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Drake leads all way for win

MORE than 1000 competitors gathered at Hillarys on Sunday morning to compete in the first major triathlon of the West Australian season.

The City of Joondalup Hillary's Triathlon started at Hillarys Beach Park and wound a gruelling course up and down the picturesque northern coastline.

Athletes had to complete a testing 500m ocean swim, 20km cycle and 5km run.

Former WA Triathlete of the Year Jeremy Drake opened his season with a

strong win in the Pure Blonde Pursuit category, leading the field all the way.

Drake crossed the line with a time of 1hr 2min 29sec.

Richard Woods held on for second place with a time of 1:02:29, while 15-year old junior Jenji Nener crossed the line in third with a time of 1:03:33.

Triathlete Felicity Sheedy-Ryan took out the Pure Blonde Open Female category with a time of 1:07:26.

Sheedy-Ryan had just returned to Australia after

competing in a French triathlon team and showed no signs of jet lag.

In the age group categories, Troy Main produced a time of 1:03:32 in the junior competition that would have seen him take a place from the adults if he was a few years older.

Mark Batten cruised to victory in the 50-54-year-olds race with a time of 1:11:38 while Nathalie Laurendeau won the 35-39 year category with a run of 1:13:55.

The next round of the series is on December 21st in Rockingham.