

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **MAJOR SECURES FIRST WIN AHEAD OF IRONMAN**

Australian Kate Major has secured her first victory on home soil yesterday in race 3 of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series at Raby Bay.

The 2007 Ironman World Championship bronze medallist, easily accounted for her opposition over the 750m swim, 20km cycle and 5km run.

Despite a slow start, exiting nearly a minute behind after the swim led out by Jessica Large and Brisbane's Kym Jaenke, the Ironman specialist went about bridging that gap on the cycle. Major recorded the fastest bike split (33:39), 1min 42sec quicker than Jaenke to give her the lead going into the run. Major showed her class in the run leg kicking away to win convincingly from Jaenke and Large.

"It's great to be back home and competing in these local races – they're a lot of fun," said Major.

Major will target a few more local Queensland races in the lead up to the Panthers Ironman on April 6 in Port Macquarie.

Adam Fitzakerley recorded his first victory in the series with an impressive performance.

Fitzakerley was in a tight tussle with Marc Widmer the entire way before he was able to get the better of him in the final stages of the run. After finishing second in race one Fitzakerley was delighted with the win. For Widmer it was back to back seconds places while Nicholas Hull took out third place, his best finish in the series.

Nearly 1300 athletes took part in the event yesterday, a capacity for the Raby Bay course.

The program included The Scody Enticer Triathlon which 'enticed' a great field who completed a 300m swim, 10km cycle and 2.5km run. Stuart Wagner took out the men's division after finishing third in the first two races. Jodie Duff has been dominate in this series recording outright victory in the first two races. Duff finished first female and third overall in today's event.

The day also included the Kool Kids Triathlon, covering short distances that any child could manage, making it a fun experience – 100m swim, 2km cycle and 400m run. The quickest kids over the course in the 7-9 age group, Ben McKenzie and Alexandria Wevers backing up her win from race two. In the 10-11 years category, Kye Wylde was the quickest male and

continuing the family tradition, Monique Wevers was the outright winner in this division, both girls have been very impressive in the Kool Kids series.

This concluded the 2007 season. Racing resumes at Robina on January 20.

## Results

### Male

	Name	Time	Swim	Cycle	Run
1	Adam Fitzakerley	00:56:37	00:08:16	00:31:35	00:16:44
2	Marc Widmer	00:56:46	00:08:13	00:31:38	00:16:53
3	Nicholas Hull	00:58:49	00:08:37	00:32:38	00:17:32
4	Nathan Fitzakerley	00:59:01	00:08:44	00:32:08	00:18:07
5	Mark Martin	01:00:05	00:09:17	00:33:04	00:17:43

### Female

	Name	Time	Swim	Cycle	Run
1	Kate Major	01:01:16	00:09:21	00:33:39	00:18:14
2	Kym Jaenke	01:03:39	00:08:39	00:35:31	00:19:27
3	Jessica Large	01:04:24	00:08:36	00:35:08	00:20:38
4	Carrie Lester	01:04:41	00:09:26	00:35:36	00:19:37
5	Ellie Salthouse	01:05:53	00:09:23	00:37:32	00:18:57

## The Program - 2008

Race 4 20 January – Robina

Race 5 10 February – Caloundra

Race 6 20 April – Raby Bay



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