

## SPORT

# Siblings star in triathlon

TRIATHLON siblings Ryan and Ashlee Baillie claimed a family double in the 22nd Bun-Berri Classic Triathlon at the weekend, each winning their respective sprint course events in impressive time.

Ryan took out the short course for the fourth consecutive year in a time of 1:03:01, while Ashlee was the first woman across the line and fifth overall in 01:10:48.

Mother Kerry Baillie made it a real family affair with a third-place finish in the open women's category for the Olympic distance course.

The first women across the line for the Olympic course was Tineke Hancey from Perth, while former Olympic rower turned triathlete Ben Cureton won the men's open division.

Allan Holmes continued his form after competing in the Hawaiian Ironman to win his age group and finish 10th overall, while Gerald O'Sullivan

was second in his age group and Chris Kiley third.

It was a spectacular start to the State series event, with a group of skydivers dropping in from above.

Smoke and some wind made for an exciting landing, with one skydiver missing the target and landing on the boat ramp across the inlet.

The wind also proved challenging to the triathletes as they started the cycle leg along Austral Parade.

A total of 174 competitors took part in the event, starting with the Orca 1.5km swim in Koombana Bay where conditions were challenging for most of the field.

The fastest Open competitor, James Lewin, completed the distance in just over 21 minutes and then embarked on the Ryders 40km cycle leg, which consisted of six laps of a 6.8km loop.

The course took the competitors to Austral Parade and Koombana Drive,

back across the bridge and past the spectator-filled transition area.

An impressive time of just under one hour was recorded by Cureton, who averaged 40.1kph for the bike leg.

After completing the wind affected cycle leg, the competitors set off for the final phase, the Athletes Foot 10km run that followed the bike path around Leschenault Inlet.

Cureton was first across the finish line in 2:00:35.

Other outstanding performances from local triathletes included Matt Duncan, fresh from his under 18 win in the Anaconda Adventure Race, finishing third in the short course, Fiona Ellis fourth overall and first in her age group, and Francene Rosel third in her age group.

Peter Haslie was first in his age group, while Aletha Ainsworth from Moodjarup finished her first ever triathlon competing in the 40-49 age group.



Ashlee Baillie on her way to winning the women's short course.



A competitor gets ready to change for the next stage.



Todd Skipworth sets off on the run leg of the Bun-Berri Triathlon.



Ashlee Baillie with brother Ryan after the siblings completed a family double in Sunday's short course triathlon in Bunbury. PICTURES: NORMAN BAILEY