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Hills riding high as world cycling returns for the Santos Tour Down Under 2024

Adelaide Hills Council welcomes local and international racing fans once again across its picturesque regions as South Australia revels in the Santos Tour Down Under from Friday 12 to Sunday 21 January.

This year the new race format will see women's racing held on the first weekend, and locals and visitors alike are encouraged to get involved and cheer the elite cyclists on.

As part of the celebrations everyone can take delight in the free community events the Adelaide Hills Council is hosting at the finish lines from food stalls, giveaways, live entertainment and family fun.

In 2024, Adelaide Hills Council will present three stages, including the Health Partners Women's Stage 2 finish in Stirling on Saturday 13 January, efex Men's Stage 2 finish in Lobethal on Wednesday 17 January, and the Men's final Schwalbe Stage 6 finish at Mount Lofty on Sunday 21 January.

Show your support and soak up the excitement for the Ziptrak Women's Stage 1 on Friday 12 January and Health Partners Men's Stage 3 on Thursday 18 January travelling through the Adelaide Hills.

Mayor Jan-Claire Wisdom is thrilled to showcase the best of the Adelaide Hills to international audiences, "it's a huge boost to our visitor economy and puts South Australia on the map."

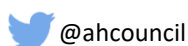
"Not only does the world-class event spotlight some of our key attractions – Lobethal, Mount Lofty, Stirling - it gives our community the opportunity to support some of Australia's best riders and the locals embrace the event year on year," she said.

Santos Tour Down Under Race Director Stuart O'Grady OAM said he and Assistant Race Directors Annette Edmondson and Carlee Taylor were excited to build on the success of last year's event.

"We made history in 2023 with the first women's stage race in the southern hemisphere at UCI Women's World Tour level. This year for the women's stage 1 and 2 routes we hope to see the slopes lined with cheering fans," Mr O'Grady said.

"The men will need to give absolutely everything out there on the road in what will be the toughest final weekend in Santos Tour Down Under history. Competition is going to be furious as riders battle it out to secure their place."

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2024 Santos Tour Down Under women's stages:

- **Friday 12 January Ziptrak Stage 1 – Hahndorf to Campbelltown, 93km**
The peloton will take off from Hahndorf then travel through the Hills through Mylor, Balhannah, Oakbank, Woodside, Lobethal, Gumeracha and Cudlee Creek. Riders will travel down Gorge Road and finish in Campbelltown.
- **Saturday 13 January Health Partners Stage 2 – Glenelg to Stirling, 104km**
The leafy township of Stirling welcomes visitors to watch the Health Partners Women's Stage 2 riders as they complete two loops through the township. Watch the race finish at Stirling oval with family fun and food stalls from 11:30am to 3:00pm.

2024 Santos Tour Down Under men's stages:

- **Wednesday 17 January efex Stage 2 – Norwood to Lobethal, 141km**
Watch the efex Men's Stage 2 riders complete three loops before racing to the finish line in Lobethal's main street. Visit the Adelaide Hills Council marquee from 11:00am - 3:30pm for giveaways, seating, shade and free water.
- **Thursday 18 January Health Partners Stage 3 – Tea Tree Gully, Adelaide Hills to Campbelltown, 145km**
Health Partners Men's Stage 3 will start in Tea Tree Gully before travelling up to Williamstown then through the Hills through Kersbrook and Cudlee Creek and down Gorge Road to finish in Campbelltown.
- **Sunday 21 January Schwalbe Stage 6 – Unley to Mount Lofty, 128km**
Riders will leave from the inner-south suburb of Unley and travel south through Kangarilla and Meadows before coming into the Hills via Mylor. They will then complete two and a half loops of Summertown, Uraidla, Carey Gully, Bridgewater, Aldgate, Stirling and Crafers.

Visit the Adelaide Hills Council marquee from 11:30am - 3:00pm for the ultimate finish on Mt Lofty with entertainment, giveaways and food stalls.

Visit the Stirling Library Lawns from 11:30am - 3:00pm for food stalls, children's activities and family fun, and to watch the Schwalbe Men's Stage 6 riders as they complete three loops through the township.

For more information on the above, TDU routes, start and finish times, road closures, traffic restrictions, public transport and how you can get involved visit [AHC website](#).

Spectators with a disability and families with young children are welcome to contact Council to reserve a spot in the Adelaide Hills finish line marquee – just email us at events@ahc.sa.gov.au

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