

## THE FIXED WHEEL WILLO ENDURO SUNDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

Over four hundred riders took part in the Fixed Wheel Willo Enduro Mountain Bike Race held at Wingello State Forest on a perfect autumn Highlands day.

Riders ranged in ages from nine to seventy-one years old, and came mainly from New South Wales and Canberra, but also from Victoria and Queensland.

Each year, the proceeds from the Willo Enduro are put into junior development, with the annual James Williamson Junior Development Camp. Riders who attended the camps over the past seven years were strongly represented this year, with Zoe Binder taking out first in the 25KM Open Female category, and Cameron Butcher coming first in the highly competitive 75KM U19 category.

Special congratulations go to Tristan Ward and Charlotte Culver, who won the male and female KOM prizes, as well as taking out gold in the 75KM Open male and female categories.

The Willo Enduro embodies a spirit of enjoyment and generosity, evident in riders comments, support from sponsors as well as in all speeches given by the 75KM prize winners. In a special moment at the race, each speaker reflected on the legacy of James Williamson, his contributions to mountain biking and the significance that the Willo has in its support for junior development.

And finally, a few comments from riders:

Andrew – *The Willo is a fabulous event and great to see the strong development into juniors that comes from this event*

And Rob: *Ben and I had a fantastic time once again at this awesome event. Unfortunately I never knew James, but the elite riders sure lived up to his ideals, such consideration and friendly chatter was observed by many and appreciated. Well done all!*



*Bre Vine, Charlotte Culver and Meaghan Stanton. 75KM Open Female. Images AJ Moran*



*Start of the 13KM Race. Photo AJ Moran*



*Above: Andy Blair, heading out for the 75KM lap. Below: Winner 75KM Open Male Tristan War. Images AJ Moran*

