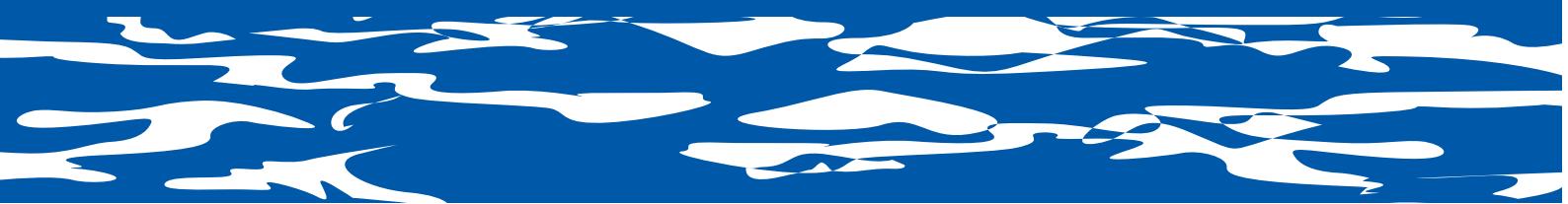


## SWIMMER INFORMATION PACK

2026

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# WELCOME

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which this event takes place, the Wardandi people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples taking part in the event.

## BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the organising committee, it's a pleasure to welcome you to Busselton Jetty Swim 2026. Whether you're a first-time participant or a returning Jetty Swim regular, we're delighted to have you join us on the Busselton (Undalup) Foreshore.

The Jetty Swim is made special by its incredible setting, strong community spirit, and the thousands of swimmers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters who come together each year to make this event possible. Thank you for being part of it.

We wish you a safe, enjoyable, and memorable swim and look forward to welcoming you across the finish line.

Best of luck and enjoy every moment.

Warm regards,  
Kat Rafferty  
President

## SWIMMER INQUIRIES

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**Email:** [rego@busseltonjettyswim.org.au](mailto:rego@busseltonjettyswim.org.au)

**Website:** <https://busseltonjettyswim.org.au/>

### **At the event:**

- Swimmer check-in tent at Signal Park
- Information tent at the amphitheatre
- Information tent at Signal Park

# EVENT SCHEDULE

TIME	DETAILS	LOCATION
<b>Saturday 7 February</b>		
9:00am – 5:00pm	SWIMMER CHECK-IN <i>Note: 9:00am – 12:00pm for Saturday events</i>	Check-in Marquee at Signal Park
9:00am – 5:00pm	Merchandise store open	Signal Park
9:00am – 5:00pm	Stallholder Expo	Amphitheatre/Foreshore
12:20pm <b>12:30pm</b>	Kids Swim briefing <b>Kids Swim start</b>	<b>Kids Swim start area</b>
1:20pm <b>1:25pm</b>	Simon's 500m Shortcut Swim briefing <b>Simon's 500m Shortcut Swim start</b>	<b>Main start area</b>
1:30pm <b>1:35pm</b>	Team Swim Briefing <b>Team Swim Start</b>	<b>Main start area</b>
3:30pm	Team Swim awards presentations	On the beach near the finish line
<b>5:30pm – 8:00pm</b>	<b>Busselton Jetty Swim Sunset Concert (Free)</b> - Headliner: Salt Tree - Support acts: Battle of the Bands - Laser show	<b>Busselton Foreshore Amphitheatre</b>
<b>Sunday, 8 February</b>		
6:00am – 7:00am	SWIMMER CHECK-IN	Check-in marquee at Signal Park
7:00am – 11:00am	Merchandise store open	Signal Park
7:00am-10:00am	Triple M live outdoor broadcast	Near the start area
7:00am-12:00pm	Stallholder Expo	Amphitheatre
7:15am	Swimmer Briefing	Near the start area
7:40am	Official Opening and Welcome	Near the start area
07:50am – 11:00am	Event live stream	Big screen at the amphitheatre Optus van near Signal Park
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Busselton Jetty Swim – SWIM START</b>	<b>Main start area</b>
9:20am <b>9:30am</b>	One Mile Swim to Shore Swimmer Briefing <b>One Mile Swim to Shore commences</b>	<b>Underwater Observatory Ramp, at end of Jetty</b>
12:00pm	Event concludes	



# 2026 EVENT MAP



1. Check-in Tent
2. Swimmer Recovery Zone
3. First Aid Hub
4. Surf Life Saving
5. Optus Chill Zone
6. Gecko Sports Activities
7. Merchandise
8. Triple M
9. Beach Games
10. Announcer
11. Muster Point
12. Swimmer Start Chutes
13. Presentations
14. Team Change Over
15. Waste Warriors & Conservation Station
16. Sensory Convergence Container

**Information Tent**

**Bag Drop - Gold Coin Donation**

**Live Swim Stream (Sunday only)**

**Exhibitors**

**Bike Rack**

**Food Vendors**

**First Aid**

**Water**

**Busselton Jetty Swim is a Smokefree event**

# SWIMMER CHECK-IN

The check-in tent is located at Signal Park on the Busselton Foreshore.

All swimmers must check in in person to receive their swim pack. This includes teams. You cannot collect a pack on behalf of another swimmer, except if you are the legal guardian of a participant under the age of 18 years.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Photo ID
- E-ticket (Emailed to participants 4 February)

*Note: For underage swimmers, a parent/guardian's photo ID will be accepted.*

## CHECK-IN TIMES

- Saturday 7 February (preferred)
  - Team Swim, 500m Swim and Kids Swim: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
  - Solo Swim and One Mile Swim to Shore: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Sunday 8 February
  - Solo Swim and One Mile Swim to Shore 6:00 am – 7:00 am

*Note: From 7:00 am on Sunday, check-in will close, and all key registration personnel will move to the finish area to make final preparations for the swim.*

# SWIMMER PACK

Each swimmer pack includes two race number tattoos, a timing band with chip, and a swim cap. All swimmers, including Team Swim participants, must wear all items for the entire swim.

## **Race number tattoos**

Every swimmer must display their race number tattoo at all times during the race.

Apply tattoos vertically to:

- Front left thigh (preferred), and
- Front left arm

Tattoos may be applied to a wetsuit.

Need help? Volunteers can assist at the Information Tents located:

- Near Swimmer Recovery Area
- At the Amphitheatre (near Bag Drop)

## Timing band and chip

The timing band must be worn on your left wrist for the entire swim. It:

- Records your official time at the start and finish lines
- Allows organisers to account for all swimmers



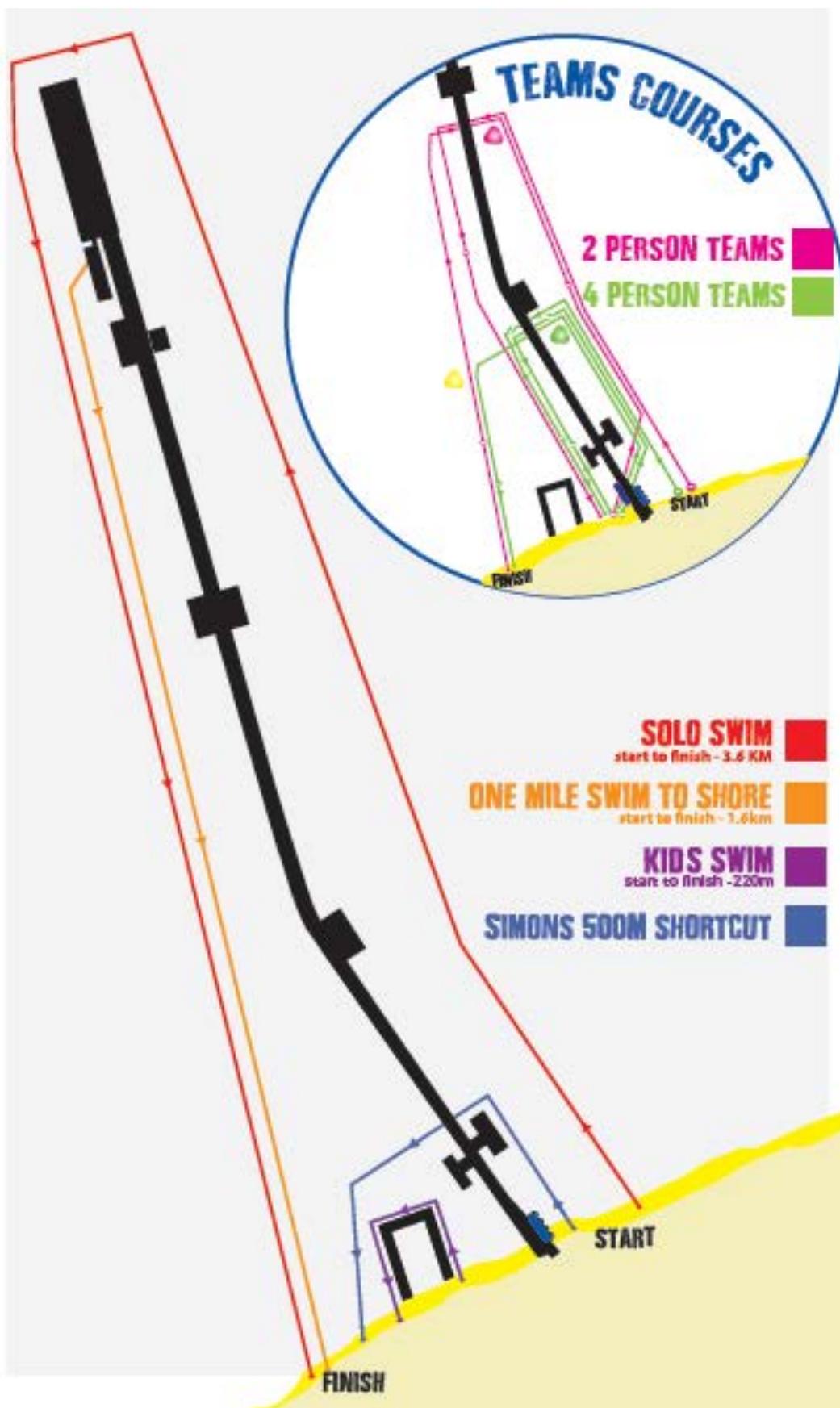
If you withdraw from the event, you must proceed to the finish lines and hand your timing band to an event official.

## Swim Cap

Swim caps indicate swim category and starting wave (Solo Swim) and must be worn at all times during the swim.



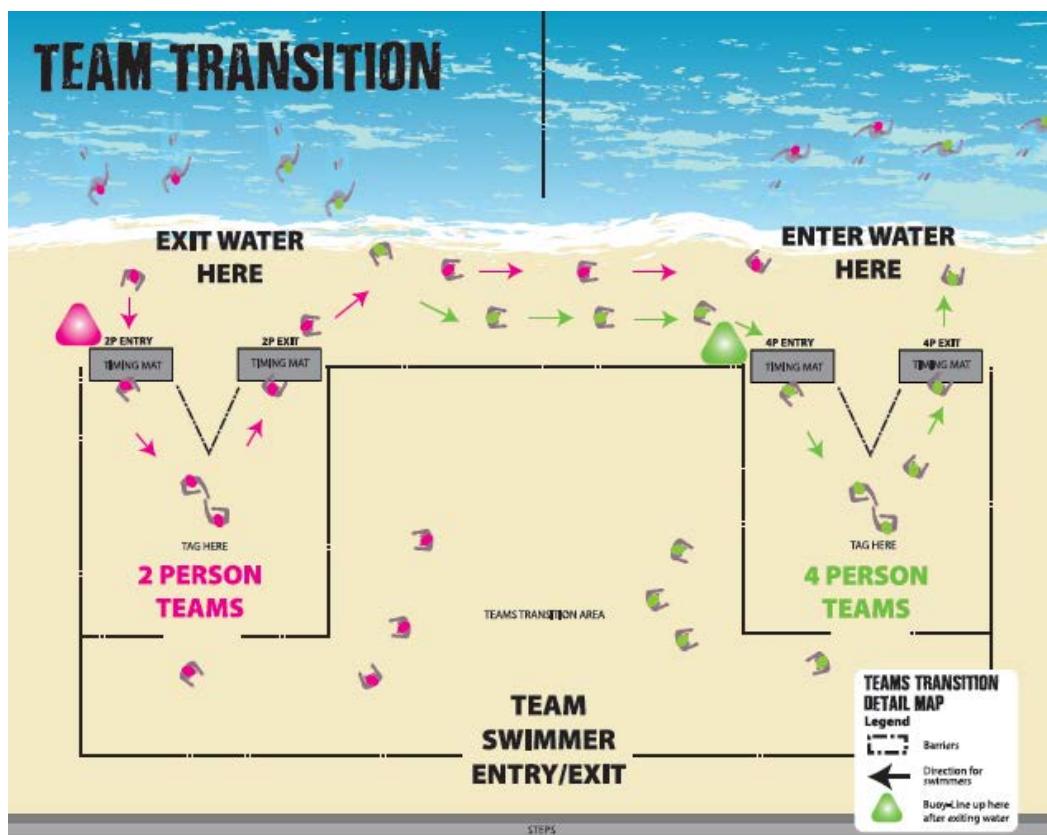
# SWIM COURSE MAP



# SWIM CATEGORIES AND START TIMES

Swimmer	Distance (m)	Where do I Start?	Where do I Finish?	Getting to the Start, Exit and Entry
<b>SATURDAY</b>				
<b>KIDS SWIM</b>	230m	Beach, east of the swimming Jetty	Beach (west) Finish chute	Swimmer briefing 12:20 pm. Swim commences at 12:30 pm
<b>SIMONS 500M SHORTCUT</b>	600m	Beach (east) Starting Area	Beach (west) Finish chute	Swimmer briefing 1:20 pm. Start swimming at 1:30 pm
<b>TEAM SWIMS</b>				Swimmer briefing 1:30 pm. Start swimming at 1:30 pm
<b>2 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 1</b>	1.8km	Beach (east) Starting area	Team Transition Area	Rolling start. Swim out 500m, swim under the Jetty and back to the beach Transition Area. Tag team member #2.
<b>2 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 2</b>	1.8km	Team Transition Area	Beach (west) Finish chute	Tag team member #1 and swim out to cross under the Jetty. Swim out 500m, then swim back under the Jetty and head to the finish line.
<b>4 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 1</b>	0.9km	Beach (east) Starting area	Team Transition Area	Rolling start. Swim out 450m, swim under the Jetty then head back to the beach Transition Area. Tag team member #2.
<b>4 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 2</b>	0.9km	Team Transition Area	Team Transition Area	Tag team member #1 and swim out to cross under the Jetty. Swim out 450m, then swim back under the Jetty and head to the beach Transition Area. Tag team member #3.
<b>4 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 3</b>	0.9km	Team Transition Area	Team Transition Area	Tag team member #2 and swim out to cross under the Jetty. Swim out 450m, then swim back under the Jetty and head to the beach Transition Area. Tag team member #4.
<b>4 PERSON RELAY TEAM Swimmer 4</b>	0.9km	Team Transition Area	Beach (west) Finish chute	Tag team member #3 and swim out to cross under the Jetty. Swim out 450m, then swim back under the Jetty and head to the finish line.
<b>SUNDAY</b>				
<b>SOLO</b>	3.6km	Beach (east) Starting area	Beach (west) Finish chute	Gold cap swimmers start at 8:00 am. All other cap colours: rolling start from 8:01 am. Swimmer rounds the end of the Jetty then swims to the finish.
<b>ONE MILE SWIM TO SHORE</b>	1.6km	Underwater Observatory Ramp	Beach (west) Finish chute	30 minute walk to the Underwater Observatory ramp at the far end of Jetty. Start swimming at 9:30 am. Jump or ladder entry. Swim to shore.

## TEAM TRANSITION AREA



# MERCHANDISE

The Merchandise Store is located at Signal Park and will be open at the following times:

- Saturday 7 February: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sunday 7:00 am - 11:00 am

Please bring your order confirmation when collecting your items.

All merchandise pre-orders must be collected during these hours. Merchandise cannot be posted.



# WHAT TO BRING

\*Provided at check-in

- Swimsuit/bathers
- Sunscreen
- Goggles
- Towel (Kids Swim and 500m Swim)
- Water bottle
- Pre-swim snack
- Gold coin for bag drop
- Hat & sunglasses
- Swim number tattoos\*
- Timing band\*
- Swim cap\*

## BAG DROP

A bag drop service is available for a gold coin donation.

- The service is run by volunteers from the Busselton Hockey Club, with all proceeds donated to the club
- The bag drop is located on the amphitheatre near the foot of the Jetty

## ONE MILE SWIM TO SHORE – BAG DROP

A bag drop service is also available at the start location of the One Mile Swim to Shore.

- A bag will be provided and is suitable for a water bottle, t-shirt, hat, thongs and phone
- Bags will be transferred to the main bag drop tent on the foreshore at approximately 10:30am
- Please note: fast swimmers may arrive at the foreshore before their bag, so there may be a short delay in bag collection



# POST SWIM INFORMATION

## SWIMMER RECOVERY AREA

As swimmers exit the finish chute, timing chips will be collected. Participants then continue through the recovery area to collect fruit and water.

Medical treatment is available if required. Otherwise, proceed through the walk-through area to collect your finisher towel or medal before exiting.

## WITHDRAWALS

If you withdraw during the race or decide not to swim, you must notify an event official as soon as possible. Please proceed to the finish line and return your timing band to an event official.

Timing chips can also be returned to volunteers at the Information Tent near the Swimmer Recovery Area.

Lost or unreturned timing chips will incur a \$25 replacement fee.

## RESULTS

Results will be published on the Busselton Jetty Swim website as they become available:

<https://busseltonjettyswim.org.au/results/>

## FINISHER ITEMS

All swimmers receive a finisher item upon exiting the water.

Finisher items:

- 3.6km Swim, One Mile Swim to Shore, and Team Swim: Finisher towel.
- Kids Swim and Simon's 500m Shortcut Swim: Finisher medal

## AWARDS

### **Solo Swim**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall – Male and Female
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Male and Female in each age category

### **One Mile Swim to Shore**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall - Male and Female

### **Team Swims**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall
  - 2 Person Teams
  - 4 Person Teams

### **Simon's 500m Shortcut Swim and the Kids Swim**

These are participatory events and no prizes are awarded.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

### EVENT WEEKEND

All lost property will be taken to the Information tent near Bag Drop at the amphitheatre.

### AFTER THE EVENT

To inquire about lost property after the event, please email  
[admin@busseltonjettyswim.org.au](mailto:admin@busseltonjettyswim.org.au).

All unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity or disposed of after 1 March.

## **LIVESTREAM**

- On Sunday, the event will be livestreamed to the stage in the amphitheatre
- Friends and family can also watch from home via our YouTube channel  
<https://youtube.com/live/m1DGUL5fOAY?feature=share>
- Broadcast time: 07:50 am to 11:00 am

# WATER SAFETY AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

The safety of all participants is our highest priority. Comprehensive safety and medical protocols are in place throughout the event.

## SURF LIFE SAVING

On-water safety is coordinated by Busselton Surf Life Saving Club, with assistance from neighbouring surf life-saving clubs.

Surf Life Saving personnel are equipped with jet skis, IRB's, surf skis, rescue boards, Jetty spotters, life-saving equipment and radio communications. They are highly trained for this role and should be your first point of assistance if you require help in the water.

If you need assistance, raise one arm to attract attention.

Please follow the buoys and keep a safe distance from the Jetty. If you stray off course, Surf Life Saving personnel will guide you back.

Tired swimmers may hold on to a rescue ski or floatation device. You will not be disqualified, provided your forward progress is not assisted.

Swimmers and support craft must not pass under any part of the Jetty unless directed by race officials.

Participants and spectators are not permitted to swim or stand in the cordoned-off area near the finish line. This space is reserved for essential Surf Life Saving personnel and equipment.

## VESSELS

All vessels operating near the event must comply with the Navigable Waters Regulations. These regulations will be enforced by race officials.

Unauthorised vessels are not permitted within the swim exclusion zone (within 250m) of the Jetty. A partial exemption applies to approved bona fide support craft only.

## AERIAL PATROL

An aerial patrol will operate before and during Sunday's events to monitor for large marine species. The helicopter pilot and spotter remain in continuous radio contact with the Surf Life Saving Water Safety Coordinator and Race Director.

Please note that while water safety provisions are in place for Saturday's events (500m, Team & Kids Swims), helicopter patrols are not conducted on Saturday.

## EVACUATION

If the water needs to be evacuated, the following emergency signals will be activated:

- Three short air horn blasts
- Red flags raised by Jetty spotters
- Whistles will be used for attention

If you see or hear any of these signals, exit the water immediately as directed by Surf Life Saving personnel.

Ladders are positioned every 75m along the Jetty and are marked with numbered banner flags to assist evacuation and emergency response.

Please follow all instructions given by the Surf Life Saving personnel on the water or via the public address system on land.

The emergency muster point is near the stage in the grass amphitheatre, adjacent to Shelter Brewery.

## STINGERS

Concerned swimmers should take personal precautions. Preventative measures include wearing a stinger suit or rash vest and applying protective lotion.

If stung, please attend a first aid station or seek advice from a Surf Life Saver.

## FIRST AID

St John Ambulance first aid posts are located:

- Inside the Swimmer Recovery Area
- At the base of the Jetty

Please seek assistance if you require medical attention.

## FLUID & ENERGY REPLACEMENT

Water and fresh fruit are available for all swimmers at the finish area.

## SUN

Sunscreen is available at the Information Tents located at the amphitheatre (near Bag Drop) and near the Recovery Area. We encourage participants and spectators to wear hats, cover up and seek shade where possible.

## SMOKING, ALCOHOL, DRUGS

The Busselton Jetty Swim is a smoke-free, alcohol free and drug free event. This includes vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

## PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This is an open-water ocean swim conducted in a natural and uncontrolled environment. Weather conditions, sea state, marine life, personal exertion and other factors introduce inherent risks.

While organisers take extensive measures to manage safety, participation is a personal choice. Your welfare remains your own responsibility, or that of your legal guardian.

Anyone not officially entered in the Busselton Jetty Swim must not swim while the event is in progress.

## DRONES

The use of drones is strictly prohibited at the foreshore during the event.

A helicopter and approved event drones will be operating for safety and broadcast purposes. All approved drone operators have submitted applications to the City of Busselton.

## BUSSELTON JETTY

Spectator entry to the Busselton Jetty on Saturday 7 February **is** \$5.00 per adult, valid between 8:30 am – 5:30 pm.

Residents of the City of Busselton receive free entry with a valid resident pass. Residents are encouraged to register for their pass prior to event day using the QR code below.

Please be aware that the Jetty Train will be operating throughout the day.

We recommend wearing comfortable, flat footwear, as there are uneven surfaces along the Jetty. Please take care and mind your step.

For safety reasons, the following are not permitted on the Jetty:

- Scooters, bicycles and skateboards
- Dogs and other animals

Exceptions apply only for accredited guide or support animals displaying the appropriate authorisation.

City of Busselton Rangers will be onsite and actively enforcing these conditions.

NOTE: For the safety of all swimmers, the following closures will apply:

- **No fishing from anywhere on the Jetty:** From 6:00 am on Saturday 7 February to 11:00 am Sunday 8 February
- **The Jetty will be closed:** From 5:30 pm on Saturday 7 February to 6:30 am Sunday 8 February

## GETTING HERE

Traffic will be extremely heavy on Sunday morning. Please allow plenty of time to arrive safely, find parking, and walk to the event site.

Overflow parking will be available at Churchill Park West (entry via Adelaide Street) for a gold coin donation, with proceeds supporting the Busselton Primary School P&C.

City of Busselton Rangers will be actively policing unsafe and illegal parking, including (but not limited to):

- Blocking intersections
- Parking across driveways or footpaths
- Parking in ACROD bays without valid ACROD identification
- Parking on unallocated reserves or garden beds

Please park responsibly and follow all signage and directions from traffic controllers and rangers.



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