



expedition edition
WILDSIDE ADVENTURE RACE
experience adventure



MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 5th October 2017

Victorian Team ThunderboltAR take out Wildside Adventure Race in Canberra

The winning team has crossed the finish line of the [Wildside Adventure Race \(WildsideAR\) 2017](#) which has been taking place in Canberra and the surrounding regions since Monday.

ThunderboltAR, a team of three men and one woman from Victoria, crossed the finish line returning to Wildside Headquarters at Ibis Eaglehawk Sutton just after 2am this morning, Thursday 5th October. They completed the 400-kilometre multi-sport adventure race in an astounding time of two days and 19 hours.

“Congratulations to *ThunderboltAR*. Although sore and weary, they’ve made it through trekking, mountain biking, paddling, abseiling, pack-rafting and an urban Rogaine. They’ve battled the elements, fatigue, the clock and very little sleep,” said Richard Old of Fully Rad Adventures who organised the WildsideAR.

ThunderboltAR were followed by *Peak Adventure powered by JPRCA* in second place, and *Wild Earth Tiger Adventure* in third place.

“Many teams started entering Canberra proper yesterday where they enjoyed paddling on Lake Burley Griffin and a tour of Canberra by bike, kayak and on foot,” Richard continued.

19 teams of four people started the race, which set out from Lake Eucumbene early Monday morning, 2nd October, and journeyed through the Snowies, Adaminaby, Namadgi National Park, Naas River Valley, Ororal Valley, Tidbinbilla, across to Cotter Dam and then down to the Murrumbidgee River.

“Competitors then pack-rafted the Murrumbidgee River through the ACT – the river leg got rave reviews from the competitors who enjoyed it immensely before heading into urban Canberra,” continued Richard.

Richard today confirmed that there are five teams still out and about on their adventure race in Canberra. And he also confirmed that not all teams will make it to the finish line.

“So far six teams have dropped out of the race along the way. Adventure racing is like this – there is a high attrition rate, it’s the nature of our sport. The teams have dropped out due to injuries and mechanical failures with bikes,” Richard continued.

The first Canberra team across the WildsideAR finish line was *Mont Adventure* followed closely by *Stromlonauts* and *Results Racing*. The first all-female team was *Team Mountain Design Wild Women*.

“Canberra has been an absolutely awesome host location for the WildsideAR . The varied terrain and obstacles put it right up there with the best of the best in adventure racing routes of the world,” Richard concluded.

For more information visit www.wildsideadventurerace.com.au or Facebook www.facebook.com/wildsideadventurerace

Photo Opportunities:

- All teams remain at WildsideAR Headquarters at Ibis Eaglehawk in Sutton and are available for pre-arranged interviews and photos/video all day tomorrow, Friday 6th October.

For more information, images or interviews, please contact Lauren Griffiths at Threesides on 0417 409 264 or lauren.griffiths@threesides.com.au