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# Festival ready to run

## Record numbers expected for popular Coffs running event

VILLAGE Sports and the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour have chosen September 15 as the date of the third Coffs Harbour Running Festival.

Held on the beautiful Coffs Creek Walkway, the course meanders through the creek bank in the Coffs Coast Regional Park, race director Mick Maley said.

"The festival consists of the 21.1km half marathon, 10km fun run, 5km run/walk and 3km run/walk," he said.

"After the success of the 2012 event with 1300 competitors, we expect record numbers and may even have to limit the fields in the two longer distance runs."

Bendigo Bank manager Warren Hughes is excited to have retained naming rights for the third year.

"It's great to experience the

increase in numbers of participants over two years," he said.

"Every member of the bank staff participates in one of the various distances on the day."

Maley said Village Sports had kept the same course for the half marathon to incorporate the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.

"The great thing is people do not have to be fast or elite to participate.

"It doesn't matter what their age or ability is, just so long as they enjoy the experience and go home with a smile on their faces."

The event supports Life Education Australia, Coffs Coast Autism, Camp Quality and the Early Childhood Intervention Program in Coffs Harbour.

Entries are taken online at [villagesports.com.au](http://villagesports.com.au)



UP IN AIR: Bendigo Bank boss Warren Hughes (centre) is head over heels after securing the festival naming rights.