

## Hello All

Well it's been an exciting month of change for Wild Horizons. Amidst the lure of the snow, the attempts to train for a 9 day MTB race in India, and the Highland Fling just 6 weeks away, we have somehow found the time to embark on a new venture, one which combines our love of cycling with our love of coffee. Read on ...

## BMC MOUNTAINS TO BEACH – FREE ENTRY!



The BMC Mountains To Beach is shaping up to be a real adventure! This 5 day stage race takes you from the roof of Australia to the surf of the South Coast of

NSW from 1-6 March 2009. Involving many unique elements such as a specifically designed cross-country descent from the top of the Kosciuszko Express chairlift in Thredbo, a trip on the Ski Tube train from Bullocks Flat to Perisher, and some new mtb trails never before raced, and finishing up with some stunning coastal riding, we look forward to giving you an experience to savour. Each stage is very different to the next in terms of terrain, distance, and scenery, which should whet the appetite for the next day's riding! This year we have decided not to feature a navigation stage, so no need to worry about geographical embarrassment! See [www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/) for all the event info.

We are giving away one **FREE ENTRY** worth \$600 to a solo rider or team who enters the BMC Mountains To Beach on Wednesday 8 October. Entries will open at **7am** on that day, so simply head to [www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/ENTRIES.html](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/ENTRIES.html) and complete your entry as you normally would and we will draw the winner from all entries received between 7am and midnight on Wednesday 8 October. The result will be posted on the website and we will be in touch with the winner to organise the entry credit. If the winning entry is a team, then you will get one entry credit of \$600: you decide how to split it!

## HIGHLAND FLING – SOUVENIR RELEASE WINE!



Tertini Wines, one of the most awarded Southern Highlands wine producers, and our official Fling wine sponsor, have produced a Highland Fling "Souvenir Release" 2005 Pinot

Noir, and will be giving a bottle to every Fling competitor. We have, of course, sampled this product and can highly recommend it. Tertini Wines have additional bottles for sale for just \$15 per bottle, which you can pre-order and pick up from the Tertini Wines tasting booth on the afternoon of Saturday 8 November or on Sunday 9 November from 10am -5pm. To place your order, please call (02) 4878 5213 or email [sales@tertiniwines.com.au](mailto:sales@tertiniwines.com.au) Or if you're in the area, drop into the Tertini Wines cellar door at its winery on Kells Creek Road, just 6 minutes from Mittagong. You can also try their wines at the Event Centre on Sunday 9 November or by joining in on Fling in the Vines on the Saturday.



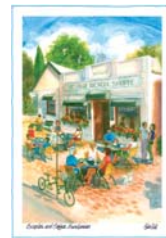
For those who missed out on a Fling entry, or want to opt for a slightly shorter or more relaxed event on the weekend, you can still enter for the Bundanoon Dash on the Saturday and the Casual Fling on the Sunday. Details are on [www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/casual.html](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/casual.html) Just a reminder to Fling entrants that there is no registration on Sunday morning as in previous years. Fling Registration is on Saturday 8 November only from 3-11pm. See the draft schedule at [www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/about.html#3](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/about.html#3) for more info.

## WELCOME BACK FI

A warm welcome back to Fiona Dick. Some of you may remember Fi when she worked for us back in 05-06 and many will know her from the mountain bike scene. Having spent the past 2 years working for Dirt Works, one of the major cycling wholesalers, Fi has returned to take up the position of Operations Coordinator with Wild Horizons.

## CAFFEINE & CYCLING - A PERFECT MIX

Wild Horizons is soon to move home. We recently took over the iconic Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe in Bundanoon. This business has been in operation for 50 years, at one point having a 300 bike hire fleet. It is now a great cafe; the hub of Bundanoon. Our plans are to make the cafe a destination for cyclists visiting the region, the 'Home of The Highland Fling', and to improve the bike hire fleet including some top end demo models from some of the brands we work closely with. We'll also be running some local MTB tours and some more laid back winery/cafe tours. Things won't change much until after Fling 08 but we're looking forward to welcoming you to the Shoppe!



We'll be looking for enthusiastic staff who can do at least two of the following - make great coffee, cook great food and talk bikes and biking here in the beautiful Southern Highlands of NSW!

## FLING IN THE VINES – SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER



Fling in the Vines is a leisurely 25km mountain bike wine tour starting at 10.30am on Saturday 8 November in Berrima. Traversing a combination of country roads and farm tracks, and taking in some beautiful scenery and rolling countryside along the way, we will visit cellar doors and wineries of the area. A vehicle will be on hand to pick up any purchase you might make, and we will arrive back in Berrima at around 2pm. Cost is \$50 and there are just a few spots left. Book at [www.wildhorizons.com.au/tours/tourbookingform.html](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/tours/tourbookingform.html)

## JOIN THE DARK SIDE

Come over to the Dark Side, the world famous volunteers and organizers who run the events! If you're available to help with either the Highland Fling (8-9 November 08) or the BMC Mountains To Beach (1-7 March 09) then we'd love to hear from you. You can fill in the Volunteer Form on the web at [www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/) or [www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/mountainstobeach/), or contact us on [darkside@wildhorizons.com.au](mailto:darkside@wildhorizons.com.au)

## WINGELLO TRAIL FAIRIES – WORKING BEE



The trails in Wingello State Forest continue to develop and provide a great riding experience for all. Come and help the Wingello Trail Fairies build and maintain these tracks! The next working bee is on Saturday 25 October. See [www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/trackbuilding.html](http://www.wildhorizons.com.au/highlandfling/trackbuilding.html) for more information.

## URBAN POLARIS – ENTRIES OPEN



The Urban Polaris, now licensed to the Mental Health Foundation (ACT), will take place in Canberra on Sunday 7 December and entries are now open! With all proceeds going to the Mental Health Foundation (ACT), don't miss the opportunity to give your support by attending the best mountain bike navigation event in Australia. Look forward to a course with a distinctly Mental Health flavour... for more info and to enter, see [www.urbanpolaris2008.org.au](http://www.urbanpolaris2008.org.au) or phone (02) 6230 7629.

See following page for more exciting news!!!!

## SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY - A SMALL BUT IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD

For many years we have been involved in the campaign for more equitable access for cycling in the huge tracts of public land (often National Park) locked up by the Sydney Catchment Authority. It has been a hard battle against a bureaucracy not known for their ability to listen to well constructed argument. After a meeting with the Minister responsible (the now Premier Nathan Rees) and follow up work, the Minister announced there would be some limited access for cycling. The details will soon be announced jointly by SCA and NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service and a period of public comment will follow. We'll let you know when this occurs so that riders can put in submissions to support the initiative. Once the access is granted it will be up to us as riders to show the SCA we respect the regulations and appreciate the access gained. This will stand us in good stead for further access in years to come.

## MANITOU SUSPENSION PRODUCTS

After a few quiet years, Manitou suspension products will be featured front and centre come the inaugural BMC Mountains To Beach event. The entirely redesigned Manitou range covers the needs of XC and trail mountain bikers with light weight and highly adjustable designs. For the 2009 season the BMC Australia MTB team will be riding the new Manitou R7 MRD fork. The R7 MRD is the top of the R7 range, which is aimed at XC racers and enthusiasts. The R7 family of forks all weigh under 3lbs, and feature 100mm of travel and the easy to use Absolute damper. The 2009 Manitou range will be available in Australia from November. Contact Dirt Works on (02) 9679 8400 for further information.



See you in the mountains or on the trails!  
cheers.....Huw & the Wild Horizons team

**BMC MTB**  
Mountains To Beach

It's all downhill from here!\*

Beach down here somewhere

5 days of mountain bike stage racing  
from the roof of Australia to the surf

Thredbo Top Station, Perisher Blue, Kosciuszko NP, Lake Crackenback Resort, Buckenderra Resort, Cooma, Cobargo, Bermagui, Narooma

Sunday 1st March to Friday 6th March 2009  
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