



Teva Adventure the Bris Vegas Way!

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In a day that involved mountain biking, trekking, orienteering, a roped dam crossing, the Tarzan swing, some Serious

Outdoor Fitness Training, a chase for the Wildlife Warrior, and much, much more, teams lined up to take on the challenge of the Teva Adventure Series 2007 in Brisbane, which proved to be an adventure race with a difference!

The beautiful Beerwah State Forest just behind Australia Zoo proved the ideal location for a day of mayhem and fun, and in the biggest Teva event to date over 290 brave souls lined up for a day of adventure in the outdoors!

The Teva Adventure Series is an event with a difference. Participants 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 basic navigation (if teams can read a street map, they can usually complete the course), and courses that provide alternative route options depending on your skills and abilities, The Teva Adventure Series is perfect for beginners to come along and try their hand at one of Australia's fastest growing sports, while still keeping the more experienced and competitive teams competing right up until the final checkpoint.



With only one hour to plan, Race HQ fell eerily quiet as most teams, planned, strategised and set their plans for the day, while others chose to

chill out and take things as they came!

As always with the Teva Adventure Series, teams should assume nothing and expect anything, and the race brief offered a few clues (for teams that were switched on) to help teams along the way.



The race started with the first twist of the day as teams were confronted with the mayhem of 'Teva Turbo'. The strategy teams chose in

this opening challenge could have a big influence on the race throughout the day. Some strategised well and worked together to make gains later in the race, while others went for the fast start and headed straight out on the course.

Check Point 5 provided the first surprise as teams made their way on bike to the top of the fire tower lookout for an awesome 360° view of the beautiful Glasshouse Mountains (Including Coonowarin "Crook Neck) and the Sunshine Coast. For those that were switched on, the Dash 4 The Stash was ready for the taking from here with the clue "Where a chiropractor could fix the view" and our teams were on the ball and collected the Stash which rewarded them with an Adventure Race Starter pack from Mountain Designs worth over \$360.



Back on the bike, and after a few more check points teams were faced with the challenges of TA 7.

Teams took on the Teva GO DO BE challenge where teams split their skills to complete the



tasks, with one team member having to 'GO' and complete the roped dam crossing, one team member having to DO the 'Happy Campers'

mental puzzle and the 3rd team member given the option to just 'BE' and relax in a hammock with wine (non-alcoholic of course) and Men's Health magazine.

Teams then took on the Mountain Designs 'Gear for Places You'd Rather Be' Survival challenge. Teams that had immersed themselves in the Lost Scenario at the race brief knew just what kit to collect and breezed through this challenge... other took just a little longer. Some teams also chose to take part in the Camelbak 'Hydrate or Die' frisby flop and gain even more entries into the Teva Fun One Draw.



After TA 7, little did teams know that there were even more surprises in store at a number of check points along the Mountain Bike Leg.



The first was noodle soup where team braved the dam to decipher a clue hidden on pool noodles in the dam.

At CP 9, teams found out a bit more about the fantastic work of the Wildlife Warrior Charity before having to chase down the Wildlife Warrior hidden somewhere in the forest.

When they found the Wildlife Warrior many most teams generously donated the gold coin they had been asked to bring as part of the compulsory kit list and raised \$260.50 for the Wildlife Warrior Charity. This donation will go towards the new Australian Wildlife Hospital being built at Australia Zoo. The donation will pay for water tanks, straw bales for the walls and a fit out for the new wildlife nursery, which is an awesome contribution!



Another surprise awaited teams at CP 12 when teams arrived to find that the check point had been stolen by those cheeky Teva Monkeys and teams had to complete the challenge before finding the check point punch.

At TA 13 teams got just a bit 'Wet & Wild' and Chose their own adventure at the Men's Health Challenge!

Then, it was back to HQ where teams ran, jumped, flew, crawled, slid, flung, aimed,

scored, targeted, sung, performed and laughed their way through 'Tarzan's Rock Ball', 'Pop Corn & Pop Stars' and the Race Elements S.O.F.T. (Serious Outdoor Fitness Training) Challenge.

It was a close run race at this stage, especially in the Premier Mixed category with Guyandrews.com right on the heels of Mountain Designs as they came into Race HQ, but Mountain Designs hung onto their lead into the trek leg.

Like everything at the Teva Adventure Series, you can always expect a new twist, and something a bit different from your usual adventure races and the Trek leg was no exception.

Teams strategised well to find the best route for their skills and abilities and some teams even chose to take on the Teva Powerplay and gained themselves a bucket load of extra entries into the Teva Fun One Draw.



Then, it was time to head for the finish line, and although every team looked like winners as they crossed the finish line, the teams to make it there before the rest were....

Premier Mixed

1st Mountain Designs

Motto: Go fast to get the first sausage!
Britt Caling, Gary Sutherland, Andrew Pike

2nd Guyandrew.com

Nikki Drew, Nathan Hollands, Guy Andrews

3rd Gold Coast Thunder 2

Kellie Epis, Mark Aldous, Jason Bettles

Male

1st The POHMS

Geoff Peck, Jon Sutcliffe, Rik Plumb

2nd Raw Energy

Craig Edwards, Glenn Seaby, Jason Seaby

3rd INGWE 2

Alan Tordoir, Tim Chalke, Alan Bye

Female

1st Injinji Performance Toe Socks

Motto: Free Your Toes!

Cassie Fien, Wendy Reed, Narelle Ash

2nd Temerity

Britt Ballard, Sharyn Taylor, Tash Price

3rd PACSU 3

Kylie Hasse, Deborah Hasse, Natasha Hasse



And after the finish of the race there was even more fun to be had with the 'Tasty Little Creatures' Fun One Challenge.

Then the winners were announced and 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.

Prizes are awarded to all 3 team members and include Mountain Designs AR Starter packs valued at over \$360, Camelbak Hydration Packs, High 5 Nutrition Packs, Teva Footwear, Continental Tyre & Rudy Project Gift Packs, Mountain Designs Gift Vouchers, Men's Health Gift Packs, Race Elements Training Vouchers, Little Creatures Prize packs and Much More.



In Brisbane it was great to see that teams not only race 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!

We would like to thank the teams in Brisbane for making Teva 2007, such a great day. It was fantastic to see teams crossing the finish line with a huge smile on their face, and a unique story to tell and some fantastic feedback! It was also great to raise some money for Wildlife Warriors, a very deserving charity, and we thank teams for their generosity.

We look forward to Teva 2008, in a new and exciting event location for Brisbane, so stay tuned for that one!

If you fancy a day of adventure at the Teva Adventure Series, the next event will take place in:

NSW: 28th October, 2007 (Nowra Region)

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