

# Plenty of face packs at Muddy Buddy

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There were face packs galore, but this is no beauty parade – it was the Sport Tasman Muddy Buddy and it was way more fun.

Nearly 500 people turned out at the Havelock Estuary on Saturday for the event.

They came in teams, in an array of costumes and with one aim – to slip, slide, and wriggle around the course.

Participants could do one to three laps of the 1km course which included two slides, a cargo net to crawl under and a zigzag section, all designed

to get them as muddy as possible.

There was a prize for the most ‘out there’ costume, plus a plethora of spot prizes which were drawn at the end of the event.

“This was our biggest ever event,” Jane Miles, from Sport

Tasman, says.

“And we were thrilled at the number of family groups who came this year.”

Jane says the event is all about having fun, with very few rules apart from competitors having to wear taped on shoes for safety reasons and

stay within the designated course markers.

“The Havelock Lions Club were there running a barbecue, and they raised \$550 which they will use to help youth to attend Outward Bound.

“The funds raised on the day will go to Havelock Vision

20/20, a group which does a great deal for the Havelock community.

“Their volunteers were there on the day to help with course set-up and registrations.

“It was a great success, so we’re making plans for Muddy Buddy 2020,” Jane says.



Finn Foster, Ayden Foster and Jude Richmond had plenty of fun getting muddy.