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Media release: Fresh format for Perth's biggest Triathlon Series

Sunday 17 December will kick off the SunSmart Triathlon Series at Whitfords Nodes Beach. The 2017/18 series introduces the biggest changes in its 17-year history.

From date changes to new venues and a new distance, here's a race-by-race breakdown of everything you need to know about the 2017/18 SunSmart Triathlon Series:

Race#1 City of Joondalup Triathlon - Sunday 17th December 2017

The 2017/18 SunSmart Triathlon Series will kick off a week later than previous years with the City of Joondalup Triathlon at Nodes Park, Hillary's. The later date will give those competitors who took part in the Ironman and 70.3 in Busselton an extra week to recover before they toe the line in the SunSmart Triathlon Series.

The City of Joondalup Triathlon is the prestigious Triathlon WA State Sprint Distance Championship, and is a qualifying race for the Age Group Sprint Distance Australian Team for the World Triathlon Championship to be held on the Gold Coast in September 2018.

Race#2 City of Rockingham Triathlon - Sunday 14th January 2018

The first race of 2018 will be the ever popular City of Rockingham Triathlon. Competitors will notice a distinctive change in the venue and course with the City of Rockingham investing over ten million dollars in foreshore redevelopment. The carpark we've run the City of Rockingham Triathlon in for the past seventeen seasons has undergone a complete makeover with increased size and beautification, making a great venue even better.

The event will feature the draft legal Elite Race with WA's finest and emerging triathlon talent racing the exciting ITU format.

Race #3 City of Armadale Triathlon - Sunday 18th February 2018

After a break of two seasons, The SunSmart Triathlon Series returns to Champion Lakes in Armadale. TriEvents have been in consultation with Venues West to ensure the venue and principally the water quality meet the high standards required.

VenuesWest's commitment to investing in both the venue and a long term water quality solution has resulted in zero closures of the lake over the past year. As per the Ministerial Statement, we are continuing with fortnightly water quality testing at multiple locations in and around the lake.

Over the 2017 summer months, the venue hosted six triathlons including the City of Armadale Way Out Oceania and Australian Youth and Junior Triathlon Championships. The Swimming WA Open Water Swimming State Championships were also successfully held in November 2016.

Race #4 The Bunbury City Classic Triathlon - Sunday 25th March 2018 - NEW EVENT

The biggest news for the 2017/18 SunSmart Triathlon Series is that the Bunbury City Classic Triathlon comes into the series. The event will be the State Standard Distance

Championship and is also a qualifying race for the Age Group Team for the 2018 ITU World Championship that will be held on the Gold Coast in September.

The Bunbury City Classic Triathlon course incorporates the pristine and scenic back beach area of Bunbury. The ocean swim course runs close to the beach, it's great for spectators who can view from the adjacent boardwalk. The 3 lap undulating bike course runs along the coast, passing the transition area on each lap, once again it's a fantastic experience for riders and spectators alike. The 1 lap run course will challenge competitors with a "keep you honest" hill climb out of transition up to the famous Bunbury Lighthouse. The rest of the 10km course stretches along the pedestrian path along the coast taking in Bunbury's best beach views.

We're thrilled to be going to Bunbury and the race is shaping to be one of the highlights of the Triathlon WA Calendar for 2018.

Race #5 City of Joondalup Triathlon No.2 - Sunday 8th April 2018 - NEW DISTANCE

For the first time in the history of Hillary's triathlons, we're going longer than sprint distance. The Pursuit Triathlon will now feature a 1km swim 28km cycle and an 8km run. For those looking for some extra kilometres in preparation for the Busselton 70.3 this could be the workout you want!

Race #5 of the SunSmart Triathlon Series is always the most popular event of the season, it's the Grand Final, the curtain call for the season and the event where the series awards are handed out.

General Series Information.

At all of the SunSmart Triathlon Series events there'll be Tadpoles Triathlon for 7 to 11 year olds, the Enticer Triathlons for Juniors, Novices or those wanting to race the shorter distance and Duathlons, for the athletes who prefer the run-bike-run format.

The SunSmart Triathlon Series continues to cater for all levels of experience, whether you're 7 years old, or 70+ we've got a triathlon experience for you.

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