



**Kirsty Cushing, of Mackay, is in training for the swimathon fundraiser on Saturday.**

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# Make your Big Splash

**MACKAY people are being urged to get in the swim as part of a national fundraiser to help reduce incidents of drowning in Australia.**

**Last year more than 50 children, aged one to 15, drowned.**

**So throughout summer, Royal Life Saving will hold a host of fundraisers – including one in Mackay on Saturday – to raise awareness of child drownings in a bid to curb the statistics.**

**Royal Life Saving chief executive officer Rob Bradley has called for Mackay residents to get right behind the Uncle Toby's Big Splash Swimathon.**

**The organisation will use the funds to try to reduce child drowning across the nation and fund swimming lessons for disadvantaged families and fund local charity projects.**

**The swimathon will be held at the Pioneer Swim Centre at North Mackay and entry is via a gold coin donation.**

**People are encouraged to take part in swim races, treasure dives and an inflatable raft race between 2.30pm and 5pm.**

**There will be a pool party, with a sausage sizzle and giant inflatable raft, from 5pm until 7pm.**