

2006 Jayco Herald Sun Tour Key Event Information



Dates: Sunday 8 October – Saturday 14 October 2006

Route: **Sunday 8 October**
Stage One – Shepparton Criterium – 1.7km Circuit (50km approx.)

Monday 9 October
Stage Two – Shepparton to Bendigo – 179km

Tuesday 10 October
Stage Three – Bendigo to Nagambie – 158km

Wednesday 11 October
Stage Four – Mitchelton Winery (Nagambie) to Benalla – 178km

Thursday 12 October
Stage Five – Benalla to Lake Mountain – 183km

Friday 13 October
Stage Six – Yarra Boulevard, Kew – Individual Time Trial – 12km

Saturday 14 October
Stage Seven – Lygon St Criterium – 1.7km circuit (65km approx.)

Elite Riders: 98 riders made up of 14 teams (seven riders per team)

Public Events: Every Day – VicHealth ‘Go for your Life’ Tour Village
Sunday 8 October – Community Festival – Shepparton
Wednesday 11 October – Business Breakfast – Mitchelton Winery
Thursday 12 October – Community Festival – Benalla
Saturday 14 October – VicHealth ‘Go for your Life’ Community Festival – Lygon St

TV Coverage: Two hours live coverage on Network Ten – 2.00pm-4.00pm on Saturday 14 October.
Thirty minutes highlights nightly on Network Ten

Tour Partners: Jayco, Herald Sun, Regional Development Victoria – Make it Happen in Provincial Victoria, Portfolio Partners, HLP Mortgage Co.

Government Partners: City of Melbourne, VicHealth – ‘Go for your Life’, Victorian Government

Industry Partner: Bicycle Victoria

Tour Hosts: City of Greater Shepparton, City of Greater Bendigo, Benalla Rural City, Shire of Strathbogie, Murrindindi Shire Council

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2006 Jayco Herald Sun Tour Event Overview



WHAT: The Jayco Herald Sun Tour is Australia's oldest stage race, now in its 55th year. It is one of Australia's heritage sporting events, supported and revered by generations of Victorians and created by Australia's largest daily newspaper, the Herald Sun.

The Tour is a rolling festival of community events reaching across Victoria and is a superb showcase for our beautiful State, creating a travelogue highlighting the historical towns, vineyards, forests, fields and mountains.

For more than 50 years, the 'Sun Tour' has captured the attention of sports fans throughout Victoria. The Tour is ranked on the world calendar, and is sanctioned by the world governing body for cycling, the Union Cycliste International (UCI). Riders from around the world compete in the Tour, with past winners including Tour de France sprint champion Baden Cooke, Tour de France stage winner Neil Stephens and many international riders who have dominated recent editions of the event.

In 2005 the Tour took a significant step forward with a new Race Director and significant support from the Victorian State Government elevating the event to Hallmark status under Victoria's major events program.

After seven days of racing, an emerging star of Australian cycling, Simon Gerrans, captured the 2005 title to join a list of stars from Australia and abroad to have won the prestigious Tour.

With the involvement of the Victorian Major Events Company, the financial support of the State Government and tour major sponsors the Herald Sun and Jayco, the Tour is now recognised as the most significant international event for regional Victoria.

THE BEGINNING: The first 'Sun Tour' was held in October 1952 and was the first professional stage race held in Victoria since the 1934 Centenary Thousand Classic. An estimated 500,000 people throughout Victoria witnessed the event. Of the 56 starters only 18 finished the six-day event throughout Victoria. The winner was Keith Rowley, a Maffra sheep farmer, in a time of 42hr 57min 55sec. He beat his brother Max by 49sec to win. At the back of the peloton, 19-year-old Roy Underwood, the youngest rider in the field, spent five of the six days arriving at the finishing towns in the dark. His father made a £50 bet with him that he would not finish. The Saturday stage saw a search party sent to find him. After finishing the last day's stage his father handed him 10 crisp £5 notes. The total prize money was £1 500.

WHEN: The 2006 Jayco Herald Sun Tour is scheduled for 8-14 October 2006.

WHERE: The 2006 Jayco Herald Sun Tour begins in Shepparton and travels to Bendigo, Nagambie, Mitchelton Winery, Benalla and Lake Mountain before returning to Melbourne for the individual time trial along Yarra Boulevard, Kew and the final stage celebrations at Melbourne's famous Lygon St in Carlton.

WHY: The Jayco Herald Sun Tour is a major international race and generates significant economic impact and media exposure for the towns involved. Australia is also one of the world's foremost cycling nations, and the success of riders such as Brad McGee, Baden Cooke, Stuart O'Grady and Robbie McEwen has given Australian riders and events great credibility and interest globally.

WHO: Fourteen international and domestic professional cycling teams, each composed of seven riders, will be invited to compete in the 2006 Tour. The race brings competitors from more than 15 countries to compete.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.heraldsuntour.com.au

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2006 Jayco Herald Sun Tour Honour roll of past winners



1952 Keith Rowley (Victoria)
 1953 Basil Halsall (Victoria)
 1954 Hec Sutherland (Victoria)
 1955 Allan Geddes (Victoria)
 1956 George Goodwin (Victoria)
 1957 Russell Mockridge (Victoria)
 1958 John Young (Victoria)
 1959 Peter Panton (Western Australia)
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 1961 John Young (Victoria)
 1962 Bill Knevitt (Victoria)
 1963 Bill Lawrie (Queensland)
 1964 Barry Waddell (Western Australia)
 1965 Barry Waddell (Western Australia)
 1966 Barry Waddell (Western Australia)
 1967 Barry Waddell (Western Australia)
 1968 Barry Waddell (Western Australia)
 1969 Keith Oliver (New South Wales)
 1970 Trevor Williamson (Victoria)
 1971 Graham McVilly (Tasmania)
 1972 Ken Evans (Victoria)
 1973 Graham McVilly (Tasmania)
 1974 Graham McVilly (Tasmania)
 1975 John Trevorow (Victoria)
 1976 Peter Besanko (Victoria)
 1977 John Trevorow (Victoria)
 1978 Terry Hammond (Victoria)
 1979 John Trevorow (Victoria)
 1980 David Allan (Victoria)
 1981 Clyde Sefton (Victoria)
 1982 Terry Hammond (Victoria)
 1983 Shane Sutton (New South Wales)
 1984 Gary Sutton (New South Wales)
 1985 Malcolm Elliott (England)
 1986 Neil Stephens (ACT)
 1987 Stefano Tomasini (Italy)
 1988 Adrie V. Der Poel (Netherlands)
 1989 Marcel Arntz (Netherlands)
 1990 Udo Bolts (Germany)
 1991 Michael Engleman (USA)
 1992 Bart Bowen (USA)
 1993 David Mann (England)
 1994 Christian Henn (Germany)
 1995 Andy Bishop (USA)
 1996 Scott Moninger (USA)
 1997 Norman Alvis (USA)

1998 Alessandro Pozzi (Italy)
 1999 Michael Blaudzun (Denmark)
 2000 Eugen Wacker (Kyrgyzstan)
 2001 Peter Wrolich (Austria)
 2002 Baden Cooke (Victoria)
 2003 Tim Johnson (USA)
 2004 Jonas Ljungblad (Sweden)
 2005 Simon Gerrans (Victoria)

Interesting Facts

54 Editions

Australian Winners - 36

Victoria - 21
 Western Australia - 7
 New South Wales - 3
 Tasmania - 3
 ACT - 1

International Winners - 18

USA - 6
 England - 2
 Germany - 2
 Italy - 2
 Netherlands - 2
 Austria - 1
 Denmark - 1
 Kyrgyzstan - 1
 Sweden - 1

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