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The Amazons Australia 2027 – All-Female ARWS Stage Adventure Race

Newsletter 1 - 2027

Welcome to the first newsletter for The Amazons Australia 2027. We plan to publish a newsletter every couple of months in the lead up to the event to keep updated and help you plan and prepare for third edition of this now iconic – all female event.



Back in 2025 The Amazons Australia created history by becoming the first ever Adventure Racing World Series (ARWS) All-Women's Adventure Race, and in 2026 despite super challenging weather conditions, just as in 2025, all women who started racing on Day 1 backed up each day and made it to the finish on Day 3 – a 100% completion rate. For all of the incredible women who have supported the event so far, we thank you, especially some who have raced at both. Now it's time for a 'threepeat' are you ready for that? If you have not yet had the opportunity to visit Mission Beach and the Cassowary Coast, this will be our final event in this region, so don't miss out on your chance to explore this special piece of Queensland paradise!

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TEAMS OF TWO WOMEN

July 1-4 July 2027

Mission Beach

Cassowary Coast, Queensland.

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STAGE ADVENTURE RACE

The Amazons Australia is a stage adventure race, which will give teams up to 8 hours to navigate their way each day through the course searching for checkpoints whilst trekking, mountain biking and kayaking. There may be multiple legs on each day of combinations of these key disciplines of adventure racing including navigation with map and compass. Women with experience in all of these disciplines are certainly going to travel through the course faster and more efficiently, however for women new to the sport, there is still plenty of time to further develop skills for adventure racing!

ENTRY INFORMATION

Early entries are opening on 15 October 2026 and as there are only 50 team spots available, we are encouraging you to enter early, to avoid missing out. Entries will be online via Event Plus and the link will be found on page on The Amazons Australia website. The link will be able to be viewed before entries open, but you will not be able to enter details until Thursday 15 October 2026.



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Entry Cost Per Team of Two

Super Early Entry $875 per person or $1750 per Team (available until - midnight 31 October 2026)
Early Entry $975 per person or $1950 per Team (1 November 2026 - midnight 31 December 2026)
Standard Entry $1075 per person or $2150 per team (1 January 2027 - extended to midnight 30 April 2027
Extended Entry $1175 per person or $2350 per team (accepted after 1 May 2027 if not sold out until midnight Sunday 6 June 2027)

We encourage **INTERNATIONAL TEAMS** to come and race is Australia, so please enter using the CODE **TAAINT27** to receive a 15% international team discount.

WHAT DOES YOUR ENTRY INCLUDE?

- Opportunity to be a part of an ARWS all female event
- ARWS Regional Ranking Points for your team
- Pre-Event Welcome, Registration and Sponsor Product Displays
- Post-Event Presentations & Prize Giving Function (Food & Beverage)
- 3 Days of Racing on a spectacular course - up to 8 hours per day
- Maps and Course Notes on waterproof paper
- Kayak hire (incl paddles & PFD's - BYO optional)
- Transport of gear & equipment during the event
- Overnight storage of gear and equipment during the event - if required
- Tracking device to carry throughout the event so that your friends and family can watch your progress
- Live updates to results and leaderboard via website live tracking
- Professional Photographer – photos will be available for free access after the event
- Event Merchandise and Finisher Memento
- Category Prizes and Random Draws provided by event sponsors
- Discounted Entry into Total Recon ARWS Oceania Event - November 2027
- Discounted Entry into Spirited Women NZ Oceania Event - February / March 2028

* Winning Team - Free Entry into The Total Recon - ARWS Oceania Event 2027
* Winning Team - Free Entry into The Amazons Australia 2028
* Winning 'Australian' Team - Free Entry into The Spirited Women Adventure Race 2028



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CATEGORIES

Adventure Racing traditionally has teams of Mixed, Male and female teams and not much differentiation for different age categories, so for The Amazons Australia we have three categories based on age* 1 July 2027.

Legends - Two women over 50* who are willing to show the younger generations just what fearless means.

Warriors - Two women over 30* who are strong, skilled and up for any type of adventure.

Rising Amazons - Two women under 30* who are enthusiastic and full of energy and ready for adventure.

Tribes - Two women - mothers, daughters, sisters or friends whose ages do not fit the other categories, who are fearless yet friendly and keen for the adventure.

Event Schedule 2027 (Proposed)

You will notice that we have moved the event back slightly to the 'middle of the Qld July school holidays' and based on feedback from 2026 participants we have put the 3 day event over the weekend.



We have reduced the time you would be required to be away, but putting registrations late on Thursday afternoon and the race days Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This means that locals from Cairns and Townsville will only really need to set aside 3 days for the event, which is helpful for busy women!

Those travelling interstate or internationally should plan to arrive Thursday 1 July and Depart anytime after Monday 5 July 2027.

Registrations & Official Welcome – From 4pm Thursday 1 July

Race Day 1-3 – Friday 2 July – Sunday 4 July

Awards Dinner – Sunday 4 July

The full event schedule The Amazons Australia Schedule 2027

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EVENT HQ & ACCOMMODATION

We are so thankful to have the support of Cassowary Coast Tourism who are welcoming all of you Amazons to explore and have an amazing adventure in this truly spectacular location in the Cassowary Coast Region of Tropical North Queensland.

We are very excited to announce that our event HQ for The Amazons Australia 2027 is **CLUB WYNDHAM - MISSION BEACH**. The resort is located the heart of the town of North Mission Beach. In addition to twin share accommodation options Club Wyndham Mission Beach has a restaurant and bar, pool and spa, so will be the perfect location to relax and unwind after each day of racing. Club Wyndham Mission Beach are offering The Amazons Australia Competitors a **15% Discount** on bookings for the event. (Availability is limited so we suggest you get in quickly).



There are many places to stay in Mission Beach to suit all budgets that are within walking distance to HQ, such as the Mission Beach Hideaway Holiday Village.

We strongly advise that you try to stay nice and close to the event HQ as that will be where we gather each day for the event briefing and also where you will end up after finishing. In previous events participants have ridden bikes to HQ each day of the event as if you get the event shuttle / local shuttle service there is no need to hire a car.

Accommodation in Mission Beach can be found by visiting the **Cassowary Coast Tourism** Website or **Mission Beach Holidays**.

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TRANSPORT

We recommend that participants flying to the event, fly into Cairns as there are shuttles that service the Mission Beach area. Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin provide daily flights directly into Cairns Domestic International Airports. Air New Zealand and Singapore Airlines service the International Airport.

Airports **Cairns** Domestic and International Airport – 2hrs North of Mission Beach

Townsville Domestic Airport - 3 hours South of Mission Beach

Shuttles

We are planning to provide an event shuttle* from Cairns Airport. This would transport you and your gear directly from the domestic / international airport to Mission Beach - HQ. At this stage, to take advantage of this service, you will need to plan to arrive before 12pm on Thursday 1 July 2027. It is proposed that the event shuttle will depart the Airport at approximately 12.30pm

Following the event, the shuttle will depart Mission Beach - HQ at approximately 7am on Tuesday 6 July 2027 and should have you at the airport by approximately 11am (*Subject to change depending on service provider and there being sufficient bookings).



Cost $120 Per Person (return) or $65 per person (one way)

To book a spot on the event shuttle* please contact us by email triadventure@optusnet.com.au

The **local shuttle service** to Mission Beach is **Mission Link**. It takes approximately 3 hours. If booking this service, please ensure that you advise the transport company that you are travelling with a bike. Below is the link to their website. Please note that the shuttle does not operate on weekends.

Hire Cars

If you need to hire a car there are plenty of rental car options. This will allow you to make the most of your stay and go and explore more of the Cassowary Coast after the event.

Here is the link to Airport Rentals which allows you to view and select from a wide range of hire car companies based out of Cairns Airport.

https://www.airportrentals.com.au/australia/cairns-airport-car-rental

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HOW DO YOU BECOME AN AMAZON?

Firstly, find a partner who is willing to take on the challenge, enter the event and start your journey to becoming an Amazon!

How fit do I have to be for The Amazons Australia?

The Amazons Australia is a stage race, this means that you will only be out on the course for up to 8 hours each day. There are 3 main disciplines – kayaking, trekking and mountain biking – so realistically you would need to be able to spend around 3-4 hours on each discipline. Expect that you would be doing at least 2 of the 3 disciplines each day , you will have multiple transitions, and you can stop and take a break whenever you like. In The Amazons Adventure Race, you will be required to carry all your mandatory gear plus food & water, throughout the event. Officials will transport bikes, kayaks to the TAs for you. The logistics planner and the course notes will provide information such as discipline & approx. time/ distance so you can pack what you need before the start of each day.

How technical will the course be? Do I need to be an expert in every discipline?

Kayaking – the **Mission SURGE** kayaks provided for the event are very stable and relatively easy to paddle. You are required to have some ability to steer these as the kayaks have no foot steering pedals. The paddling for the Amazons Australia in protected open ocean environments. - meaning there will not be surf, but the wind and tides can have an impact on how choppy the water is. So, we recommend that you and your partner practise together so you can handle a range of conditions and steer a kayak confidently.

Mountain Biking – You can expect to ride your mountain bike on roads, paths, dirt roads, sand and mountain bike trails in the event. So, some experience in riding mountain bike trails would be highly desirable, however in adventure racing it is totally fine to get off and walk whenever the conditions are above your skill level or simply too steep to ride up or down.



Trekking – If you have ever done a trail run before you will be fine. The tracks and trails for The Amazons Australia will vary, there will be some hills for sure, as well as plenty of rough, uneven ground. Be prepared to get your feet wet and be comfortable running with wet feet as well. We recommend that you have specific trail running shoes for the event.

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I want to do the race, but I don't have a partner. How can I find a teammate?

Please contact us via our website and or post to **The Amazons Australia** Facebook page so we can help put you in touch with other adventure racers with some experience depending on where you live.

I want to do the race, but I need to get some skills and fitness. Where do I start?

Please contact us via the website and or email triadventure@optusnet.com.au and we can help put you in touch with coaches and or other adventure racers with some experience depending on where you live. Jan and Kim from Tri Adventure can also provide online and face to face coaching as they have both got over 20 years of experience in the sport and we want all women to have the opportunity to become an Amazon!

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WHY THE AMAZONS AUSTRALIA?

Jan and Kim from Tri Adventure have been Adventure Racing now for more than 20 years each and collectively have over 100 years of experience in endurance sports. Over 12 years ago created the Wild Women Adventure Race, which was the first all-female adventure race in Australia - this event is a highlight of the AR calendar in Australia every year.

In July 2025, we successfully delivered the very first ARWS all female event and we continue to provide a platform for women to aspire to be Amazons – women who are independent, fearless and ready to be challenged – for without an opportunity to see what we, as women are truly capable of achieving, we as women may not live our lives to the fullest! The 2026 event was a huge success despite challenging weather conditions, but women thrived in the conditions and more amazons were unearthed.

Now is your time to thrive - The Amazons are calling!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in Mission Beach July 1-4, 2027.

See you there - Jan and Kim 😊