

Texas 'Torture on the Border'



Rett Cleeve and Jill Finlay managing the transition area

the run leg, PA announcer job, pool marshalling, assisting in the transition area and kids lead bike rider jobs!! One of our clever members, Kate Gray, even managed to do two jobs at once! Thank you to Olivia Moore, Andrew Gray, Kate Gray, Rett Cleeve and Jill Finlay for a fantastic effort.

Held on Sunday 20th March 2022, with just over 100 competitors, The 'Torture on the Border' is a community triathlon with events for all age groups and fitness levels.

Men's open class waiting to start the swim leg



The Southern Downs Branch of QLD ICPA recently volunteered to help support a great local community event – the 'Texas Torture on the Border', and in turn take up a fundraising opportunity for the branch.

The event relies on over 50 volunteers to do the many jobs associated with the day and this year the Southern Downs ICPA team handled the hydration for



Those who took part in the youngest age category were all very pleased with their results

This year the organisers were pleased to have increased numbers of competitors in the Open individual events including a contingent from Team T-Rex Triathlon Club from Runaway Bay. There were plenty of locals, plus visitors from Goondiwindi, Inverell, Inglewood, Bonshaw, Delungra, Stanthorpe and Toowoomba. The event also had feedback from a board member of Triathlon QLD and a preliminary enquiry regarding whether the Texas Torture on the Border can be part of the QLD Tri Series in 2023!

The 'Torture on the Border Committee' raises sponsorship for the event and this income helps fund the \$5,000 that goes back to local volunteer groups, including the ICPA, for the help provided.

Supporting the 'Torture on the Border' has multiple benefits; knowing that our help is integral to the event being able to go ahead means we are helping provide opportunities for local children and adults to participate in such a healthy, fun initiative, the funds we raise help cover the costs of sending delegates to ICPA conferences and it's an opportunity to promote ICPA as an organisation while having a fun morning out and connecting with the Texas community! Some would also say they would much prefer to assist than participate!

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