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Countdown: 600 athletes ready for endurance test

Volunteers pitch in for race day

TRIATHLON

WITH one week to go until the BCU Coffs Tri weekend, staff at Village Sports are well and truly in fourth gear preparing for an event set to attract more than 600 triathlon enthusiasts from all over Australia.

Event director Mick Maley said the event could not go ahead without the generous support of local organisations, community groups and volunteers.

"Aside from being a major healthy lifestyle event for the Coffs community, the BCU Coffs Tri aims to raise money for a number of local children's charities," he said.

"This could not be achieved without the amazing support of local people right here in Coffs.

"Among the crew of volunteers this year will be the C.ex Group's mean, green Community Crew who will be a major force in the run leg handing out water to the athletes."



COMMUNITY SUPPORT: An army of volunteers is waiting to welcome participants in the BCU Tri.

sponsor and will also host registrations at the club on Friday, February 28.

"Volunteers from different organisations, community groups and charities, help out in ways that suit their skills or experience," Mick said.

"For example, the Corindi and Coffs Harbour SES crews will assist with traffic control, the Coffs and Sawtell Surf Lifesaving Clubs will look after the safety of our competitors in the water, and we'll also have the expe-

rience from members of the Coffs Tri Club, assisting with the kids' races.

"In addition, the guys from North Coast V-Twins are donating their motorbikes and riders for our race officials."

The beneficiary charities - Life Education, Coffs Coast Autism, Coffs Early Childhood Intervention and Camp Quality - will also send their volunteers down to the event to help out in any way they can.

BCU will provide 30 staff



DIGGING DEEP: BCU Coffs Tri competitors feel the pinch as they work the bicycle leg along Hogbin Dr last year.

who will tend to competitors at the finish line.

"We must also mention the members of the public, unattached to any particular community group - people

who just want to lend a hand and see the BCU Coffs Tri become a major flagship event.

"We appreciate their help so much".

Entries for the BCU Coffs Tri close on Wednesday 26th February. To enter visit www.villagesports.com.au