

## Albany Adventurethon Done & Dusted!

### WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND!

We want to thank everyone for coming down to compete, support and Volunteer over the weekend! What a terrific weekend we had, increased numbers and tremendous vibe from competitors and families.

Firstly we would like to say how proud we are of everyone who competed. Well Done! Thank you on behalf of the Adventurethon Team, without YOU we would not be able to hold such an event!

A few special mentions

A special thanks to Jason Bresanello who planned most of the mountain bike legs of Saturdays courses and was the go-to for all things associated with the bike tracks. Jason tested things out and came up with new ideas and helped make a sensational bike leg of Adventurethon.

Thank you to all the competitors who travelled long distances to participate. We understand the value of traveling and are thrilled you took the time to come and join us.

Thank you to Raidlight for their sponsorship of the Ultra Course and generous prizes for all division winners this weekend. For all of your hydration needs and racing extras check them out (<http://hardcore-brands-pty-ltd.myshopify.com/> ) and let them know Adventurethon sent you.

And lastly, but definitely not least, a special thank you to all the people who volunteered and supported our event in the lead up to the event and over the weekend. You guys make all the difference at our events and we appreciate every one of you.

Here's the wrap up of the weekend!

### Perfect Conditions, picturesque scenery & broken bones!

Athletes and supporters gathered at Anzac Peace Park to compete or cheer on the adventurous on the weekend.



Saturday Race Start - Photograph by Di Sinclair-Thomas Photography

With 2014 being the second year in the running, Adventurethon Event Coordinators are proud to say numbers have increased since last year and see many successful years to come.

The day kicked off with a member of the local RSL talking about the significance and history of the Albany in the first World War. Competitors were sent off with renewed perspectives to contemplate as they would later head to the Avenue of Honour.

"Repeat Offenders" to Adventurethon would have been pleasantly surprised this year, with some changes in routes etc being very much appreciated after the torture fest last year.

Ultra Paddlers headed out past the shipwreck, Cheynes Whaling boat and then through the scenic Ataturk Chanel (named in 1985 in a reciprocal gesture as the beach at Gallipoli was named "Anzac Cove"). Paddle conditions were influenced from the south - which meant that the paddle in the harbour was sloppy, particularly for

inexperienced paddlers or those who had chosen the wrong craft. But once paddlers got out of the harbour they encountered perfect, protected and scenic paddling conditions. Albany has some of the most stunning paddling conditions and views all year round. It is worth locking a paddle here into your calendar any time you are in the area!

Great work to Elana, who started 15 mins after everyone else (and in a 'dodgy' boat) due to a forgotten paddle - but who still did the Ultra paddle!

Once back on the mainland, competitors set out on their mountain bikes. This year's mountain bike course was a MASSIVE highlight for people - with great views, differences in difficulty, and terrain. The course had a combination of granite, pea gravel, limestone, sand, downhill tracks, wooden berm and even a stair section - enough to entertain most mountain bike enthusiasts and give your skills a real challenge. Matt Coutts made his mountain bike leg a bit more memorable by falling and breaking his arm - not advisable for being able to finish your race, but makes for some great stories. Heal fast Matt.

Runners headed out for a scenic and challenging run, with a deviation off the Port to Middleton boardwalk where the track saw competitors rock hopping over large rocks and boulders only metres from the water.



#### *Elite Ultra*

Last year's Albany Adventurethon Champ, Kris Plain struck again taking the Raidlight Ultra Elite win on Saturday. Kris tackled the 7km Paddle, 2km trail run, 9km Paddle, 22km Mountain Bike & 13km Trail run & rock hop in only (4:06:20). Buck Cockman followed soon after in 2nd in (4:17:08) with Keiron Benson coming in to take 3rd place (4:35:46). Buck had the fastest paddle time (41:23)



Kris Plain, Elite Raidlight Ultra Champion

#### *Male Opens*

There were some very quick paddles among these boys, with the fastest of the Male Opens (Matt Coutts) finishing his first paddle 38 seconds ahead of the first Elite male, Kris Plain (41:55). Gavin Morton finished first Male Open with a time of 4:37:27, Jason Bresanello finished second in Male Open (with a time of 4:41:53) after

a pit stop on the track to help fellow competitor Matt Coutts when he broke his arm. Daniel Baker finished 3rd in Male Open with a time of 5:33:34



Jason Bresanello - Finished 2nd, Open Male Raidlight Ultra

#### *Females*

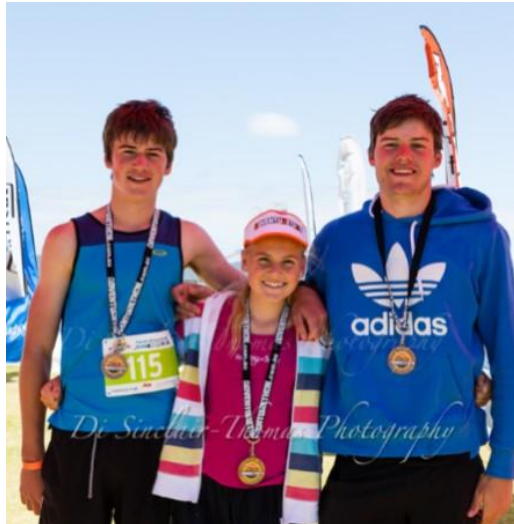
Vicki Stokes finished first in Female Masters with a time of 6:18:31. Elana Bastiani, after a messy start, finished first in Female Open with a time of 7:10:35.



Vicki Stokes, Winner Female Masters Raidlight Ultra

#### *Teams*

Our teams showed us how encouragement and group support can get you that extra mile with *Williamson Young Ones* coming through on top finishing 1st place (6:02:49). Team *Dimesi* took 2nd place (6:02:49) and Williamson Oldies in 3rd place (6:09:05).



Raidlight Ultra Adventurethon, Team Williamson Young Ones



It was good to see a mixture of people in the Enduro this year.

#### *Male Opens*

Luke Gaches was the first individual to cross the line for the Enduro, coming 1st place for the Open Male category (3:48:46). Ryan Meldrum finished in 2nd place (03:53:42) with Daniel Byrne finishing 3rd (05:05:08).



Enduro Open Male Winner, Luke Gaches

#### *Female Opens*

Bethany Campbell was the first female over the line claiming 1st place (05:14:36).

#### *Teams*

Team *Local Knowledge* were first to see the finish line in the Enduro race finishing in 3:40:25.

Team *Toomey* were the next, taking 2nd place (4:07:00). Team *Tied in and Skrewed Up* finished 3rd (5:34:14).



### *Male Opens*

The first Male open to finish the AON Dirty Duathlon was John Turner in only (2:52:024). Haig Egerton-Warburton finished in 2nd place (3:22:10) and Jack Dunn in 3rd (3:24:51).

### *Male Masters & Teams*

The first Enduro over the line was the team Ren & Stimpy (2:45:24) with team Trickey in second place for the teams (3:05:02) and team Dumb & Dumber coming in in 3rd place in the teams (3:15:39). Richard Dunn finished in 3:25:52 for the Male Masters Enduro.

### *Sundays Events...*

We love seeing our Taster's have a great time out on course! And this year was no exception. The Taste of Adventurethon and Juniors were so exciting to watch. And this course, for a Junior, is as tough as you can get, so anyone who got up and had a go should hold their head high. We think you are amazing!! The format is nice, with beautiful scenery and exciting tracks.



Albany Taste of Adventurethon & Junior Start



### *Males*

Brett Hall finished with all smiles taking 1st place for the Males category (52:20). Jason Lockhart was only just behind claiming 2nd place (53:23).

### *Females & Teams*

Alicia Savage finished first in the Female Category (01:31:06). Team *Piggies* finished first (55:01) and Team *Stakat* finished second (1:31:52).



Our Juniors exceeded our expectations, but they always impress. The course is tough and those who step up and

give it a go, when adults wont, show us exactly what they are made of.

*Male 8-12yrs*

Fergus Martin claimed 1st place for his age category finishing in only (01:05:29). In 2nd place, Ronan Stoner finished only 1 second behind (01:05:30) then followed by Jay Lionetti (01:08:33).



Fergus Martin & Ronan Stoner, Male 8-12 Juniors (1st & 2nd)

*Female 8-12yrs*

Abbey Barker finished first in her age group (1:22:52).

*Team 8-12yrs*

The *Dunsborough Dream Team* did a FANTASTIC job finishing number 1 on the ladder in the teams 8-12yrs (56:29). *The Incredible Savage Cabbages* took 2nd place (01:30:34).



Team Dunsborough Dream Team - First team & first Juniors across the line

*Male 13-17yrs*

Luke Barker finished first in his age group (01:05:51).

*Female 13-17 yrs*

Tayla Jones finished strong, showing she is a competitor to watch in the future, matching many of the boys times (1:08:35).