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# Non Competitive Survey

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**‘From Multisport Masochism to  
Sport of the Masses:  
thirty years of triathlon in Australia’**  
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#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This project is concerned with researching, recording and preserving traces of triathlon’s past before it disappears. I am specifically interested in bringing personal accounts, insights and images into the public record in order to produce an inclusive whole-of-sport account of the Australian experience of triathlon over the past thirty years. Diverse perspectives, gathered through surveys and interviews will be used to bring the experiences of participants (whether high-performers or first-timers, young or old), organisers, sponsors and host communities together with the dispersed public record in a book designed for both the triathlon community and the general public.

Future magazine and academic journal articles may draw on the research conducted for this project in the form of interviews and surveys. Surveys and interview recordings may also be shared with other researchers, and triathlon and government sporting bodies, as well as the general public through future library or sporting museum collections. These publications will directly identify individuals involved in some aspect of Australia’s experience of triathlon.

As part of this study, you are invited to complete an online questionnaire, or participate in a recorded interview. Participation in this study is **completely voluntary** and you may withdraw at any time without risking any negative consequences. If you choose to withdraw your participation in this study, the information you have provided will be immediately destroyed. The data collected in this study will only be used with your consent, and according to any conditions specified in statements of consent. The information I obtain from you through online surveys will be dealt with in a manner that ensures you remain **anonymous**, unless you specifically elect to reveal your identity.

I thank you for taking the time to assist me with this research.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Jane E. Hunt

**Compulsory Consent:**

I understand that my participation is voluntary; that I can withdraw my contribution freely at any stage in the project.

*Please tick the appropriate box:*

- The information I provide can be used for public outcomes by the Chief Investigator ONLY so long as I remain anonymous
- The information I provide can be used for public outcomes by the Chief Investigator ONLY but the researcher is free to reveal my identity
- The information I provide can be used for public outcomes by the Chief Investigator and by other researchers, so long as I remain anonymous
- The information I provide can be used for public outcomes by the Chief Investigator and by other researchers without restriction; other researchers are free to reveal my identity

**OPTIONAL name and contact details:**

If you have indicated that you are happy to reveal your identity, please provide your name here:

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If you are willing to be contacted by the Chief Investigator, please provide your contacts details below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS**

THIS SURVEY CONSISTS OF A RANGE OF MULTIPLE CHOICE AND SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS. NO QUESTION IS COMPULSORY, HOWEVER, THE MORE COMPLETE THE MULTIPLE CHOICE AND SHORT ANSWER SECTION IS, THE MORE USEFUL THE RESULTS WILL BE.

MORE THAN ONE OPTION CAN BE SELECTED IN ANSWERING THE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS. RESPOND TO SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.

THIS SURVEY ALSO PROVIDES A NON-COMPULSORY OPTION TO SUBMIT AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR TRIATHLON EXPERIENCES.

**NB.** TEXT BOXES WILL EXPAND AUTOMATICALLY WHEN YOU START WRITING IN THEM.

## Section 1 - Overview

### 1.1 Survey participant profile:

- i. To what age group bracket do you currently belong?
- |                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> < 16  | <input type="checkbox"/> 16-19 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20-24 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25-29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 30-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> 35-39 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 40-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> 45-49 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> 55-59 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 60-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> 65-69 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 70-79 | <input type="checkbox"/> 80+   |
- ii. What sex are you?
- |                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
- iii. Which option best describes your employment status (*you can select more than one*)?
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> School student   | <input type="checkbox"/> University student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed       | <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Casual/Part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> Home duties        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro-triathlete     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____     |   |
- iv. If applicable, what industry are you employed in (*you can select more than one*)?
- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Social Sciences      | <input type="checkbox"/> Banking & Finance           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building & Construction     | <input type="checkbox"/> Business                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design & Digital Media      | <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Child Care      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment               | <input type="checkbox"/> Government & Legal          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality and Tourism     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HR & Recruitment            | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology (IT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Management                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing & Media           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Therapies           | <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management          |

- Psychology & Counselling       Real Estate  
 Science & Technology       Sports & Fitness  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

v. In what state of Australia have you conducted most of your triathlon activities?

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### 1.2 Type of involvement in triathlon:

i. In what capacity have you been involved in triathlon (*you can select more than one*)?

- Competitor (age-grouper)  
 Professional  
 Supporter (partner, child, sibling, parent, friend, club member, etc)  
 Volunteer  
 Coach  
 Unpaid organisational role (e.g. triathlon club executive committee member)  
 Paid organisational role (e.g. employed by event management company)  
 Related services (e.g. masseuse, bike shop, nutrition supplier)  
 Sponsor

ii. If you have selected more than one role, why and how did you transition from one role to another?

- iii. If you selected more than one role, does one role in particular dominate? Why?

- iv. If you are/ were involved in triathlon in any of the non-competitive capacities listed above, please outline in as much or as little detail as you wish:

a) the extent of your role (e.g. *over how many years; specific events/ clubs/ businesses you are/were affiliated with; affecting approximately how many triathletes? etc*);

b) how you experience triathlon in your specific role (e.g. *for a wife supporting a first time Ironman competitor, triathlon may present an emotional, rewarding, sometimes challenging and frustrating experience; for a coach, it may be satisfying*

*as he or she finds ways to empower triathletes to achieve their goals; for race directors, the weather, insurance and manpower may produce considerable anxiety*);

c) a memorable event in which you acted in the identified non-competitive role: