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Australia's Top Heptathletes confirmed for 2019 WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift

The 2019 WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift (BGG) will see Australian Heptathlon Champion and Commonwealth Games representative Celeste Mucci match up against fellow heptathlete and 2018 BGG Women's 120m winner Kiara Reddingius over the 120m sprint.

The pair are quite familiar with competing against each other, with Reddingius winning the silver medal in the Heptathlon at the 2018 Australian Athletics Championships, behind Mucci who went on to represent Australia at the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

Mucci will race the 120m Handicap race and her entry adds to an already star-studded line up, with Ryan and Genevieve Gregson (nee LaCaze) confirmed for the Qube Mile.

Mucci holds personal bests of 11.85 in the 100m and 24.24 in the 200m and sprints are always part of her competition schedule during the track and field season. Whilst 120m on grass might be a bit different to her usual events, Mucci thinks the versatility of heptathletes will be an advantage.

"For me, I understand what it means to train for different events, so I believe heptathletes have the skills and knowledge to adapt to certain races or events," said Mucci.

Reddingius, who blitzed a strong field including sprint star Riley Day to claim the \$14,000 prize, will be relocating to Melbourne in January to join Mucci's training squad.

Mucci and Reddingius will be taking part in a range of training clinics and look forward to inspiring the future generation aspiring to compete in combined events, including the heptathlon.

"In combined events there will always be events you will like more than others, but there's nothing more rewarding than completing a multi event," Mucci describes of her experience.



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Will it be a battle of the heptathletes for the \$14,000 prize in 2019? Time will tell! Be there to witness the 2019 WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift from the 2nd to 3rd of March 2019 at Bunbury Recreational Ground.

Athlete entries are open until the 9th of February 2019, with details of the \$78,000 prize pool now available on the BGG website. Modelled on the famous Stawell Gift, the Bunbury event will feature the headline Men's and Women's 120m, races over 70m, 400m and the Mile, with Little Athletics and Masters events also returning to the program.

Athletes can enter online at www.bunburygeographegift.com.au and are encouraged to start planning travel and accommodation soon, as interest continues to grow across Western Australia and interstate.

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