

Bailies do it in threes

THE Bailie family are readying themselves for a three-pronged attack on next week's ITU Triathlon World Championships at the Gold Coast.

Triathlon veteran Kerry Bailie, daughter Alex and recent NSW triathlon scholarship recipient and highly-decorated son Ryan jet off next Tuesday in a bid to bring home the medals.

The prestigious world championships will host competitors from more than 40 countries and treat spectators to five days of intense triathlon competition.

Ryan, who earlier this year blitzed the Australian Olympic Distance Championships at Langley Park, is tipped to finish amongst the medals at the world championships in his under-19 division, while Alex (under-19 division) and Kerry are hoping to top half finishes.

The world championships are raced over the Olympic distances of 1.5km swim, 40km cycle and 10km run.

Kerry said son Ryan, who leaves for Wollongong NSW in December on a triathlon scholarship, was on the cusp of breaking into the international level.

"It will be sad to see him go, but the opportunity is fantastic," she said.



Ryan, Kerry and Alex Bailie are set to compete in next week's ITU Triathlon World Championships in the Gold Coast. PICTURE: NORMAN BAILEY