

## BMC Mountains To Beach 2009

### Comments from Competitors & Community

Heartiest **congratulations** to Huw, Fi, Wayne and all the gang for an outstanding week. It was a masterpiece of organisation, without a hint of a glitch...amazing! A hell of a lot of hard work from you guys certainly paid off for us...the most well run event I've been a part of. I'll spread the word

*We didn't get a chance to properly to say thanks for what was a great event. We were wondering if the POLARIS could ever be replaced but the BMC MTB is a more than adequate substitute and we are already looking forward to next year (we even got back on the bike this morning). The bodies and bikes held up pretty well. As usual the organisation was faultless, the route was fantastic (but then we knew it would be) and no doubt the south coast will see hoards of MTBers visiting in the future.*

Thanks very much for a wonderful week. You guys organise and run the best events in the WORLD! The ride had a great mixture of terrain, scenery and challenges, (you knew that anyway) with a wonderful bunch of participants who competed in the right spirit. No matter whether you were a weekend warrior or an elite rider you just had to enjoy the event. I enjoyed the company of all the riders and the Dark Siders, whether it was grabbing a drink top up, a coffee, sharing a meal, sharing a beer or swapping turns on the track. I hope that the event gets bigger and (if possible) better. Thanks again and see you at the Fling, if not sooner.

*You guys put on a fantastic event - congratulations to you all! Bermagui Dirtsurfers enjoyed themselves at Yowrie and were really pleased that the riders were so rapt in the lunch provided. We got enthusiastic raves from the riders about the track at Bermagui which was great as a lot of work went into ensuring it was in top condition. It was a pleasure to be involved with you and the team and we look forward to the opportunity of working with you in the future.*

Good afternoon, just wanted to congratulate all that were involved with the Mountains to Beach ride. I had nothing but great reports on Saturday morning as everyone was eating breakfast.....and great for the country towns you visited....so well done and hope to see you again next year.

*Congratulations for providing a brilliant, well-co-ordinated & balanced event  
Such Fun!!!!!!! Thanks again for a wonderful week away with the nicest bunch of people you'd ever wish for*

Well done on a brilliant week, and I'm sure everyone was talking about coming back, and will bring friends back. I would have to say you guys are the best organisers I have ever seen, so will always look out for you're events, and really hope a Polaris can make its way back onto your calendar, as so many people told me how good it was.

*Thanks a lot for letting us take part in the first MTB ever. Beautiful pics, beautiful event, beautiful people. Really impressed with the level of planning and info to volunteers and their attitude and expertise.*

Thanks for a great week....congrats to all the 'darkside' crew for a outstanding event...

We played host to the tour for one day of their itinerary. From our view point it was a wonderful success bringing much needed business to our park. The race organisers were very well prepared obviously being seasoned professionals at running events like this, both their staff and customers were well informed of what to expect and how things would run. The team had thought of all contingencies with very good backup in all areas, including track marking and safety, bike maintenance and roadworthiness, catering for the riders while making sure things were done right on properties and roads alike.

The riders/customers were all very well behaved, taking their manners with them wherever they went. They were serious riders with all the proper gear to get them through the race and keep them safe along the way. We would like to see this become an annual event in our calendar and will work with the organisers to help this come to fruition.

*Firstly, congratulations on a successful event! It was clear just how much planning and management was involved. Often in the hotel/resort game we have many event organisers approach us for venue requirements.. I am most keen to grow the event for next year.*

*I found your organisation and planning to be superb on all levels. I think you guys did a fantastic job and well done to all of you. Thank you for your business and professionalism. You are welcome here any time.*

Many thanks to all of you for the event. We had a great time; the scenery, organisation, people etc etc etc were awesome. The photos on the web site are unbelievable. We look forward to doing more events with you guys.

*The event was great for the community and the Alpine region. I was happy with the running of the event and its organization ... Looking forward to working with you and the BMC for next years event.*

Glad to hear BMC was a success. You have definitely won the interest of a lot of our endurance riders. Hopefully your event will be an annual event. We were impressed with how smoothly the Thredbo leg of BMC went which was very painless for us.

*It was an amazing week, we had such a wonderful time, and whilst I would have rather been on the bike, providing the physio services ran a VERY close second!*

Thanking you for a great adventure last week. Great to be a part of such a well organised event. Many thanks to Fi, Mark etc as well. That MC guy wasn't bad too, especially for a Welshman!

*What a great event run smoothly! After a few days to recover and reflect, I appreciate the full diversity of the course, riding, terrain and company.*

I trust you are all enjoying some rest after what must have been an exhausting but hopefully super-rewarding week of racing. The professional organisation of the event and spirit of the competitors is a real credit to you and all involved with the race.

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Thanks for a great event. Had a ball.

*The event was fantastic, well organised and great country, I have not stopped talking about it .*

Now that I have almost fully recovered from the efforts of Mountains to Sea, I wanted to write to you all, to thank you very much for dreaming up, and putting on such a magnificent event. I loved every minute of it. The spirit and friendliness of all the officials and competitors added to the enjoyment, and the organization was simply superb. You really did think of absolutely everything. I am sure by word of mouth from all who did the race this year, you will have many more who will want to participate next year. Once again, many thanks for all your efforts and hard work.

*Thanks for the amazing BMC classic.  
It is now "the" event in Australian mountain biking.*

I'd have to agree with some of those comments - I reckon Huw's events are my favourite, because of the organisation / fun / wilderness (in varying amounts) / challenge they provide.

*Just a quick note to congratulate yourself, Huw and the rest of the team on a fantastic event! It was certainly a challenging ride for myself and I'll definitely be back next year and hopefully drag a few more mates with me too!*

Thanks for a great event. You all did so well in organising such a massive event and I was very impressed with the good nature of all support crew and competitors involved.