



## Media Release – 7 March 2009

### Sea you next year

The inaugural BMC Mountains to Beach mountain bike race finished in spectacular fashion on Narooma's main beach today with riders crossing the line in the sand as the surf rolled in.

The riders have covered more than 375km since Monday 2 March but there were still a few sprints to the finish line, while many were happy just to finish.

None more so than Jason English. He needed to finish at least 3 minutes 27 seconds in front of rival Andrew Blair to claim the lead. Andrew finished third in today stage in 1:58:09. Jason had beaten him over the line by 3 minutes and 39 seconds – to win the Solo Men's Open by just 20 seconds.

It was a very nervous 3 minutes and 39 seconds for Jason as he waited for Andrew to cross the line.

Second place today went to Dennis Van Mill in 1:58:01. Unfortunately not enough to beat Andrew Blair into second place overall.

Blair was disappointed to have lost the lead by so little, but philosophical about the defeat, as he and English are good friends off the race track.

The Women's results may not have been as close, but this didn't stop the competitive spirit showing through, with Naomi Hansen pushing herself all the way to finish in 2:29:69.

Hansen won the Open Women's category by 58 minutes and 55 seconds. Heather Evans and Belinda Porter were the second and third place getters. Porter was more than 2 hours behind Hansen. Rosie Barnes, Hansen's main rival early in the week was forced out on Day 3 with an injury.

Of the 172 competitors who entered the race, 153 completed the entire event, with only four riders withdrawing due to injury.

At the presentation dinner last night all agreed the event had been a spectacular success for its riding and its ever changing scenery.

The BMC Mountains To Beach can only grow from here.

We'll sea you all next year!

Full race results for Day 5, including general classifications are attached.

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

Images are available, please contact Beverley Atkins for further information.

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### Stage 11 – The Gound Effect Surf Safari

Category	Place	Competitor	Time
Solo Men Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason English	1:54:22
Solo Men Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	1:58:01
Solo Men Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Blair	1:58:09
Solo Women Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naomi Hansen	2:29:59
Solo Women Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heather Evans	2:41:10
Solo Women Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belinda Porter	2:47:09
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Rodney Hart	2:17:29
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tim Jamieson	2:18:31
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Macklin	2:22:06
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gaye Camm	3:22:12
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenny Caldwell	3:35:21
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronwyn Markham	4:00:24
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Cull	2:15:46
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Hansen	2:33:52
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	William Dove	2:39:01



### BMC Mountains To Beach Overall Standings

Category	Place	Competitor	Time
<b>General Classification</b>			
Solo Men Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason English	9:53:47
Solo Men Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Blair	0:00:20
Solo Men Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dennis Van Mill	0:04:21
<b>General Classification</b>			
Solo Women Open (18-39)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Naomi Hansen	12:27:15
Solo Women Open (18-39)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heather Evans	0:58:55
Solo Women Open (18-39)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Belinda Porter	2:04P:24
<b>General Classification</b>			
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tim Jamieson	11:29:31
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rodney Hart	0:05:55
Solo Men Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Dole	0:22:08
<b>General Classification</b>			
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Gaye Camm	16:02:58
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jenny Caldwell	0:57:59
Solo Women Masters (40-49)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bronwyn Markham	2:51:06
<b>General Classification</b>			
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	1 <sup>st</sup>	Roger Cull	11:37:06
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	William Dove	0:54:11
Solo Men Supermasters (50+)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Hansen	1:09:03