



## Media Release – 2 March 2009

### It's all downhill from here

*"This is the first 8 km's, there's another 370 to go, so take it easy."*

With these words, the inaugural BMC Mountains To Beach mountain bike ride commenced.

The first stage, the Hayes Manitou Mountain Run was just that – a run down the slopes of Mt Kosciuszko and for some riders it took less than 20 minutes.

Local knowledge may have played a part in Cooma based Andrew Blair's (0.18.31) Stage 1 win today, but it may also have been the challenging course set by course designer, Wayne Byard.

Andrew's place at the top is going to be hotly contested, with Queenslander Andrew Fellows (0.18.37) and Port Macquarie's Dennis Van Mill (0.18.38) within 10 seconds. There are only 2 minutes separating the top 10 male riders.

The women's overall isn't so close. Canberran Rosemary Barnes (0.23.09) came in two minutes ahead of Sydneysider Gaye Camm (0.25.42). One of the race favourites, Queenslander Naomi Hansen (0.26.31) is currently in third place.

After the gruelling start, which riders described as challenging yet fun, the riders had a leisurely cruise to the Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort for lunch.

This afternoon the riders tackled the Maxxis Muster. The purpose built singletrack Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort designed with this race in mind. Most riders described the track as 'awesome', so it looks as if the Snowy Region has another summer attraction.

With \$5000 in cash and \$25000 in prizes to be won, the competition is going to be fierce.

The remaining 325km of the race covers every possible terrain, from winding singletrack, heart stopping mountain descents and heartbreaking mountain climbs to rainforest lined gullies, atop coastal cliffs and along sandy beaches.

Tuesday sees them leaving Lake Crackenback Resort, after taking in a ride on the Ski Tube to Perisher Blue Ski Resort. From Perisher Blue the riders will travel up to Guthega Village and then down to the Snowy River and then it's onto Buckenderra Resort for the evening.

Wednesday has the riders up early with a race commencing at 5:15 am. Then it's a leisurely ride to Cooma, where the riders will get to have some free time.

Full race results for Day 1, including general classifications are attached

Full details of all stages can be found on [www.wildhorizons.com.au](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au)

Images of the day are available. Please contact Beverley Atkins for information on how to obtain these.

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**Stage 1 – The Hayes Manitou Mountain Run (hosted by Thredbo)**

Category	Place	Competitor	Time
Solo Men Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Blair	0:18:31
Solo Men Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Fellows	0:18:37
Solo Men Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	0:18:38
Solo Women Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Barnes	0:23:09
Solo Women Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naomi Hansen	0:26:31
Solo Women Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kath Bicknell	0:26:43
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	John Clews	0:20:37
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gwyn Tavener-Smith	0:21:23
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Jamieson	0:22:14
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gaye Camm	0:25:42
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heidi Healy	0:35:35
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronwyn Markham	0:36:20
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Cull	0:23:20
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Hansen	0:23:57
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	DJ Brooks	0:24:39

**Stage 3 – The Maxxis Muster (hosted by Novotel Lake Crackenback Resort)**

Category	Place	Competitor	Time
Solo Men Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	0:51:59
Solo Men Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Blair	0:52:00
Solo Men Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jason English	0:52:00
Solo Women Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Barnes	1:04:49
Solo Women Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naomi Hansen	1:04:56
Solo Women Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heather Evans	1:08:44
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	John Clews	0:58:37
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Jamieson	0:58:41
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rodney Hart	1:00:33
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gaye Cam	1:17:02
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bronwyn Markham	1:29:37
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny Caldwell	1:31:29
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Cull	1:00:32
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Dove	1:03:39
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Hansen	1:04:30





## BMC Mountains To Beach Overall Standings

Category	Place	Competitor	Time
<b>General Classification (Male)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	0:51:59
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Blair	0:00:01
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jason English	0:00:01
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Brett Anderson	0:02:35
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Warren Burgess	0:02:36
<b>General Classification (Female)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Barnes	1:04:49
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naomi Hansen	0:00:07
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heather Evans	0:03:55
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Marquita Gelderman	0:05:19
	5 <sup>th</sup>	Kim McFadden	0:06:52
<b>General Classification (Solo Men Open – 18-39)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Blair	1:10:31
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	1:10:37
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Fellows	1:13:27
<b>General Classification (Solo Women Open – 18-39)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rosemary Barnes	1:27:58
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Naomi Hansen	1:31:27
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Heather Evans	1:36:57
<b>General Classification (Solo Men Masters- 40-49)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	John Clews	1:19:14
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Jamieson	1:20:55
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Rodney Hart	1:22:47
<b>General Classification (Solo Women Masters - 40-49)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gaye Camm	1:42:44
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bronwyn Markham	2:05:57
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny Caldwell	2:15:33
<b>General Classification (Solo Men Supermasters - 50+)</b>			
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Cull	1:23:52
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Hansen	1:28:27
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Dove	1:28:47