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SLOPES - KNP mountain biking events in 2016

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email updates you regarding 2 separate mountain biking events planned to take place in 2016.

SLOPES is publicising these events as Clubs hopefully will see them as opportunities to promote sport to their members and, in that way, also increase lodge use outside of the winter season.

The events are:

1. Snowies Mountain Bike Festival - 12 to 14 February 2016

For details on this event see: <http://in2adventure.com.au/snowies-mtb/>

In summary the website notes:

The iconic Snowy Mountains are set to host the ultimate mountain bike experience in February 2016 where riders will be challenged with 5 stages across 3 days in rugged mountain terrain in the hunt for a massive \$10,000 Prize Purse.

Starting at an altitude of 1260m, riders will be tested with over 100k of rugged mountain terrain, technical single track, a mammoth ascent, and some awe inspiring downhills, making this one of Australia's most iconic mountain bike stage races. In 2016 we add an all new stage with the 'Thredbo All Mountain Descent' including a chairlift which takes you just a stone's throw from Australia's highest peak followed by 9ks of epic downhill on Thredbo's new All Mountain Trails. Join us in what is arguably Australia's most affordable and logistically convenient MTB stage race, where you can just enjoy the epic riding that only the iconic Snowies can deliver.

Tackle all 5 stages as a solo, share the stages between a team of 2 or 3, OR choose to do the 45k marathon or 30k or 15k XC MTB only in this 'not to be missed' Mountain Bike Experience.

Event details can be found here: <http://in2adventure.com.au/events/2016-snowies-mountain-bike-festival/>

The organisers advise that there are events for everyone. The website notes:

Something for Everyone *The Snowies MTB Festival offers something for riders of all levels. Solo riders can take on the ultimate adrenaline-fueled endurance challenge of all 5 stages across the long weekend, or the stages can be shared between a team of 2 or 3. If just one day of heart-pumping action is all you're after, then the 45, 30 or 15k race on Sunday is the event for you.*

2. La Tour Cycling Event - December 2016

For details on this event see: <http://letapeaustralia.com>

Described as "the first Tour de France event to be held in Australia" in summary the website notes:

The ultimate amateur competitive ride in Australia, The Race includes some highly challenging mountain climbs, the Sprint and King of the Mountain sections, with the Race winner pulling-on the coveted Tour de France Yellow Jersey.

There are challenging climbs "for those who are content to ride rather than race, albeit competitively".

Plus there is a "Ramble" event described as "a shorter and less challenging ride" for "those content to immerse themselves in the atmosphere of a weekend at the L'Étape Australia by Le Tour de France".

See here a Snowy Times article on the event: <http://www.snowytimes.com/le-tour-cycling-event-for-snowy-mountains/>

Regards

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