

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Human Powered Vehicles set to head to Corryong**

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Corryong will soon host a unique event that will bring together Human Powered Vehicle enthusiasts to test their speed and skills over a weekend of diverse activities. OzHPV, the national association for Human Powered Vehicle enthusiasts, has organised their annual Challenge weekend which will be held in the Upper Murray from 26 – 28 September 2014.

“Human Powered Vehicles come in all shapes and sizes, from recumbent bicycles, tricycles created from timber through to the more traditional road or mountain bike,” explained Steve Nurse from OzHPV. “We expect entrants from across the country at our Challenge event in Corryong and we also encourage local cyclists to register to join in the fun, whether on a traditional bike or any other form of Human Powered Vehicle,” he said.

The free event will kick off with a social ride on Friday 26 September. Leaving from the Corryong Visitor Information Centre, it will provide riders with the opportunity to explore the beautiful Upper Murray area and get a feel for the road conditions.

On Saturday 27 September at Towong Shire Council’s Corryong Airport, riders will test themselves and their vehicles in a criterium, giant slalom and a series of speed runs. The shopping race promises to provide an interesting spectacle, as riders travel along the length of the runway to a variety of mock “shops”, collecting everyday household goods and transporting these “home” in a display of how effective a Human Powered Vehicle can be when completing everyday activities like shopping.

Sunday will see activity moving out of Corryong, with junior cyclists taking to the recently completed Corryong to Colac-Colac trail for a 3km time trial. Adult cyclists will then take a trip along the Benambra-Corryong Road in an open 16km time trial.

“We are thrilled that the OzHPV have chosen the magnificent Upper Murray as this year’s venue for their Challenge weekend,” said Cr Mary Fraser OAM, Towong Shire Council Mayor. “It’s been a pleasure to work with a group of people who gain much enjoyment from their approach to sustainable transport,” said Cr Fraser.

For more information about the event times or for entry information, please visit the website [www.ozhvp.org.au](http://www.ozhvp.org.au) or contact the organiser Mr Steve Nurse on 0459341814.