

Timbercorp Media Statement

GEELONG TEEN WINS 2008 TIMBERCORP TOUR OF THE MURRAY

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Timbercorp would like to congratulate Leigh Howard, 18, from Geelong, who has won the 2008 Timbercorp Tour of the Murray.

Howard, riding for Jayco and the Victorian Institute of Sport, claimed victory over the 86-man field.

The Timbercorp Tour of the Murray is part of the annual Scody Cup Series Road Cycling Classic and spans 857km between Echuca and Mildura over eight days.

Local communities were out in force to support the tour across all of the 14 stages.

The Timbercorp Tour of the Murray is Australia's longest road race and showcases up and coming Australian riding talent. Two riders from the 2007 Tour of the Murray, Mark Jamieson and Jack Bobridge, gained selection in the Australian cycling team for the Beijing Olympics.

Howard has recently returned from Italy where he rode with the Australian Under 23 Team.

Congratulations to John Craven and the team at Caribou Publications for their organisation of the event, as well as the communities along the tour for their support.

Timbercorp is proud to sponsor the Tour of the Murray for the second year. The tour attracts tourism to the region, helps build communities and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

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