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MEDIA RELEASE

Calling all thrill seekers for the 5th annual Lake Awoonga Adventure Race!

More than 120 thrill seekers will hit the bike paths and running trails this Saturday for the 2023 Lake Awoonga Adventure Race.

Now in its fifth year, the adventure race features three legs – a trail bike ride, trail run and kayaking, with different courses to suit all levels of fitness.

Gladstone Area Water Board Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said the event had become a firm fixture in the community and additional funding from GAWB this year would enhance the event.

“We’re thrilled to continue our partnership with the Benaraby Progress Association, who work extremely hard to deliver the adventure race each year,” Mr Barlow said.

“This event was created by the community for our community. We’re proud to support grass roots initiatives that encourage community connection, highlight healthy lifestyles and celebrate the incredible Lake Awoonga catchment.

“As part of our 50th anniversary celebrations, GAWB was also delighted to contribute one-off funding to enable the group to purchase additional kayaks and a specialised kayak trailer.

“With this additional funding, we aim to enhance the longevity of this community run event and enable more people to participate.

“At the event we will also draw the major prize winner of our highly successful Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt. The scavenger hunt is one of our 50th anniversary events and it’s fitting that we bring both the hunt and the adventure race together at the stunning Lake Awoonga,” Mr Barlow said.

Event Coordinator Andrea Ruppik said the event has evolved and grown in five short years and ongoing support from GAWB and the community means the event has a bright future.

“We’re incredibly proud of the hard work our organising committee put in to make this happen every year,” Ms Ruppik said.

“Whether you’re a novice or experienced competitor, it’s about having fun and coming together to celebrate this community through fitness and adventure. There’s something for everyone, from the Barramundi Bush Bash for our novice competitors through to the Goshawk Gauntlet for our competitive adventurers or the all new Taipan Trail for those looking to test their endurance.

“We’re grateful to the Gladstone Area Water Board for their ongoing support over the past five years and the additional funding this year.

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“The new trailer and kayaks will help us open the event to more people and ensure we have the equipment we need to keep up with the growing demand for this event in the future.

“We are also so grateful for the supporter of our other event supporters and stakeholders, as well as the participants who train, compete and have a great time on the day.”

The fifth annual Lake Awoonga Adventure Race will be held on Saturday 4 November from 6am to 11am.

4CC will be holding an outside broadcast at the event, and GAWB will also be drawing the major prize winner of the highly successful Lake Awoonga Scavenger Hunt and handing over a gift voucher worth \$3000 to the winner.

Gladstone Area Water Board, as a Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority, delivers safe and reliable water services which promote economic development and enhances the lifestyle of regional Queensland. Gladstone Area Water Board owns and operates Awoonga Dam on the Boyne River, along with a network of delivery pipelines, water treatment plants and other bulk water distribution infrastructure.

To ensure long-term water security for Gladstone’s urban and industrial customers, the 117-kilometre Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project is under development. When delivered, the pipeline will form part of the Gladstone Area Water Board network and provide enhanced water security and reliability for the region. For more information about Gladstone Area Water Board and the Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline project, please visit www.gawb.qld.gov.au

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