL CARBON SOLUTIONS
FRIDAY	20th Nov	ALBURY	LAKE BARMAH	CLIMATE IMPACTS ON INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS
SATURDAY	21st Nov	LAKE BARMAH	MILDURA	SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ASPECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING. SOLAR THERMAL SOLUTIONS
SUNDAY	22nd Nov	REST	REST	
MONDAY	23rd Nov	MILDURA	ADELAIDE	CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON MURRAY RIVER
TUESDAY	24th Nov	ADELAIDE	ROBE	LOWER MURRAY WETLANDS
WEDNESDAY	25th Nov	ROBE	PORTLAND	AUSTRALIA'S WIND POWER POTENTIAL, CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON SOUTHERN OCEAN PRODUCTIVITY
THURSDAY	26th Nov	PORTLAND	APOLLO BAY	SOUTH WEST VICTORIA CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS
FRIDAY	27th Nov	APOLLO BAY	BALLARAT	CENTRAL VICTORIA CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND SOLUTIONS
SATURDAY	28th Nov	BALLARAT	KILMORE	FIRE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES, FUTURE FIRE AND CLIMATE TRENDS
SUNDAY	29th Nov	FINISH ST KILDA BEACH		HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL WARMING



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