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Swimmers warm up for 2016 PAYCE Cronulla Shark Island Swim

The PAYCE Cronulla Shark Island Swim and PAYCE Cronulla Beach Fun Swim are on again this Sunday and many competitors have been taking advantage of the hot conditions over summer to step up their training regime.

The events are Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club's main fundraisers for the year and have been held each year since 1987.

This year's event will be the third time that PAYCE, one of Australia's leading property developers and investment companies, has thrown its full support behind the event.

PAYCE's Managing Director, Brian Boyd said his company was proud and excited to be associated with the event under a five year sponsorship commitment.

The PAYCE Cronulla Shark Island swim is held over 2.3 kilometres and the winner in both the male and female categories will each take home a \$1000 prize.

It is preceded by the shorter PAYCE Cronulla Fun Swim over a one kilometre triangular course off the beach.

Interest is high to see if the winners of the male and female divisions of the Shark Island Swim of the past two years, Jesse Goodyear and Taylar Puskaric, can pull off the hat-trick by repeating their performances on Sunday.

Another regular in the Shark Island Swim is Georgene McKenzie-Hicks from Sans Souci. Turning 89 this year, Georgene said she is looking forward to a good performance on the day.

Despite a shoulder injury a couple of years ago, Georgene exercises every day and still records respectable times, setting her best time in the Cronulla event last year.

"I swam in Sydney Harbour on Australia Day this year and recently at Malabar in the Rainbow Club's disabled young people's learn to swim fundraiser. In addition to my regular twice a week still-water swim, I do a daily cycle or walk along the Botany Bay foreshore every day," she said.

"I am looking forward to competing in the World Masters Games in New Zealand next year in the 90 and over division."

Brian Boyd says the PAYCE Cronulla Shark Island Swim has a great tradition and it's a pleasure to contribute to the local community and lend support to Cronulla Surf Life Saving Club's annual fundraiser.

"Here's hoping for a good day weatherwise and I wish all the entrants a safe and enjoyable swim," he said.

PAYCE's General Manager, Dominic Sullivan said it is one of the most popular ocean swims on the surf life saving calendar.

"It's a great fun day out for all the family and their friends and the large band of officials and volunteers are to be congratulated for putting on a great day and a well-organised event," he said.

"PAYCE has been creating vibrant and healthy communities within its projects since 1978 and our sponsorship of these types of events is an opportunity to give something back to the community."

Competitors can register for both events online at www.sharkislandswim.com.au or enter on the day between 7.30 am - 9.00 am for the Fun Swim or between 7.30 am - 10 am for the Shark Island Swim.

The PAYCE Cronulla Beach Swim kicks off at 9.30am and the PAYCE Shark Island Swim at 10.30am.

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