

Rotovegas Half Marathon – Sunday 28th August 2011

Rotorua turned on a tropical 15 degree day for the first Rotovegas Half Marathon. HMC was represented by five strong members; Sharon, Heather, Carmel, Helen and Steve. Leading off from the Novotel, up the hill past the hospital, the route took in some of Rotorua's most scenic tracks, breath taking views (if you had time to look), mud pools, board walks and the redwoods.

Carmel and Heather travelled to Rotorua from Whakatane after spending a night in a Motel (using a voucher which Carmel had won at the Toi's Challenge in 2010). It must have been their lucky weekend as Carmel went on to win a 'Brooks Shoe Voucher worth \$250.00' and Heather a 'spot prize' and a 'Rotorua Sky Dive'. Sharon and Helen went home empty handed of prizes but our tummies were full from the yummy hamburgers which the Novotel staff cooked. No prizes for Stumpy either.

This was a really well run event, there were plenty of marshals, local support and even some high fives from the little ones along the way. There was only one small addition which could be added and that would be some distance markers.

I would recommend this half marathon to anyone who wishes to partake in road walking, tracks and board walks. The prizes were great and the company was awesome and overall a well organised day.

The Rotovegas Five