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Kinglake to decide the King, as Australia's toughest tour returns to the region to crown the winner.

It all comes down to this, a five-lap finale amongst the superb scenery at Kinglake and a course that many everyday riders know so well, will decide the winner of the 2018 Jayco Herald Sun Tour.

This event is stepped in history over nearly seven decades and the Kinglake region is now synonymous with the final acts of over 100 elite riders as they vie for individual and team honours.



Sunday 4th February will see Gumbuya World Stage 4 unfold on the five-lap race, with another name to be etched onto the famous trophy – will it be someone who is already a title holder, or will it be a new name with a life-changing victory.

Race Director JOHN TREVORROW says *"The Kinglake climb is one of Melbourne's most popular cycling challenges. 5 laps of this challenging circuit will give fans a wonderful opportunity to get up close and personal with all the action"*

Grand Tour stage winner ESTEBAN CHAVES will have star-billing, with three-time Olympic gold medalist ED CLANCY looking to get his JLT-Condor team on the podium again.

The Kinglake crowd privileged to be offered an opportunity to witness their feats up close and personal, as the 5-lap format will give everyone front row seats.

The might of powerful Australian owned team MITCHELTON-SCOTT will be on show along with fellow WorldTour powerhouse Trek-Segafredo, and amongst the peloton will be an array of decorated title-holders from both road and track cycling.

The Murrindindi Shire Council Mayor Charlotte (Charlie) Bisset said the community was proud to host two days of challenging cycling through the beautiful Murrindindi Shire.

"We welcome spectators and cyclists alike, as the tour winds its way around 300km of the Shire, with great views of Lake Eildon and Lake Mountain before culminating in the climatic finish at Kinglake".

"Murrindindi Shire Council and the community are excited to once again host the event village and finish line for the ride in Kinglake, with the exhilarating five lap circuit through the Kinglake Ranges. Kinglake is only one hour from Melbourne, so while people will be here mainly to watch the race travelling through beautiful national parks and State forests, we hope they also take the opportunity to check out the great camping and bushwalking opportunities and even bring their road or mountain bikes for a ride through the area."

"The local community is gearing up for a huge weekend with our businesses, service clubs and sporting groups coming on board to support the event activities. These will include market stalls featuring local wines and produce. This is an exciting opportunity for those of us in Kinglake Ranges and in Murrindindi Shire more broadly. We are delighted to be hosting the Jayco Herald Sun Tour."

Jayco Herald Sun Tour chairman Tom Salom said the introduction of a women's race was a pivotal moment in the history of the race.

"It is terrific that we have the best female riders competing in our iconic event and it reflects the progress the Jayco Herald Sun Tour has made in recent years in terms of attracting the best riders and appealing to a broad range of cycling and non-cycling fans."



****And how about having the chance to win a Jayco Swift Outback camper trailer worth nearly \$23,000 – it's easy to enter – Grab the Code word each day in the Herald Sun or Weekly Times and for more chances to win get to the race village each day between January 30 and February 4 2018 for a bonus code word (Details terms and conditions at heraldsuntour.com.au)

Course Overview

Five laps of a Kinglake course that includes a 9km climb, the additional lap means there will be some serious action and it will decide the honours!

Viewing Points

Excellent viewing exists on the entire 31 km course, however key spectator points will be – Kinglake Township and King of the Mountain – Kinglake – Glenburn Rd (near Old Glenburn Rd)

Kinglake – Tourism Information - Travel

Driving to Kinglake from Melbourne: 65 km / 1 hour 15 min

Public Transport - For public transport options please refer to www.ptv.vic.gov.au and www.vline.com.au

Tour Village

Experience the excitement of the Jayco Herald Sun Tour Village. Activities include from 10:00am till 4:00pm.

- Family Entertainment & Activities – Kids Games
- Music and Demonstrations
- Local Produce and many food options
- Rider interviews
- Sponsor activations & displays
- Live commentary
- Post race presentations

Road Closure Information

The Jayco Herald Sun Tour aims to minimise the impact on local communities.

Location: Whittlesea – Kinglake Rd
Date: Sunday 4th February
Time: 4:00am – 6:30pm
Details: Closed between Kinglake-Glenburn Rd & Healesville – Kinglake Rd)

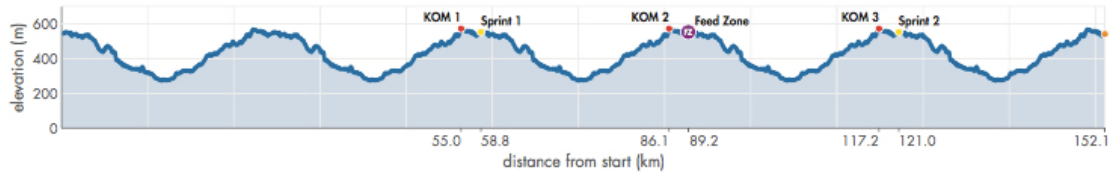
Location: Kinglake Glenburn Rd
Date: Sunday 4th February
Time: 10:30am – 4:30pm
Details: Closed between Whittlesea – Kinglake Rd & Elm Grove

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There will be speed reductions in place to assist with the safety of the community.



Stage 4 — Kinglake 152.1 km



What:	65 th edition of Australia's oldest stage race – Jayco Herald Sun Tour
When:	Tuesday 30 th January 2018 to Sunday 4 th February 2018

Course:	<p>Thule Women's stage 1 Healesville – Tuesday 30th January</p> <p>Beastwear Individual Time Trial Alexandra Gardens to Southbank – Wednesday 31st January</p> <p>Honda Civic Men's Road stage 1 Colac to Warrnambool – Thursday 1st February</p> <p>Surfside Holiday Parks Men's Road stage 2 Warrnambool to Ballarat – Friday 2nd February</p> <p>Mitchelton Winery Men's stage 3 Mitchelton Winery to Lake Mountain – Saturday 3rd February</p> <p>Gumbuya World Men's Road stage 4 Kinglake to Kinglake – Sunday 4th February</p>
Website:	www.heraldsuntour.com.au

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