

# Big field contests Waterfront Lagoon Splash 'n' Dash

TRIATHLON  
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THE infamous terror of the waterfront lagoon was no match for the large field of more than 80 determined Darwin triathletes competing in the second annual Waterfront Lagoon Splash 'n' Dash last Friday night. Individual swimmers warming up early for the



Ryoko Jones

300m swim-2km run-300m swim-2km run aquathlon event were targets of the "sucker" fish. Once the event got under way, the fish appeared to have lost its appetite, and there were no reports of encounters during the swims. Superfish of the human

kind, Tim Green, exited the water after the first of the swims in 4min41secs. He was followed out by a group comprising Tobias Barnes (5.14), Michael Varga (5.20), Grant Preddy (5.22), Ian Pollock (5.24) and the first female Michelle Mitchell (5.27).

Club champion Preddy ran strongly through the field during the first of the two kilometre runs and hit the water ahead of Barnes and Green. At the completion of the second swim, Preddy and Green emerged side by side from the lagoon to lead the field at the beginning of the final 2km run.

Preddy raced away to take the event in 24min26secs. Barnes ran strongly into second place (25.17) with Green coming third in 26 minutes. Mitchell, who finished fourth overall, secured the top women's spot in 26min28sec.

The battle for remaining podium spots in the women's division was close fought with Ryoko Jones (30.05) edging out Kathy McKay (30.15). Teams category winners were Andrew Hall (swimmer) and Ben Brady (runner), who completed the course in 25min13secs.