



## SWIMMING

Balmoral Swim  
competitors race to the  
water.  
Picture: Virginia Young



# Making a splash for charity

THE Balmoral Swim for Cancer raised more money than ever before for the Children Cancer's Institute, since it began supporting the charity nine years ago.

Swim director Peter Ellis estimated the annual event raised up to \$140,000 on Sunday.

"It takes us to probably somewhere around \$850,000 we raised since we started supporting the CCI," he said.

More than 1000 swimmers competed in the event's 25th year.

Cormac Guthrie, 16, won the main 1km race in a field

of 688 swimmers. Mr Ellis said Balmoral was "sparkling".

"One of the nicest comments was, 'great day and great event, cracker of an autumn day' and it was," he said.

Mr Ellis said inspirational competitors in-

cluded three-time Paralympian Prue Watt, who is aiming for Rio, a blind swimmer, a paraplegic swimmer and a double lung transplant recipient.

Planning for the 2017 event is already taking place.