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Australia's Outback Mile



3 & 4 JUNE 2023
LEONORA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



EVENT PROGRAM



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Department of
Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries



MESSAGE FROM OUR PATRON

Welcome to the Goldfields, our home, and the home of the Leonora Golden Gift.

It's an absolute honour to continue on as Patron of the Gift.

Since I was 10 years old, I have witnessed our small community welcome the most elite athletes from around the country to compete for a share of \$65,000.

The Shire of Leonora and event organisers put great effort and energy into sponsorship and organisation of the Gift, which ensures its attractiveness to people all around the country.

What a special and unique way to promote the town and broader Goldfields region.

The weekend caters for the entire family with lots to see and do, including kids activities and market stalls - and of course, front row viewing of State, International and Olympic athletes!

This weekend holds a very special place in my heart, and brings me back home every year - I'm yet to miss one!

A special welcome to all the athletes, thank you for making the effort to experience such a unique event, good luck!

It gives me great pride to welcome everyone to our town, and to the Leonora Golden Gift: to share in an atmosphere of togetherness, community and competitiveness.

Kiara Reddingius
Leonora Golden Gift Patron



WELCOME MESSAGE

The State Government is a proud sponsor of the Leonora Golden Gift through its Regional Events Scheme.

RES was established to support smaller and emerging events in regional Western Australia to boost tourism, increase community vibrancy and participation, and develop regional areas.

The scheme plays an important role in positioning Western Australia as an exciting destination to visit and a great place to live by showcasing and promoting the host region's unique and diverse attractions.

Sixty-eight regional events across WA have been funded through the 2022-23 Regional Events Scheme, which also includes the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which contains a funding pool of \$150,000 exclusively allocated to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

We are pleased to sponsor all RES events, which help to revitalise regional economies and communities as we reconnect and welcome back visitors from around the world.

Tourism is a key part of the State Government's plan to energise the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia.

Events also play an important role in this plan, with the State Government sponsoring a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across Western Australia, through Tourism Western Australia, to attract visitors and encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and do more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys this event and takes the time to explore the Goldfields-Esperance region.



HON ROGER COOK MLA
DEPUTY PREMIER,
MINISTER FOR TOURISM



HON DON PUNCH MLA
MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

WELCOME TO LEONORA!

Good ideas often start over a cold beer and it was no different in 2003 when athlete Raf Baugh and former Shire president Graham Dawes floated an idea for a running race to reinvigorate our gold mining town in the heart of Western Australia.

The Leonora Mile, run from town to the nearby mine site, began as a small race for \$1,000 and grew into a weekend carnival with Australia's best middle-distance runners vying for a \$65,000 prize pool.

It gave Leonora the honour of hosting Australia's richest mile for 21 years.

The likes of Olympians, Ryan Gregson, Jeff Riseley, Eloise Wellings, Madeline Hills and Peter Bol have won what is now known as the Elite Mile and the event is firmly set on the Australian athletics calendar.

Now 21 years since the Leonora Mile was first run, it has grown to a full weekend carnival, the Leonora Golden Gift.

Along with Australia's Outback Mile running race along the iconic main street, there is the Cyclastic with a new and exciting criterium, a toughly contested lawn bowls tournament and activities for the whole family including the Community Concert followed by Fireworks.

This year the Fab Four and the Benny Mayhem Band will co-headline the free Leonora Golden Gift 2023 Community Concert on Saturday night. Plus make sure the kids don't miss out on the Silent Disco starting at 6:30 pm at the park.

Located 234km from Kalgoorlie, Leonora has a rich outback history and heritage, from the old world grandeur of the legendary State Hotel, to the simple charm of iron and hessian miners' cottages in the eerie gold rush ghost town of neighbouring Gwalia.

We hope that everyone enjoys the 2023 Leonora Golden Gift and wish all competitors the best of luck.

Should visitors require any assistance or information over the weekend, please call any of the following:

Event Organisers (Runner's Tribe)

Ross Johnson	0417 703 173
Nic Bastian	0411 073 807

Shire Representatives

Jim Epis	Chief Executive Officer	0418 118 220
Peter Craig	Shire President	0418 950 572
Ross Norrie	Deputy President	0409 377 386
Paul Warner	Works and Services Manager	0428 376 154

Councillors

Mr R M Cotterill	0409 127 506
Ms L R Petersen	0419 177 232
Ms A M Moore	0437 366 649
Ms F Harris	0437 968 493
Ms AE Taylor	0417 174 374



EXPLORE Gwalia & Leonora

See the sights and soak up the stories on the self-drive Leonora Loop Trails.

Step back in time at Gwalia Ghost Town and Museum on the edge of an open-cut gold mine.

After a busy day exploring, stay the night in historical Hoover House B&B.

The Shire of Leonora welcomes all LGG23 visitors to the Northern Goldfields. Enjoy your stay & come back soon.



Museum: (08) 9037 7122
Info Centre: (08) 9037 7016



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WEEKEND PROGRAM

FRIDAY JUNE 2

7:00pm - 9:00pm Whitehouse LGG23 fundraising auction

SATURDAY JUNE 3

8:00am - 5:00pm LGG23 Bowls Tournament commences

12:30pm - 4:30pm **Lotterywest Kids Zone** - Face Painting, High Ropes, Stilt Walkers, Balloons, Prizes, Food Stalls and loads more

1:30pm - 4:00pm **Sound Check (Bands)**

4:45pm - 4:50pm **Welcome to Country**

4:50pm - 5:05pm **Women's Workboot Sprint**

5:05pm - 5:20 pm **Men's Workboot Sprint**

5:20pm - 5:30pm **Men's & Women's Workboot Sprint Relay**

5:30pm - 6:00pm **Minara Resources Elite Mile Heats** - See p.7 for details

LOTTERYWEST COMMUNITY CONCERT - Tower Street

6:30pm - 8:00pm **Lotterywest Kids Silent Disco** - Youth Zone @ Town Park

6:15pm - 7:15pm **Benny Mayhem Band**

7:30pm - 9:00pm **FabFour - The Beatles Journey**

8:45pm - 9:00pm **Aerial Fireworks Display by Cardile sponsored by St Barbara**

SUNDAY JUNE 4

7:00am - 9:00am **Leonora Style Barbeque Breakfast** - Hoover House

8:00am - 5:00pm **LGG23 Bowls Tournament continues**

9:30am - 3:00pm **Market Stalls** - Tower Street

9:00am - 3:00pm **Lotterywest Kids Zone** - Face Painting, High Ropes, Stilt Walkers, Balloons, Prizes, Food Stalls and loads more

9:00am - 3:50pm **Minara Resources Athletics Carnival and Cycclassic** - Tower Street

3:15pm - 3:50pm **Minara Resources Elite Mile Finals** - Female & Male

3:50pm - 4:15pm **Presentations held on the main stage**



MINARA RESOURCES ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TIME	DIVISION	RACE/DISTANCE	SPONSORS
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SATURDAY JUNE 3

4:50pm	Open Women's Heats/Final	Work Boot Sprint	Red 5 Limited
5:05pm	Open Male Heats/Final	Work Boot Sprint	Tourism WA
5:20pm	Open Male/Female Relay Final	Work Boot Sprint Relay	Central Hotel
5:30pm	Elite Female Heats	Mile	Minara Resources
5:45pm	Elite Male Heats	Mile	Minara Resources

SUNDAY JUNE 4

9:30am	Under 12 Female Heats	120m Sprint	Aurizon & Cheric Leonora
9:50am	Under 12 Male Heats	120m Sprint	Genesis Minerals Limited & Fitzgerald Strategies
10:10am	Under 16 Female Final	120m Sprint	Goldfields Controlled Waste & TAPS & Bellevue Gold Limited
10:20am	Under 16 Male Final	120m Sprint	Gold Fields & Minesite Recycling
10:30am	Under 12 Male/Female Final	600m Sprint	Swick Minings & Northfields & Leinster Contracting
10:40am	Under 16 Male/Female Final	600m Sprint	The White House Hotel & Leinster Smash Repair & Peter & Kylie Craig
10:50pm	Open/Elite Female Final	600m	Gold Fields & Northern Goldfields Electrical
11:00pm	Open/Elite Male Final	600m	Liontown Resources & Biggs Racing
11:10-12pm	Cycclassic Men's Finish (4 waves)		
12:10pm	Open Female Final	Mile	Northfields (WA) & Central Hotel
12:25pm	Open Male Final	Mile	CBSL Accountants & Moore-Australia
12:40pm	Masters Male / Female Final	Mile	Shire of Laverton & APA Group
12:55pm	Open Female Final	120m sprint	Red 5 Limited
1:05pm	Open Male Final	120m sprint	Lamborn Contracting & Mastrovich Building
1:15-2pm	Leonora Women's Classic Finish		
2-2:30pm	Community Fitness Laps Little Kids Dash		Outback Parks & Lodges & Leonora Motor Inn
2:30-3:15	Cycclassic Criterium - NEW EVENT		St Barbara
3:15pm	Elite Female Final	Mile	Minara Resources & Australian Sports Commission
3:30pm	Elite Male Final	Mile	Minara Resources & Australian Sports Commission
3:50pm	Presentations		



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KIDS ACTIVITIES

Saturday 12.30-4.30
Sunday 9am-3pm



- Climbing Wall
- Dual Bungee
- Trampolines
- High Ropes Course
- Bouncy Obstacle Course
- AFL handball comp. (prizes up for grabs)
- Face Painting
- Fairies
- Magic show
- Stilt Walking
- Balloon twisting
- Big Bubbles
- & More



St Barbara

Community Concert

Saturday 6.30-9pm



Silent Disco



Benny Mayhem
Band



FabFour



Fireworks

Weekend Activities for Everyone!



Hoover House Breakfast



Bowls Tournament



Market Stalls

Minara Resources

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We wish you a safe and
enjoyable Golden Gift weekend.

Good luck to all of the competitors.

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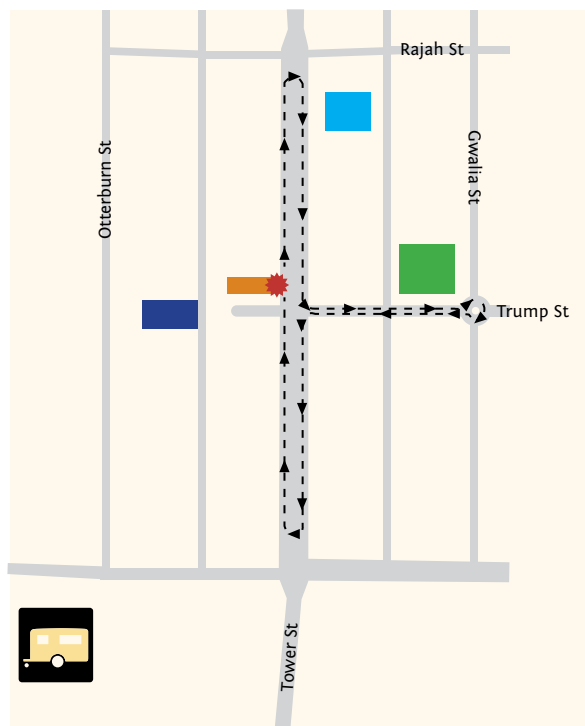
Experience the excitement of the NEW Leonora Criterium elite cycle race.



Leonora Criterium

2:30 – 3:15pm
Sunday Afternoon
Tower Street

-  Start/Finish
-  Criterium Route /Direction
-  Central Hotel
-  Aquatic Centre (showers)
-  Bowling Club
-  Allied Truck parked



WANDER OUT YONDER WESTERN AUSTRALIA

KALGOORLIE-BOULDER & THE GOLDFIELDS

Journey through otherworldly landscapes and charismatic towns for a real outback adventure that stretches over half the State.

1. Wander Kalgoorlie-Boulder's historic streetscapes for the romance and character of gold rush days.
2. Visit Australia's largest outdoor art site: Lake Ballard's 51 surreal sculptures on a shimmering salt lake.
3. See the dazzling Gold Vault and learn about gold rush life at the Museum of the Goldfields.
4. Be awe-struck by the Super Pit in Kalgoorlie, one of the world's largest open-cut mines.
5. Drive the 965km Golden Quest Discovery Trail and unearth outback riches from historic towns and quirky pubs to breathtaking landscapes.
6. Pan for gold and wander the replica prospectors' village at Hannans North Tourist Mine.
7. Learn about Aboriginal culture first-hand from a passionate local Aboriginal tour guide.
8. Explore a real ghost town and the home of a US president at Gwalia.
9. Picnic at Lion's Lookout in Coolgardie, the birthplace of the great gold rush of 1892.
10. Explore vibrant Kalgoorlie where you'll find a buzz of lively bars, nightclubs, cafes and restaurants.

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ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Leonora Lodge:	9037 7053
Central Hotel:	9037 6042
Whitehouse Hotel:	9037 6030
Leonora Motor Inn:	9037 6444
Leonora Caravan Park:	9037 6568
Hoover House, Gwalia:	9037 7122

Free camping is also offered at the Leonora Oval, Biggs Avenue
Please contact accommodation providers for rates.
For other travel details and information, please ring the
Leonora Information Centre on 9037 7016.

ROAD CLOSURE

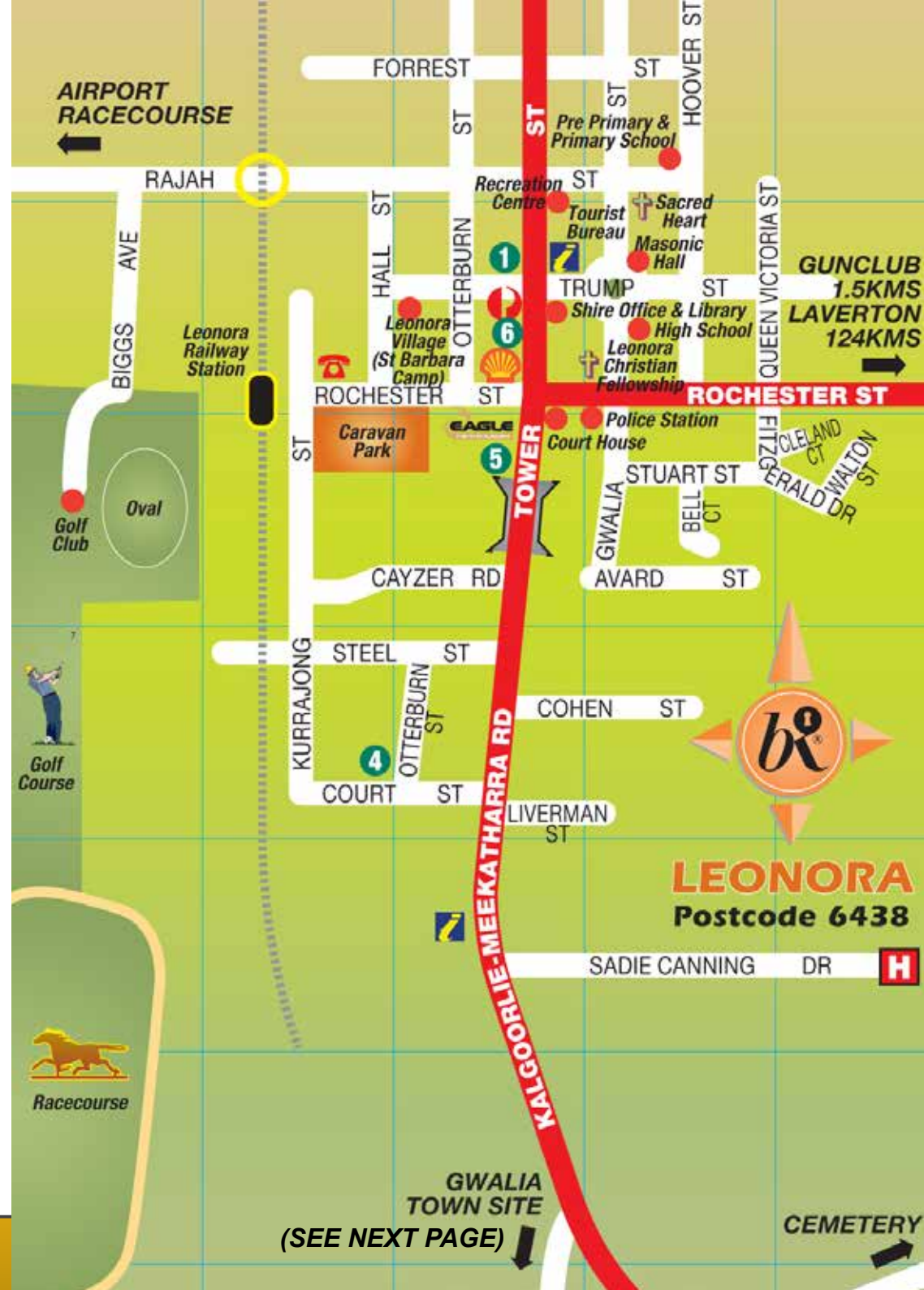
Tower St closed between Rochester St and Rajah St. Trump St closed between Tower St and Gwalia St, detours in place. North bound traffic left at Rochester St then onto Otterburn St onto Rajah St South bound traffic turn right at Rajah St then onto Otterburn St onto Rochester St.

Cyclists arriving from Menzies proceed through the road closure under the guidance of advanced signage and a Spotter.

This section of Tower Street is closed to vehicles from 8am Saturday 3rd June until 8am Monday 5th June.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Leonora Police Station:	9028 6700
Leonora Hospital:	9080 4300



THE MINARA RESOURCES ELITE MILE RUNNERS FIELD

Men's Elite Mile Field

1. Cameron Myers
2. James Hansen
3. Matthew Clarke
4. Jack Bruce
5. Jamie Deane
6. Lachlan Herd
7. Luke Burrows
8. Matt Smith
9. Ky Hehir
10. Aengus Meldon
11. Mark Midgley
12. Luke Graves
13. Ethan Wyatt-Smith
14. Connor Whiteley
15. Thomas Moorcroft
16. Jaco Jansen van Rensburg

Women's Elite Mile Field

1. Zoe Buckman
2. Rachel McCormick
3. Emma Philippe
4. Ellaby Hansen
5. Madeleine Murray
6. Danielle Graham
7. Sienna Hanikeri
8. Amy Buckingham
9. Maddy Luscombe
10. Nina Yeats
11. Zoe Toland
12. Sharon Davis
13. Kiarra Nazaroff
14. Lily Mather
15. Cate James
16. Ellie Glands
17. Josie Wilson

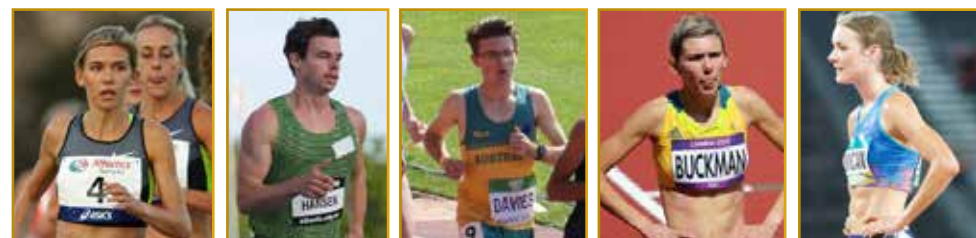
Welcome back to the stars to one of the most iconic middle distance events on the annual calendar. \$7500 and a one-ounce gold nugget (valued at over \$2,500) are once again up for grabs, with the top-8 finishers all receiving significant prize money.

Preview for the 2023 Leonora Golden Gift Minara Resources Elite Mile Races

MEN'S MILE

1. **Cameron Myers** - 1500m 3:38.02. At 16 years of age ran a time of three minutes, 55.44 seconds, a world record for his age group. It was so astonishingly fast that he beat the time held by Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Jakob Ingebrigtsen, who was nine days younger than Myers when he ran 3:58.07 in May 2017. Cameron Myers is a true sensation on a global scale.
1. **James Hansen** - 1500m 3:37.61. Returning to Leonora, Hansen has been at the pointy end of Australian middle-distance running for many years now. A tough, aggressive runner, Hansen always manages to turn up, isn't scared to put it on the line, and loves the street circuit of Leonora. Watch for him to challenge for the win.
2. **Matthew Clarke** - Qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics where he competed in the Men's 3000m steeplechase. National Champion 3000m Steeplechase. Matt's going from strength to strength on the international scene and will be tough to beat. 1500m 3:42.03

3. **Jack Bruce** - 1500m 3:39.86 Multiple-time Australian representative with countless accolades to his name. If Bruce is in form he'll challenge for the win.
4. **Jamie Deane** - 1500m 3:52.57
5. **Lachlan Herd** - 800m: 1:51.1 | 1500m: 3:42.80 Victorian 1500m and 5000m Champion. 7th Australian 1500m Final. 48th at World Cross Country.
6. **Luke Burrows** - WA 800 and 1500m champion and 10th at Australian Championships 2023. 3.44 1500m
7. **Matt Smith** - 2023 HBF Run For a Reason Winner. 3000m WA state champion 2023. 3.50 1500m and 8.22 3000m
8. **Ky Hehir** - Australian u18 champion 3000m and WA 3000m record holder 8.11.4. 3.50 1500m
9. **Aengus Meldon** - Hailing from Ireland, Aengus has the speed to make the final on Sunday. 1.50 800m
10. **Mark Midgley** - 1.52 800m and 3.55 1500m
11. **Luke Graves** - 1500m PB: 3:44.94. West Australian Graves is a talent. The winner of the 2018 Australian Junior 3000m title, he also won the 2016 U20 3000m Australian steeplechase title—no easy feat. Also, one that is not scared to attack a race, Graves is tough, likeable, and nippy around the sharp street corners of Leonora.
12. **Ethan Wyatt-Smith** - 19-year old young gun, 2023 National 1500m Finalist pb 3:42.85
13. **Connor Whiteley** - 1500m 3:40.76. 2023 National 1500m Finalist, NSW State Champion 5000m
14. **Thomas Moorcroft** - 800m - 1:49.43 1500m - 3:48.41
15. **Jaco Jansen van Rensburg** - 5th in the 1500m final at the Western Australia State champs and 4th in the 800m



WOMEN'S MILE

1. **Zoe Buckman** - 1500m PB: 4:03.22. Returning champion, Zoe Buckman is a huge name in Australian middle-distance running. An Olympian (2016) and world championship finalist (1500m in 2013), she also ran at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and 2017 world championships.
2. **Rachel McCormick** - 1500m 4:17.67 2023 National Finalist 9th. Rachel should cruise into the finals and will pose a threat to Buckman.
3. **Emma Philippe** - 6th at Australian National Champs 2023. 2.05 800m. A WA athlete that has big potential and is rapidly improving.
4. **Ellaby Hansen** - 1500m 4:35.67. Finished 10th in the Open Women's 3000m National Steeplechase
5. **Madeleine Murray** - 1500m 4:10.17. Hailing from Great Britain, Murray will be competing in Leonora for the first time. She holds international class and results. Look out for a good run from her.
6. **Danielle Graham** - 1500m 4:29.13
7. **Sienna Hanikeri** - 1500m 4:32.78
8. **Amy Buckingham** - 1500m 4:32.48
9. **Maddy Luscombe** - 1500m 4:30.18, Luscombe already has some silverware from Australian champs, finishing 2nd at the U17 3000m. A great stepping stone for Luscombe as she gets some experience against some big names.
10. **Nina Yeats** - 1500m PB 4:29 800m PB 2:10 2023 Open 1500m WA State champion
11. **Zoe Toland** - 1500m 4:23
12. **Sharon Davis** - World Masters 800m and 1500 Champion W45 age 2022. 4.46 1500
13. **Kiarra Nazaroff** - 4.32 1500m & 10.03 3000m
14. **Lily Mather** - One of the top WA 1500m athletes this season, silver at States, selected for Oceania Cup in Saipan in late June
15. **Cate James** - 1500m 4:40.95
16. **Ellie Glands** - 1500m 4:44.56
17. **Josie Wilson** - 3rd WA State 5,000m Championships. 4:44.20 1500m

THE PRIZE MONEY

EVENT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Steel Cap Work Boot Sprint M & F	\$250	\$150	\$75	\$50
Steel Cap Work Boot Sprint Relay	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100
U12 120m Sprint M & F	\$75	\$50	\$25	
U12 120m LOCAL M & F	\$75	\$50	\$25	
U16 120m Sprint M & F	\$150	\$100	\$50	
U16 120m LOCAL M & F	\$75	\$50	\$25	
U12 600m M/F	\$150	\$100	\$50	
U12 600m LOCAL M/F	\$75	\$50	\$25	
U16 600m M/F	\$200	\$100	\$75	
U16 600m LOCAL M/F	\$100	\$50	\$25	
Open/Elite 600m M & F	\$1,000	\$550	\$300	
Open/Elite 600m LOCAL M & F	\$200	\$100	\$50	
Open Mile M & F	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$100
Open Mile LOCAL M & F	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$50
Masters Mile M/F	\$500	\$250	\$150	
Masters Mile LOCAL M/F	\$150	\$100	\$50	
Open 120m Sprint M & F	\$1,250	\$500	\$300	\$200
Open 120m LOCAL M & F	\$250	\$150	\$75	\$25
Elite Mile Golden Gift M & F	\$7,500 + Gold Nugget (\$2400+)	\$4,500	\$2,500	\$1,700
Elite Mile GG 5th-8th M & F	\$1,250	\$1000	\$650	\$350



LGG23 ELITE RACE PREVIEW: THRILLING RACING BECKONS

As the countdown begins for the highly anticipated 2023 LGG Minara Resources Elite Mile, the world of middle-distance running is bracing itself for an exhilarating weekend of racing. With a star-studded lineup of both seasoned veterans and emerging talents, this race promises to be a spectacle like no other.

On the men's side, the spotlight shines brightly on Cameron Myers, the sensational 16-year-old prodigy who has taken the athletics world by storm. With a jaw-dropping world record for his age group, beating the likes of Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Jakob Ingebrigtsen, Myers has captured global attention and will undoubtedly be the centre of attention on race day.

However, he faces stiff competition from the likes of James Hansen, a tenacious and aggressive runner known for his fearlessness and love for the street circuit of Leonora. Hansen, a perennial contender in Australian middle-distance running, is expected to challenge for the win and push the limits of his competitors.

Matthew Clarke represented Australia in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. He brings his formidable talent in the 3000m steeplechase to the Mile. With national championship accolades to his name, Clarke's experience and strength make him a tough competitor to beat.

Jack Bruce, a multiple-time Australian representative with a stellar track record, possesses the talent and determination to challenge for victory if he hits his stride. His countless accolades serve as a testament to his abilities and the threat he poses to the rest of the field.

The race also features a mix of emerging talents and established names such as Jamie Deane, Lachlan Herd, Luke Burrows, and Ethan Wyatt-Smith, all of whom have showcased their potential and will be eager to make their mark on the elite stage.

In the women's race, defending champion Zoe Buckman stands out as a prominent figure. With a decorated career that includes Olympic and world championship appearances, Buckman brings a wealth of experience and a proven track record of success to the event. She will undoubtedly be the favourite, but she cannot afford to underestimate her competitors.

Rachel McCormick, an accomplished middle-distance runner and a national finalist, poses a genuine threat to Buckman's reign. With her impressive performance at the national level, McCormick is expected to make her presence felt and challenge for the top spot on the podium.

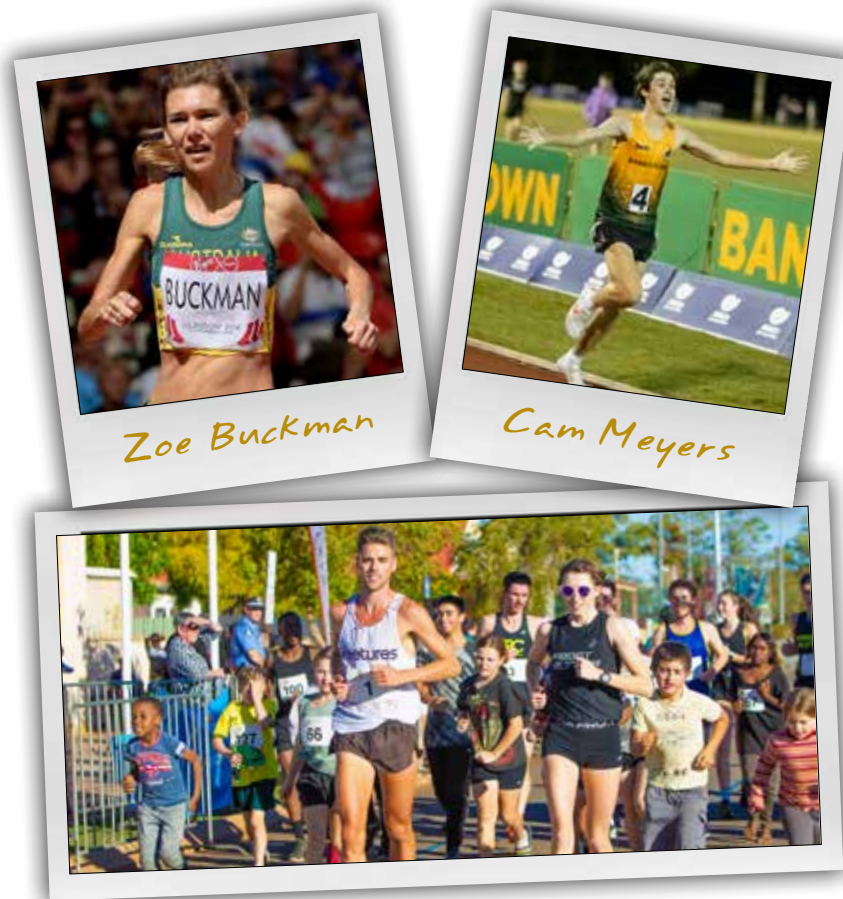
Emma Philippe, a rising star from Western Australia, has been rapidly improving and is poised to make a significant impact on the race. Her potential and determination make her a force to be reckoned with and a contender for a podium finish.

International standout Madeleine Murray, hailing from Great Britain, brings her international pedigree to the race. With a strong reputation and impressive results to her name, Murray adds an intriguing element to the competition and is likely to make her mark among the top contenders.

The women's field also includes formidable athletes such as Danielle Graham, Sienna Hanikeri, and Amy Buckingham, who have consistently performed well and will be aiming to challenge the favorites.

Notable mentions go to Sharon Davis, the reigning World Masters 800m and 1500m champion, and Lily Mather, one of the top 1500m athletes from Western Australia this season, who has earned her spot in the race after a stellar performance at the state level.

With such an array of talent and ambition converging in Leonora, fans can expect a race that will keep them on the edge of their seats. The 2023 LGG Minara Resources Elite Mile is poised to be an unforgettable showdown, where established stars collide with rising stars in a battle for glory. As the athletes step onto the track, all eyes will be fixed on the unfolding drama and the thrilling spectacle that lies ahead.



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