



I'm Dreaming of a White Teva!

At the 2008 Teva Adventure Series Melbourne!

Photos Courtesy of Adrian Coleman

A beautiful downpour of snow added just another element of adventure at round 3 of the Teva Adventure Series Melbourne as Daylesford played host to a day of mountain biking, orienteering, paddling and adventure!



Spa country, north west of Melbourne played host to round 3 of the Teva Adventure Series in Melbourne and as we've discovered those Victorians are 'Hard

Core' when it comes to adventure. Through snow and rain, those white smiles just kept beaming through mud splattered faces on the finish line as teams took on the challenge of an adventure race with a difference!

Beautiful Jubilee Lake set the back drop for the event and as the snow started to fall at registration we knew 'adventure' was the order of the day!

The Teva Adventure Series is an event with a difference. Participants only find out the exact race location 5 days before the event and the course is revealed just one hour before the start. Strategy and planning play a part in the outcome as well as a team's physical fitness, mountain biking ability and navigational skills.

With only one hour to plan, teams disappeared into the warmth of cars and Race HQ fell eerily quiet as most teams strategised and set their plans for the day!

The event started with the first twist of the day as Teams were set the task of *Men's Health International Rescue*. It was here that team captain's found out if they really had chosen the right team mates. Most were pleasantly surprised, some were left wondering ☺

For the first time this year we saw teams working together, which meant they were able to rescue their team captains much faster than in previous events, and again it was the girl's teams who were away first!



After the bedlam of Men's Health International Rescue, teams split and headed out into beautiful Wombat State Forest on 2 mountain bike legs

At TA D teams discovered just how observant or, as for most team, 'non-observant' they had been, in 'Mountain Designs Gear for

Places You'd Rather Be' challenge. And where brains triumphed over brawn, some saved on the leg work while others just had to keep on running. It was also great to see more team work going on as teams worked together to take on 'Rich List'.



Meanwhile back at HQ, teams flew their flags boldly in 'Paddle Pop' and took on the paparazzi on the water to uncover some local international gossip! Who was that 'hot chick' on the water? We heard she had a few offers after the event!

Teams were obviously working hard for more Teva



Fun One Entries as they chased down their competitors on the water to steal their flags. A special mention goes out to the boys in team **Havenacrack** who were

the only team to go in the drink on the hunt for even more team flags!

Back at the Teva Tent we discovered not only are the Victorians 'Hard Core' they also know how to have fun as well, with many teams impressing the judges in 'Top of the Pops' with their musical knowledge and extraordinary performances, before taking on the team challenge of 'Stick to It'.

Meanwhile at TA 5, the other course were busy getting a bit 'Wet & Wild' and taking on an orienteering leg with a difference. Some took a chance while others took a while to pass Go.

After finishing the 2nd leg it was back to HQ to cross the finish line with team flags flying.



It was great to see so many teams finishing



with smiles on their faces and a big congratulations to team **Mountain Designs** who took out line honours and the male category.

And the \$450 cash prize from Teva footwear went to **Dogs Breakfast** for being the first team across the line wearing Teva Footwear.

Also a special mention to team **Puttin In**, who showed us that passion and persistence are everything, finishing the event in 7hrs 33mins to cross the finish line in a magnificent blaze of glory!

And then to those who made it to the finish line first.....

Premier Mixed

- 1st **B1NB2**
- 2nd **Head Space**
- 3rd **Melbourne Adventure Fifts**

Corporate

- 1st **Team Benchmark**
- Motto: Excellence In Education*

Female

- 1st **Blackheart**
- 2nd **Thunder Chickens**
- 3rd **Fusion Girls**

Male

- 1st **Team Mountain Designs**
- Motto: Go fast to get the first sausage*
- 2nd **Streety, Macey + Mucha**
 - 3rd **Dog's Breakfast**

And in the most important part of the day, it was time for the **Teva Fun One** Draw. The Teva Fun One offers teams at the 'Let's Have Fun' end of the field the opportunity to choose to take on some extra challenges throughout the event to gain extra entries into a fantastic prize draw at the end of the day.

Prizes are awarded to all 3 team members and include Camelbak Hydration Packs, High 5 Race Packs, Teva Footwear, Continental Tyre & Rudy Project Gift Packs, Mountain Designs Gift Vouchers, Men's Health Gift Packs, Women's Health Gift Packs, Race Elements Training Vouchers and Much More.

In Melbourne, teams showed that not only do they know how to compete hard, they also know how to have fun along the way, and we saw an absolute bucket load of entries in the 'Teva Fun One' Entry box!

Thank you to all the teams in Melbourne who competed wholeheartedly in the spirit of Teva and made it such a great day for everyone!



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