



The Amazons Australia – All-Female ARWS Stage Adventure Race 2026

Newsletter – The Wrap

GRIT AND GRANDEUR:

AMAZONS AUSTRALIA ADVENTURE RACE DEFIES THE WET TROPICS AS 2027 RETURN IS CONFIRMED



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MISSION BEACH, QLD – July 12, 2026 — The second edition of The Amazons Australia All-Women’s Adventure Race concluded in spectacular fashion this week, showcasing an elite display of strength, strategy, and resilience. Facing relentless conditions across Tropical North Queensland’s Cassowary Coast, an incredible 100% of the entered teams successfully made the start and finish lines each day.

Following the immense success of the event, organizers have officially announced that The Amazons Australia will return to the region in 2027 as part of a three-year agreement with the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

Mother Nature showed no mercy over the three-day stage race, whipping up ferocious ocean winds and bringing heavy downpours to the Wet Tropics. Yet, nothing could deter the field of competitors from tackling the gruelling navigation-based course.



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Day 1: Gorges, Cane Fields, and the 'Euramo Yacht Club'

The race launched with a demanding trek and white-water kayak down the roaring Tully Gorge. Teams then transitioned to their mountain bikes, riding from the gorge to the Munro Plains before plunging into a dense jungle trek. Teams hunting for bonus checkpoints were rewarded with a swim at one of Tropical North Queensland's largest waterfalls—right under the watchful eye of the event's infamous, strategically placed "Amazons Crocodile."

The opening day concluded with a gruelling flat ride through cane fields against a punishing headwind, finishing at the Euramo Hotel (affectionately dubbed the 'Euramo Yacht Club'). Publican Ollie welcomed the exhausted athletes with well-earned refreshments. *Team Two Banana Day* crossed the line first, with *Spirited Women Chicks* and *Mountain Designs Wild Women* hot on their heels.



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Day 2: Course Corrections and Severe Weather Strategy

Torrential beach downpours and fierce South-South-East winds forced Event Directors to pivot to an alternate leg on the course, replacing the opening kayak with a technical trek - coasteer. The racing at the pointy end of the field was fast and furious, with mere seconds separating the top five teams at the crocodile checkpoint.

After a beach mountain bike ride to Frogs Hollow School for mystery disciplines—including archery and coconut weaving—teams faced the most daunting challenge of the day. Pounding shore waves put the water safety crew from the Mission Beach Sailing Club on high alert. While extreme conditions forced some teams to opt for the shortened coastal trek, others successfully braved the water to secure crucial leaderboard points. *Team Two Banana Day* maintained their lead, while *Foxie Moxies* surged into contention as well.



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Day 3: The Dunk Island Finale and a Tropical Interlude

Day three brought easing winds and clear skies, clearing the way for the iconic paddle to Dunk Island. Supported by Wildside Adventures and Mission Beach Dive, 24 of the 25 teams battled extreme headwinds and tidal sweeps to reach the island for a paradise trek.

With intense afternoon winds impacting the return leg to Wongaling Beach, Event Directors executed a tactical two-wave restart to ensure maximum water safety. The safety delay gave the final groups a uniquely memorable experience: getting stranded on a tropical island, enjoying refreshments at the resort bar, and delightfully gatecrashing a local wedding. The final paddle back served up a fast, exhilarating downwinder, leading into a scenic beach trek past local banana plantations to the finish line.



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A Celebration of Resilience

The event wrapped up with a champagne finish and a celebratory presentation dinner. Cassowary Coast Regional Council Councillor Trudy Tschui attended to honour the athletes, officially announcing the event's 2027 return.

"This course was exceptionally tough," said the Event Director. "Every single woman had to step well outside their comfort zone. Regardless of where they placed on the leaderboard, every competitor proved themselves to be a true Amazon."





OFFICIAL RESULTS ([LINK TO ALL RESULTS](#))

Warriors & Overall

- **1st:** Two Banana Day (Team 8)
- **2nd:** Spirited Women Chicks (Team 1)
- **3rd:** Mountain Designs Wild Women (Team 5)



Legends

- **1st:** Spirited Women Hens (Team 10)
- **2nd:** Vortex Divas (Team 17)
- **3rd:** Sunny – Gold Legends (Team 14)



Tribes

- **1st:** Foxie Moxies (Team 20)
- **2nd:** MMI Cornering Hard (Team 22)
- **3rd:** Send Help! (Team 24)



Local Teams

- Myth Fits (Team 15)
- Tri-Rox (Team 7)



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THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS, PROVIDERS & SUPPORTERS

An expedition of this scale relies on an incredible network of local government, safety experts, and premium adventure brands. The Amazons Australia extends its deepest gratitude to the organizations and individuals who powered the 2026 event:

- **Major Event Partners:** Adventure Racing World Series, Cassowary Coast Regional Council, Cassowary Coast Tourism, Mission Beach Dive and Mountain Designs.
- **Host Venues & Hospitality:** Dunk Island (Jason & Jael), Euramo Hotel (Olenka Muzik), The Garage Bar & Restaurant, Laundro Lounge (Is), and Plenty Restaurant & Bar (Jude).
- **Logistics, Gear & Technical Providers:** Track Me Live (Louise), Event Plus (Alina), Network Car & Truck Rentals Cairns (Sue & the crew), Mission Link (John), Fibril Map Boards (Elijah), and Cassowary Coast Multisport Club (Richard).
- **Water Safety & Course Support:** Mission Beach Sailing Club (Carmen & the crew), Wildside Adventures (Allan & the crew), Mission Beach Dive (Jade & Rob), and Mission Beach Outrigging Club (Pete & Clare).
- **Media, Documentation & Community:** Terra Film (Emmanuel), Reel People Productions (Alyse), Margarete Oti Photography, Darkzone Adventure Racing Podcasts, Sleepmonsters, Mission Beach Progress Hall Association (Sandra), Sports Hub, and partner events Spirited Women AR (Debbie).
- **Product Sponsors & Athlete Fuel:** Crafty Weka Bars, BZ Optics, Moxie Gear, Squirt Cycling Products, and Total Recon Adventure Race.



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MEDIA & LINKS

- **Full Leaderboard & Maps:** [Track Me Live Results](#)
- **Event Website:** <https://www.amazonsaustralia.com/>
- **Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=the%20amazons%20australia>
- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/theamazonsaustralia/>



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The Amazons Australia 2026 Partners & Supporters 2026



We invite you back to The Cassowary Coast in 2027

Jan and Kim 😊



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The Amazons are calling!

In Ancient Greece, there was believed to be a race of female warriors who lived on the outer limits of the known world.

The Amazons were strong, warlike, courageous and a force to be reckoned with.

But the Amazon spirit is not lost.

It's in the wild women who seek adventure.

The tenacious athletes who push their minds and bodies beyond the limit.

The mothers who sacrifice.

The ladies who unapologetically dance to the beat of their own drum.

The spirited sisters who grow together.

The brave, willing to leap into the unknown.

To the fearless femmes.

We call you.

For the challenge of a lifetime.

Be inspired.



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