

# 18 HOUR FESTIVAL



**REGO'S WILL OPEN Monday 22 JUNE!**

**4-5th September 2015 – Mark it in your calendars and request the Friday off NOW!**

**Date: Midnight Start Fri 4th Sep – Sat 5th 6pm**

**Course – The course last year worked really well so expect a**

nice flowy fun trail with a few technical bits that Melrose is known for – approx 10km loops! As long as you have ridden some singletrack it should be achievable by almost all fairly competent mountain bike riders with a reasonable level of fitness. It is not designed for the complete novice or inexperienced mountain bike rider. Each lap of the course will take an average of 45 mins – 1 hour.

**Categories** – The 6 hour category was very successful last year so we will keep it for 2015, this will encourage the less experienced rider who will not need to ride at night as this will finish at 6pm Saturday with the 18 hr riders.

**Cost (per person cost also if required please add \$20 insurance at the time of registration – insurance is compulsory )**

**6 Hour – Mixed / Male or Female**

- Single – \$70
- Team of 2 – \$60
- Team of 4 or 6 – \$50

**6 Hour – Youth ( age 12 – 15 yrs )**

- Team of 4 – \$35

**6 Hour MINIS – ( age 8-11 yrs ) – SEPARATE COURSE**

- Team of 4 – \$25

**18 Hour- Mixed / Male or Female**

- Single – \$140
- Team of 2 – \$115
- Team of 4 or 6 – \$90

**What's included –**

Entertainment / Fully marked course / St John / Tea and coffee and nice warm fire at OTE / Spot Prizes / Over the

Edge bike shop offering mechanical support / timing and much more / Goodie bag and good vibes!

### **Practice**

The course will be marked and open for practice from 2pm Friday 4th.

### **Timing**

AMBC timing guru PT is back on board – We will ensure there are plenty of transponders!

### **What do I need to bring?**

Each rider must have the following equipment whilst on the course-

- Serviceable mountain bike
- Australian Standards certified cycling helmet
- 1 full water bottle
- One functioning front light, one functioning rear light and a spare white light whilst dark.
- MTBA full licence – A day licence can be purchased on line registration ( the cost of this day licence \$20 will be added to the costs above – if you have your own please state this. )

### **Support Crew**

Individual competitors must have a support crew. A well-rested driver for the return journey after the race is strongly recommended for all riders.

**So why 18 hours?** Well this is a Troy Rarick from Over the Edge Fruita, Colorado brain child, where the event sells out each year attracting over 500 riders! He says..

“When we started looking at doing an endurance bike race in Fruita, we melded the desire to be unique, different and fun, with the logistics of event planning and...well we’re social fun

folks at Over the Edge, and you can't start at noon on Friday because folks work... you can't finish at noon Sunday and expect people to stick around...so we start in the coolest part of the race, midnight, late Friday night at the stroke of Saturday morning and we race through the night, to finish on Saturday at 6pm, plenty of time to hang out, do another ride and celebrate the weekend in Melrose SA. That, coupled with a race course that runs right through the main street of town, will make this a special time for all"