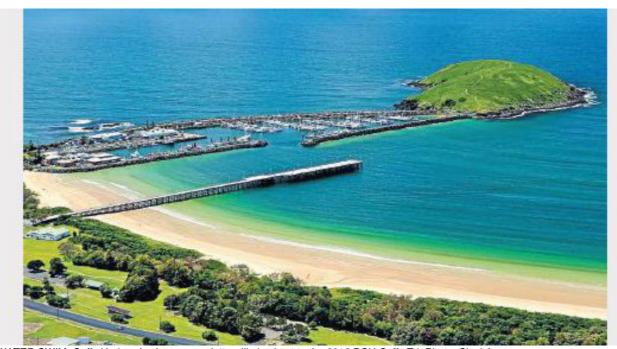


2013 tri adds an enticer event to program

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OPEN WATER SWIM: Coffs Harbour's picturesque Jetty will play host to the 2013 BCU Coffs Tri. Photo: Sinclair Black

LOCAL event organiser Village Sports is excited to announce that entries for the inaugural BCU Coffs Tri on March 3, 2013 are now open online.

In addition to the headline Olympic-distance event, (1.5km swim, 40km cycle and 10km run), the inclusion of an enticer triathlon (375m/10km/2.5km) and races for children mean BCU Coffs Tri promises to be great for everyone, regardless of age or fitness.

Triathlon & Multi Sport Magazine said: "The course for the inaugural BCU Coffs Tri event will delight athletes, beginning with one of the most picturesque open water swims".

The spectacular open water swim, considered one of the most beautiful in the country, will be held inside the protected, pristine harbour with spectators getting a bird's-eye view from the Jetty. The two-lap bike course will be fast but challenging

on a mostly-flat, closed road out to Sawtell and back to the harbour; and the run will comprise two laps along the beautiful harbour foreshores incorporating the iconic jetty.

Village Sports is offering a total prize purse of \$4500 for open male and female category placegetters.

"Village Sports wants to bring triathletes to Coffs Harbour to experience our incredible course, encourage more locals to take up the great sport of triathlon and most importantly, create a memorable and family-friendly event," race director, Mick Maley said.

With its beautiful location and world-class course, the BCU Coffs Tri is expected to become one of the must-do events on the national triathlon calendar.

Entries are now open at www.villagesports.com.au

Village Sports has also partnered with the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak to organise the Coffs Ocean Swims. The 15th annual Coffs Ocean Swim will take place on March 24, 2013.

"We are very excited to be involved in organising the swim and look forward to creating a professional, well-run and fun event for everyone," Maley said. "We will be making a few changes for 2013 but will still have the 600m swim around the Jetty, the 2000m swim out and across the harbour, as well as a few shorter races for children."

Village Sports has taken over the logistics of running the event, and will work in close partnership with the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak.

All profits from the event will be distributed to local charities and sporting clubs.

Melanie Jenkins, president of the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak is very pleased to be working with Village Sports, saying: "We are looking forward to creating a successful ocean swim for 2013 and beyond and working with Village Sports will just give it the professional edge the swim has always needed".

Online entries will be made available closer to the event through the village sports website www.villagesports.com.au

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