



Team Mountain Designs Teva Champions 2007

Britt Caling, Gary Sutherland and Brett Stevens from team Mountain Designs are the Teva champions for 2007!



With a \$3,000 prize purse and the inaugural Lee Campbell Memorial Award on offer, it was always going to be a close run race. The lead changed several times between Rob

Preston, Kathryn Ewels and Ben Rattray from NSW Stingers and Team Mountain Designs which saw these outstanding teams competing right up until the final check point!

In what was always going to be a special day, it was a great privilege to present the Lee Campbell Memorial Award. Lee was the Teva Brand Manager, and for those of you who were lucky enough to meet big Lee at the 2006 series, you will agree that he was a man who had a passion for life and the people around him, wherever he was. This made it even harder for those close to him when we lost Lee suddenly and unexpectedly in February of this year.



We would like to thank Lee's family for donating this very special award and Lee's uncle for making and donating the absolutely beautiful trophy which will proudly carry Lee's name in the year's to come. It was also a great honour to have Lee's girlfriend Lana to start the event and be a part of the action and fun on the day.



With beautiful Jervis Bay providing the backdrop for the event and a fine and sunny day it seemed the Gods were smiling down on us as we hit the beach for the first challenge of the day.

'Men's Health Grab It' is the Teva version of Beach Flags, and teams battled it



out to be the first to grab a flag and secure a place in either the 1st or 2nd wave start.

As we lined up at the start on Calalla Beach, the dolphins made an appearance just 30m off shore to accompany teams down the beach and off to check points 1 & 2.

Team Mountain Designs lead the pack of orange vests down the beach before arriving at TA3 to collect their kayaks for a beach launch into Jervis Bay.



With calm seas, crystal clear water and an accompanying school of dolphins, adventure held hands with nature to provide a unique experience for competitors.

After the ocean paddle it was into beautiful Currumbene Creek for a few more k's before



docking at TA 8 with Mountain Designs in the lead closely followed by NSW Stingers and 2 Kiwis & a Pom just 3 minutes behind.

Teams then found that while they'd been away those cheeky Teva Monkeys had tied up their bikes and teams had to take on the 'Why Knot' challenge to release them. For teams who'd paid attention in their scouting days they quickly escaped the TA, but for others it took a little bit longer.

It was now time to get those legs working as the Mountain Bike leg took teams into Currumbene State Forest. On the way to TA 13 teams gave generously to the Wildlife Warrior after tracking him down on the network of trails and mud at CP 9.



Team Mountain Designs were first into TA 13, eight minutes ahead of NSW Stingers and hit the orienteering leg with a vengeance. Fitness First were next into the TA with Mixed Up close behind.



As with everything in the Teva Adventure Series, there is always a special twist to keep teams on their toes and this was not just a straight orienteering leg. Teams had to strategise and plan based on their strengths and abilities to take the best and shortest route.

Both MD's and NSW Stingers did this admirably and chose to take on the Teva Powerplay to collect 3 gold check points which was the shortest route on the course, but did involve a lot of cross country bush bashing which these teams excel at.

Back to TA 13 and teams chose to 'GO DO BE' in a challenge which tested physical ability, mountain biking, navigation, memory, teamwork, agility and communication skills. It was a big challenge for many teams and NSW Stingers excelled in this challenge before taking on the 'Teva Toss', where teams tossed their things to gain enough points to collect their challenge punch.



NSW Stingers were first out of TA 13 on route to TA 15, but Mountain Designs pulled back the lead into TA 15 by just four minutes.

At TA 15 teams tested their music trivia in 'I'll Jumble 4 Ya' and their memory in 'Rich List'. For those who'd picked

up on the clues at HQ, they breezed through Rich List. For those that hadn't they had the long road to run to complete the challenge.

Back on the Mountain Bike and at CP 16 those naughty Teva Monkeys made another appearance and had stolen the check point punch. It was following the clues on the search for the CP 16 punch that NSW Stingers again caught MD's and left CP 16 in the lead.

The Mountain Bike back to HQ was a neck and neck race between these two amazing teams but in a test of endurance, Team Mountain Designs

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pulled out all stops to narrowly overtake NSW Stingers at CP 18.



monkey.

Mountain Designs were first into HQ but still had an 'International Monkey Rescue' to perform. As they headed down to the beach to track down the official in the sea kayak and rescue their monkey, the team hit the surf to say those magic words "I'm Here to Set my Monkey Free!" and rescue their

In the meantime NSW Stingers had arrived back at HQ, so it was a quick sprint for MD's back up the beach to HQ to cross the finish line, monkey in hand, in a blaze of glory.

After the first finishers more teams made their way to the finish and there were some outstanding displays of surf skills as some teams rescued their monkey in great style, with some even providing CPR at the finish line! There was also a great race between team Max Adventure and the first female team Hoot-Hers to be the first back up the beach with their monkey.



And at the end of the day the first teams across the line were...

Premier Mixed

1st Mountain Designs

Motto: Go fast to get the first sausage!

Brett Stevens, Britt Caling, Gary Sutherland.

2nd NSW Stingers

Kathryn Ewels, Rob Preston, Ben Rattray

3rd Mixed Up

Kim Philip, Sean King, Rohan Kilhan

Male

1st DKM

Kristen Pimpini, Torborjorn Servin, Mark Page

2nd Fitness First

Terry Kew, Dom Dos Remedios, Jason Stewart

3rd Golden Boys

Brendan Bleeker, Richard Barnes, Peter Knott

Female

1st Hoot-Hers

Kelly Mapleston, Alison Curtin, Orla Murray

It was a hard fought competition, but as with all Teva events, there was also a great element of fun, and it was great to see that teams not only raced hard, they partied hard as well.



After the finish of the race there was even more fun to be had with the 'Tasty Little Creatures' Fun One Challenge before the prize giving which was a very special occasion.

We had the honour to have Lee's girlfriend Lana present the Lee Campbell Memorial Award on behalf of Lee's family and the \$3,000 prize money which was generously donated by Teva footwear to team Mountain Designs, winners of the Premier Mixed Category.



And after the very special prize winners presentation it was time for the Teva Fun One Draw! We had hundreds of entries which was great to see everyone entering into the true spirit of the event. And as a reward teams took home some great prizes including Teva footwear, Mountain Designs Gift Vouchers, Camelbak's, High 5 energy products, Men's Health, Conti tyres, Rudy Project packs and much more!



And in the most exciting part of the day it was time to see if the elusive Dash 4 the Stash had been grabbed. With three awesome prizes on offer all three stashes were

hotly sought after, especially the 3 pairs of Rudy Project Sunglasses which teams were still hunting down, even after they crossed the finish line.

In the end teams solved all 3 cryptic clues. Team PB Sports knew what spelunking was and found the stash in the cave on the MTB single track at TA 13. My Slovakian Stallion knew that 16 was the sweetest age and found the tree face



near the monkeys at CP 16 to take home the MD Adventure Race Starter Kit. And the final stash was where sand meets sea, on the beach with the pasta for the pool, under the pool noodle on the beach out front of the blue house.

Teva 2007 has been a very special year and we would like to thank those unsung heroes who made the series such a success including the In 2 Adventure Team, our volunteers, the Community Groups who provided the catering and water safety, our sponsors who provided the fantastic prizes & giveaways and most of all, those who took part in the series and participated in the true spirit of the event where competing hard is important but just as important is having a go, challenging yourselves, and having a bloody great day in the outdoors with your mates.



We thank you all and look forward to seeing you again at Teva 2008 with all new event locations and adventure challenges which

we've already started planning that will be sure to blow you away!

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