


New comp a prelude to elite series

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ONE can start marking race dates down on her calendar - the other's schedule is up in the air.

One thing Met Caloundra lifesavers Chloe Jones and Rebecca Creedy have in common, however, is their determination to succeed at the inaugural South Pacific Championships, which begin tomorrow at Kirra Beach.

The three-day carnival has been introduced to help fill the void left by the now defunct Ocean Assault series and will involve ironman and ironwoman racing, IRB events, surf boats and pool competitions.

Creedy qualified for her second Kellogg's Nutri-Grain Series by winning the recent trials at Tugun Beach.

By contrast, Jones, who has featured in the past two series, will have to earn her spot by performing well in wildcard trials the day before each round.

Creedy said yesterday: "It really is the only carnival we have this season before Kellogg's starts and it's going to be great to get out there ... and see who is top dog."

"I have gone out and done a lot of training in the off season to put myself in this position. I am confident in that respect that I have done the training I need to do to be here."

"(At the trials) I didn't think I did a race where I didn't make a mistake, so there's always things to improve on and I've got a long way to go."

Jones admits having to fight it out for a wildcard is not the greatest position to be in.

"It's one of those things where I didn't race well at the trials and it's my bad luck," she said.

Saturday will be the biggest day of the carnival, with the open and under-19 finals and round three of Fastest Man on Sand.

The pool competitions will also be held on Saturday afternoon at Miami Pool.



Met Caloundra lifesavers Rebecca Creedy and Chloe Jones have been gearing themselves up for the South Pacific Championships.

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