

KELLOGG'S NUTRI-GRAIN TRIAL NOOSA HEADS AUGUST 27, 28 2011

2012 KELLOGG'S NUTRI-GRAIN SERIES QUALIFIERS

The athletes that have already qualified for this series from their placing in the 2010/2011 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series are:

Male

1. Shannon Eckstein (Northcliffe)
2. Matt Poole (Mooloolaba)
3. Zane Holmes (Northcliffe)
4. Caine Eckstein (Kurrawa)
5. Hugh Dougherty (Tugun)
6. Wes Berg (North Burleigh)
7. Alastair Day (Mooloolaba)
8. Ky Hurst (Kurrawa)
9. Rhys Drury (Mooloolaba)
10. Mitchell Miller (North Burleigh)

Female

1. Courtney Hancock (Northcliffe)
2. Liz Pluimers (Northcliffe)
3. Alicia Marriott (Mooloolaba)
4. Kristyl Smith (Northcliffe)
5. Gemma Newbiggin (Mooloolaba)
6. Amy Nurthen (Terrigal)
7. Allira Richardson (Mooloolaba)
8. Brodie Moir (North Burleigh)
9. Rebecca Creedy (Met Caloundra)
10. Bonnie Hancock (Northcliffe)

JORDIE'S MOLOKAI MARATHON ONLY JUST THE START

There will be no rest for **Jordan Mercer** after her stunning victory in the Molokai2Oahu Paddleboard World Championship in Hawaii.

The 17-year-old from Noosa Heads now has her sights set on qualifying for her second year in the Ironwoman Series before attempting the Coolangatta Gold on September 25.

Mercer stunned the Hawaiian paddling fraternity with her extraordinary efforts to conquer the 52-km Molokai Channel in 5hrs 22 mins and 31 seconds – 28 minutes ahead of her nearest rival, legendary Hawaiian

Kanesa Duncan Seraphin.

The School Captain at the Sunshine Coast Grammar School received a heroes welcome home, with the students forming a guard of honour.

She was page one news in the Sunshine Coast Daily and is hoping to maintain the rage at her home beach, Noosa Heads come August 27 and 28.

THIS IS NO CLAYTON'S COMEBACK FOR THE GOLDEN OLDIES

This month's prestigious Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series Trial has attracted a host of golden oldies, including former World Champion **Phil Clayton**, and former Australian champion **Steve Pullen**, looking to turn back the clock.



The Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Trial, which will be held at Noosa Heads on August 27-28, will attract Ironmen and Ironwomen from all round Australia, who have spent the winter months preparing for a shot at the 14 positions available for the 2012 Series.

Clayton and Pullen were major Ironman players in the late 90s and early 2000s with Clayton winning the world title at Manly in 2000 and Pullen his Australian championship at Kurrawa in 1998.

But at this year's Aussies, Clayton at 34, not only made the Australian Ironman final but added yet another Australian title when he took out the coveted open belt final – described as "beyond his wildest dreams" in Australian Surf Life Saving.

Pullen, at 36, has been dominant in the Australian Masters competition in recent seasons winning the Ironman for Noosa Heads this year and playing a part in various medal-winning teams.



Joining Clayton and Pullen in this year's Trial will be 29-year-old Tugun duo **Tim Peach** and **Sean Kelly** who have both had distinguished Ironman careers.

"The way I went this year certainly made me feel like I still had something to give and coaching at Kurrawa and doing a lot of the sessions has given me a new lease of life," said Clayton.

"So I thought I would see how I went and the training has been going great and the results in the Queensland Endurance Series last weekend at Bilinga has certainly helped.

"Winning the 4km board race and finishing third in the 12km ski event is encouraging and my swimming under Denis Cotterell is also going great so why not throw my hat in the ring."

At the other end of the scale, Australian under 19 gold and silver medallists, **Tany Lyndon** (Northcliffe) and **Jackson Maynard** (Currumbin) will be among a host of youngsters sure to keep the old brigade honest.

In the Ironwoman field, **Candice Falzon** has found a new lease of life at Manly, dividing her off-season between Sydney and Mooloolaba with boyfriend and KNG qualifier Matt Poole in Michael King's growing Mooloolaba squad.

Falzon and her emerging sky-blue team mate Devon Halligan spear-headed Manly to both the NSW and Australian Taplin Relay Titles last season and will provide the club with a two-pronged attack at this year's Trial.

They will be joined in the Trial by local Noosa Heads youngster **Jordan Mercer** who has just returned from Hawaii with the World Paddleboard championship – a 52km crossing of the famed Molokai Channel.



Mercer, who was in last year's Series, is one of Australian Surf Life Saving's emerging talents, who is quickly following in the footsteps of her father Darren and uncle Dean – both former Australian Ironman greats.

There will be at least seven male and seven female positions in the 2011/2012 Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Ironman Series selected from the Trial.

Trial races over a 30-40 minute M Shape course (swim, ski, board) will begin at 8am on Saturday morning, August 27 with a series of heats of 20 competitors with points allocated from 20-1.

Saturday afternoon will see similar racing (board, swim, ski) before the top 20 men and women progress to the Trial finals (ski, board, swim) on Sunday morning with the top seven finishes qualifying for the Series.

PROFILES

Danielle Allen



Born: May 12, 1994
Number of Years in Surf Sports: 9
Training Partners: Allira Richardson, Matt Poole, Josh Minogue, Alex Tibbits
Coach: Michael King
Club: Mooloolaba
Achievements:
 1st Qld Open Board 2009/10
 1st Qld U17 Ironwoman 2009/10
 3rd Australian C'ships U17 Ironwoman 2011
 8th Open Women's Coolangatta Gold 2010
 15th KNG Series 2010/2011
 8th Open Women's Ironwoman Australian C'ships 2011
 Qld Cyclones Team 2010/2011

Tanyn Lyndon



Born: January 8, 1992
Number of Years in Surf Sports: 12 years
Training Partners: Taddy McDonnell, Mark Bint, Cory Hill, Michael Booth, Jake Nicholson and the rest of the Northcliffe athletes
Coach: Lou Wilson
Club: Northcliffe
Achievements:
 U15 Australian Ironman and Board Champion, 2007
 2 x U17 Australian Ironman Champion, 2008, 2009
 U19 Australian Ironman Champion, 2011

TRIAL ENTRIES

(as of August 8, 2011)

MEN

QUEENSLAND

SUNSHINE COAST
Mooloolaba: Josh Minogue, Jack Hansen, Alex Tibbits, Matt Bevilacqua, Cam Cole, Dylan Newbiggin, Nic Anderson
Metropolitan Caloundra: Corey Jones
Noosa Heads: Steve Pullen

GOLD COAST
Currumbin: Jackson Maynard
Kurrawa: Phil Clayton, Daniel Moors, Luke Cuff, Ollie Puddick, Ryan Lysaught
Northcliffe: Cory Hill, Michael Booth, Tanyn Lyndon, Allan Lucas, Jake Nicholson, Max Beattie
Tugun: Sam, Hamilton, Sean Kelly, Tim Peach
Nth Burleigh: James Stewart, Thomas Trembath
Burleigh Heads Mowbray-Park: Wade Krieger
Surfers Paradise: Zac Orchard

NEW SOUTH WALES

ILLAWARRA
Bulli: Oscar Bradley, Mitchell Fagerstrom
Warrilla Barrack Point: Rhett Russell

SYDNEY
Cronulla: Dean Simpson, Mark Simpson
Wanda: Dane Farrell
North Cronulla: William Budd

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES
Collaroy: Kendrick Louis
Newport: Max Brooks
Queenscliff: Tom Atkinson

CENTRAL COAST
Avoca Beach: Trent Martin
Terrigal: Tim Schofield, Ed Gourlay

FAR NORTH COAST
Cudgen Headland: Jarrad Cain
Lennox Head: Nathan Gray

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

City of Perth: Tom Dowling, Joshua Maurice
Scarboro: Andrew Mosel
Sorrento: Alex Nash

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Port Noarlunga: Sam Fuller



Candice Falzon

WOMEN

QUEENSLAND

SUNSHINE COAST
Mooloolaba: Danielle Allen, Kelly-Ann Perkins, Aimee Berridge, Claire Harris, Maddy Dunn, Teisha Jenkins
Noosa Heads: Jordan Mercer
Metropolitan Caloundra: Stephanie Cronin
Maroochydhore: Jean Harris

GOLD COAST
Northcliffe: Jess Walker
Tallebudgera: Tenille Devine
North Burleigh: Alyce Bennett, Olivia Hall, Hayley Lemarseny, Sheree Merryfull
Burleigh Heads Mowbray Park: Miranda Davies, Kate Walker
Surfers Paradise: Peta Newbold

NEW SOUTH WALES

ILLAWARRA
Warilla Barrack Point: Maddison Prior
Bulli: Hannah Minogue
Wollongong: Mackenzie Hynard

SYDNEY
Maroubra: Tara Coleman, Tatum Lawler
Wanda: Tahnee Fleming

SYDNEY NORTHERN BEACHES
Manly: Candice Falzon, Devon Halligan
Freshwater: Jessie O'Carroll
Queenscliff: Briella Brown, Alisha Miller

HUNTER
Swansea Belmont: Nikki Chapman

CENTRAL COAST
Terrigal: Joanna Baxter, Elyssia Gasparotto, Alicia Bain, Lauren Hall

FAR NORTH COAST
Byron Bay: Shannon Hulbert-Green

TASMANIA

Carlton Park: Allie Britton



Matt Bevilacqua



Maddison Prior