

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **MOFFATT KICKS OFF 2009 CAMPAIGN AT CALOUNDRA TRI**

Australia's Emma Moffatt will kick start her 2009 campaign at the Caloundra Triathlon on Sunday 8 February at Woorim Park, Golden Beach. The Beijing bronze medallist is hoping to clear the cobwebs in her first race of the year having finished off an outstanding 2008 with a second place at the Noosa Triathlon behind Emma Snowsill.

"I really had a good break after the Noosa Tri last year, which was such an amazing event to finally celebrate our Beijing success with the whole triathlon community.

"It's really back to business now with our domestic season underway, I'm looking forward to competing at Caloundra, although these super sprint distances (400m swim, 15km cycle, 4km run) sometimes hurt more than the longer ones."

Moffatt the current Oceania Triathlon Champion will defend her title at the Gold Coast Triathlon – Luke Harrop Memorial which doubles as 2009 Gold Coast ITU Triathlon Oceania Championships, she will then contest the ITU World Cup in Mooloolaba on March 29, all part of her preparation for the World Triathlon Championships on the Gold Coast in September.

However, a strong local contingent will be out in force, Tim George who won the last round at Robina and will be keen to win on home turf after finished second last year.

Adam Fitzackerly who won round three at Raby Bay will be joined by brother Nathan on Sunday, both will compete in the elite division with bragging rights sure to be on the line.

The Sunshine Coast is home to two of Australia's leading triathlon events – Noosa and Mooloolaba and in keeping with this tradition Caloundra now forms a unique 'trio of tri's' to cement it's place as the leading triathlon destination.

The Caloundra Triathlon is the fifth round of the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series and is the state's premier triathlon series, recognised nationally in terms of standard and competitor volume.

Project Manager for the Gatorade Queensland Tri Series Emily Davies said event numbers have exceeded our expectations.

"We are anticipating event numbers to reach 1400 this year and have some exciting opportunities for the local business community encouraging their involvement," said Ms Davies.

On Saturday USM Events are offering FREE triathlon clinics/workshops to anyone who would like to learn more about nutrition, bike mechanics, swim starts, transitions and mounting/dismount your bike.

The Gatorade Queensland Tri Series caters for athletes of all ages and abilities.

**Distances:**

QTS Triathlon 400m swim / 15km cycle / 4km run

NAB Enticer 200m swim / 5km cycle / 2km run

Kool Kids 100m swim / 2km cycle / 400m run

Workplace Teams Triathlon 400m swim / 15km cycle / 4km run

**Saturday 7 February 2009**

2:00 pm	Registration and Late Entries for Gatorade QTS opens
2:30 pm	1st Gatorade Tri Clinic Starts
3:00 pm	2nd Gatorade Tri Clinic Starts
3:30 pm	3rd Gatorade Tri Clinic Starts
5:00 pm	Registration and Late Entries for Gatorade QTS close

**Sunday 8 February 2009**

5:15 am	Registration/Transitions opens (Cycle check in, numbering)
6:45 am	KoolKids START
7:00am approx.	NAB Enticer START
7:30 am approx.	Gatorade QTS Triathlon START
10:00 am approx.	Transition Opens for bike collection
10:30am approx	Presentations & Random Draws

**NOTE: you must be present at the random draw to win!**

**The Program - 2009**

Race 6 19 April – Raby Bay



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