

Lyons wins first City to Surf race

The inaugural City to Surf eight-mile run was won on Saturday morning by Rod Lyons.

Lyons covered the distance in 42 minutes six seconds and won by two minutes from Jim Woodriffe and Dave Jones.

The race started at 8 am and 50 senior and veteran runners set off from the Esplanade for Lim's Hotel at Rapid Creek.

Before the field had turned out of the Esplanade, Lyons, Woodriffe and Jones had raced to the front leaving the rest of the field to sort itself out.

After two miles, Lyons pulled away from Woodriffe and Jones and the latter were followed by a bunch of six runners . . . Ralph Henderson, Tony Yakovina, Colin Kerr, Peter Sinclair, Gordon Johnson and Steve Lewis.

Lyons, Woodriffe and Jones went past Ludmilla School and it was at this

spot that the juniors began their run.

This made a full field of 100 competing in the event.

As the race progressed Lyons pulled further away to record a comfortable win.

Back in the ruck, the senior runners gradually joined up with the juniors and there were runners all the way down Bagot Road.

In the juniors' section, Willie Markos (13) and Jackie Griffin (12) headed their sections . . . Markos the first under 19 junior home and Griffin leading in the female section.

Good efforts were put up by the senior women and veteran men with

Lois Bruce winning the first section and Ron Byron taking out the veterans.

There was also a team's event with Casuarina High winning the senior and junior women's titles and also the junior men's.

Nightcliff won the senior men's.

On Thursday evening at St John's Oval there will be a pentathlon event, starting at 8.00.

This requires each competitor to compete in five events, scoring points for each performance.

The events will be 100 metres, javelin and shot put on Thursday and the 800 metres and high jump on Saturday morning, starting at 9.00.