

Media release

Mike Tomalaris to join Toyota Tour de OROC



In exciting news for the longest 6-day charity ride in the world, Mike Tomalaris has agreed to participate in the biennial event in 2019. Apart from being a very keen cyclist himself, Mr Tomalaris is known around the world for his commentary during the Tour de France and other cycling events, with a commentary career that stretches back as far as the Commonwealth Bank Cycle Classic in 1992.

The organising committee of the Toyota Tour de OROC event has been very fortunate over the years with the high-profile riders they have had participate in the event. Megan Dunn joined the inaugural tour in 2013 followed by Robbie McEwen in 2015 and Matt Keenan in 2017.

Apart from covering cycling events for twenty-seven years with SBS, Mr Tomalaris has also been a part of a commentary team that has covered other major events including Olympic Games and Soccer World Cups and was recognised by the Australian Sports Commission for 'Most Outstanding Contribution to a Sport by an Individual' at the 2011 annual awards.

Mr Tomalaris said he was looking forward to riding in the Toyota Tour de OROC, in particular he noted, "The lack of hills through the Tour de OROC makes for more pleasant riding in the peloton and I look forward to enjoying the scenery and speaking with the other riders in the event."

The Chairman of the Rotary Club of Dubbo South organising committee, Mathew Dickerson, was thrilled to be able to announce the inclusion of Mike Tomalaris in the event. "Anyone that has any interest in cycling would immediately recognise Mike's name and face and his knowledge of cycling, after such a long career in hosting cycling events on SBS, will ensure that he will have a lot to add to the event."

The ride is capped at a maximum of 30 riders – with nine riders already signed up to be a part of the event. For any riders that are interested in a fully supported ride of 1,100km ride throughout the Orana Region over six days, request a registration form from info@tourdeoroc.bike as soon as possible.

Another attempt is being made at a world record so the event needs sponsors to help with that attempt and to raise money for Macquarie Home Stay. For anyone interested in being involved as a sponsor or as support crew, do not hesitate to contact the committee.

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