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ENDURO WORLD SERIES WILL ONCE AGAIN SHOWCASE THE WORLDS BEST RIDERS IN DERBY

Enduro World Series will descend on Derby for Round 2 from 29-31 March, 2019

(Australia, Tasmania, Derby) Tuesday, 12 March 2019 – The **Enduro World Series (EWS)** will once again venture to Derby, Tasmania to stage the one and only Australian leg of the Enduro World Series. Athletes from 25 countries are set to line up, to compete in round two of the Series in Tasmania.

After a hugely successful event in 2017 which stamped the region in the top tier of mountain biking destinations internationally, Derby will once again showcase to the world why it is one of the world's best riding destinations.

Event Management Solutions Australia will again deliver the event that will attract 500 riders, thousands of spectators and a strong contingent of international media. Event Director Ian Harwood said -

"The return of the Enduro World Series would not have been possible without the support of the Tasmanian Government and the community in Derby. We just love coming to Derby."

Chris Ball, Director of the Enduro World Series said –

"If we could bottle up Blue Derby with its extensive trail network and great Tasmania hospitality we would sell it to the world, it would make our jobs so much easier. The local community should be very proud of the complete picture of what Derby has become. Derby impressed the world when we were here in 2017 so let's see what Derby can offer later this month".

The event isn't all about the elite riders, this year for the first time there will be a women's only rider called **Fox on the Rocks – Funduro**. The Funduro, is just that, having fun while riding the enduro format. It is staged within a relaxed environment for women, of any rider level, to come and participate on some of the blue and green trails. All women riders will receive a free shuttle included in their entry.

Saturday will also see the EWS80 race for amateur riders. EWS80 is eighty percent of the full EWS course. So those who want to race EWS but didn't make the qualifying needs to race the EWS or EWS100 you can race the EWS80. Entries are still open for both the Fox on the Rocks Funduro and the EWS80 via the [website](#).

Tasmania you did Australia proud in 2017 with spectacular crowds cheering on the international and local stars of mountain biking. We encourage as many supporters to come out and cheer on the best riders in the world, competing on our home soil. 2017 saw huge crowds who were not deterred a few rain drops. We anticipate, with the weather gods looking like they will be on our side, it will be an amazing weekend for riders, spectators and the wider community.

Spectators will be able to watch the likes of the current two-time (Enduro) **World Champion Sam Hill** throw it down the Derby trails which he loves racing.

We will see some world class Australian contenders such as Rowena Fry, a Tasmanian local, taking on a strong field of elite women in her own backyard. With World Champion Cecil Ravenal out, due to a serious training accident, Rowena is set to challenge the top step of the elite women's category.

Another young local shredder to watch is Miles Smith who recently won the local Tasmania Enduro after coming back from injury, has secured a wildcard to the EWS event. With Smith's local Derby knowledge of the twists and turns of the course and overall shredding capability, it will keep the internationals firing on their pedals.

Shimano Australia are thrilled to headline the Shimano Enduro Tasmania EWS Round and enjoy being part of the atmosphere in Derby, Tasmania.

"Shimano Australia is excited to be supporting the World's best Enduro riders in Derby," said Toby Shingleton, Shimano Australia Cycling brand manager.

The **Enduro World Series** is about finding the best mountain biker in the world. Riders will tackle a range of stages, like a car rally with combined times determining the overall winner. To be successful, riders must be able to manage their bikes with limited outside assistance, be physically fit enough for 7 hours of riding, whilst having a high level of technical skills.

This year the Enduro World Series will take part in the following countries:

Round 1. Rotorua, New Zealand

Round 2. Derby, Tasmania

Round 3. Maderia, Portugal

Round 4. Val Di Fassa, Italy

Round 5. Les Orres, France

Round 6. Whistler, Canada

Round 7. Northstar, California

Round 8. Zermatt, Switzerland

Trophy of Nations Finale France

<https://www.enduroworldseries.com/races/1/2019/>

Festival Event Schedule

What is happening over the Shimano Enduro Tasmania Festival weekend in Derby?

Friday 29 March

9.00 – 12.00 Practice

12.30 – 16.00 Practice

16.30 Kids' ride and skills session

PM Tunes by Jade's Band

18.30 Riders' Briefing

19.00 XTR'ivia Night

Saturday 30 March

9.00 – 12.00 Fox on the Rocks – Women's Funduro

12.00 – 15.30 EWS80 – Enter now

15.30 – 16.30 EWS & EWS100 Stage 1 – Queens Stage

17.00 EWS80 Presentations

17.30 Pete Cornelious Band

Sunday 31 March

AM EWS & EWS100 official race
17.30 Official Presentations
18.15 Shimano Enduro Tasmania after party

For additional information visit www.enduroworldseries.com

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