

the WILLO

Junior Development Camp 2019



The ninth James Williamson Junior Development Camp attracted juniors from fifteen clubs throughout New South Wales and Victoria, from Armidale to Harrietville. Thirty five juniors, aged between twelve and seventeen attended the camp held at Bungarra, Jindabyne.

The camp covered all aspects of Cross Country Mountain biking with coaches Rowan Beggs-French, Trent Lowe, Gareth Paton, Eliza Smythe (all from Canberra) with help from Dylan Cooper of Ride Technics.

The selection process for the Willo Camp chooses juniors who show a strong enthusiasm for the sport as well as having club racing experience. Club coaches help in this selection process. The Camp programs provides a mix of riding, skill development, discussion, practical sessions and time for reflection, producing a particularly close environment, where friendships are made and camaraderie develops – this is important as many of the juniors come from regional areas. The collaborative spirit supports mentoring between all riders, a quality the organisers are keen to capture, as they feel it fosters the learning experience.

The Willo Camp is financed from the proceeds of the Willo Enduro Challenge mountain race held at Wingello Forest each March. The Willo Camp is stamping its mark on Junior Development, with many of the camp participants competing at National level competition. This is a positive contribution to the future of mountain biking, and importantly, continues the strong legacy of James Williamson.

