

**Media Release - 2 October 2014****ORICA-GreenEDGE RIDERS SET TO RACE IN NEWCASTLE**

Australia's biggest cycling talent in the U23 ranks, Caleb Ewan, has been confirmed to compete in the annual *Orica Mick Chapman Memorial Criterium* on Sunday 26 October.

Ewan, Orica-GreenEDGE's newest recruit, is the reigning U23 national champion for both road and criterium racing. He will be joined by fellow GreenEDGE rider Amanda Spratt - a former national road race champion and olympian.

Matthew Wilson, former rider and now Orica-GreenEDGE sporting director, will also attend the criterium.

Up to 150 riders of all ages are expected to participate in the Cycling NSW endorsed event, which will again be conducted at the Honeysuckle Precinct.

The schedule includes juniors', seniors' and women's events as well as novelty races and a community challenge.

Orica Kooragang Island's General Manager, Greg Holmes, said the company is delighted to be the major supporter of the Hunter region's premier cycling event for the third year running.

"The Mick Chapman Memorial Criterium is a highlight on the local sporting calendar, with its profile and popularity increasing every year.

"I'm thrilled that our partnership with GreenEDGE cycling allows us to attract such elite riders to the event to help ensure its continued success."

The 2014 Orica Mick Chapman Memorial Criterium has this year been incorporated into Newcastle Bikefest, an award-winning lifestyle event designed to promote the benefits of cycling.

**Event details**

What: Orica Mick Chapman Memorial Criterium

Where: Honeysuckle Precinct

When: Sunday 26 October, 8am to 2pm (main race at 12.10pm)

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## Orica-GreenEDGE Athlete Bios

### Caleb Ewan

Nationality: Australian

Pro specialty: Sprinter

Highlights 2014:

- 1st Stage 2 Tour de l'Avenir FRA
- 1st U23 Criterium Cycling Australia Road National Championships VIC
- 1st U23 Road Race Cycling Australia Road National Championships VIC
- 2nd Trofeo Citta di San Vendemiano ITA
- 2nd Stage 4 Royal Smilde Olympia's Tour NED
- 3rd Tour Down Under Classic AUS
- 5th Stage 3 Royal Smilde Olympia's Tour NED
- 6th Trofeo PIVA ITA
- 6th Prologue (ITT) Tour de l'Avenir FRA
- 8th Stage 1 (TTT) Czech Cycling Tour CZE

Highlights 2013:

- 1st Stage 4 Internationale Thüringen-Rundfahrt U23 GER
- 1st Stage 7 Internationale Thüringen-Rundfahrt U23 GER
- 1st Points Classification Internationale Thüringen-Rundfahrt GER
- 1st Stage 2 Tour Alsace FRA
- 1st Stage 1 Tour de l'Avenir FRA
- 1st Stage 2 Tour de l'Avenir FRA
- 1st La Cote Picarde FRA
- 1st GP Palio del Recioto ITA
- 1st Overall Mitchelton Wines Bay Classic VIC
- 1st Stage 1 Mitchelton Wines Bay Classic VIC
- 3rd GP Industrie del Marmo ITA
- 4th Road World Championships ITA

Highlights 2012:

- 1st Gent-Menen BEL
- 1st Stage 2 Liège-La Gleize BEL
- 1st Stage 4 Rothaus Regio-Tour International, GER
- 1st U19 Time Trial Cycling Australia Road National Championships VIC
- 1st Stage 2 Jayco Bay Classic VIC
- 1st Stage 4 Jayco Bay Classic VIC

## **Amanda Spratt**

Nationality: Australian

Specialty: Breakaways

Highlights 2014:

- 2nd TTT World Championships ESP
- 4th (TTT) Open de Suède Vargarda TTT SWE
- 5th Road Race Cycling Australia Road National Championships VIC
- 7th Time Trial Cycling Australia Road National Championships VIC
- 8th Omloop van het Hageland BEL

Highlights 2013:

- 2nd Stage 2 (TTT) Boels Ladies Tour NED
- 3rd Open de Suède Vargarda TTT SWE
- 4th Trofeo Alfredo Binda ITA
- 6th Overall Internationale Thüringen Rundfahrt GER
- 7th Omloop van Borsele NED
- 7th Time Trial National Championships VIC

Highlights 2012:

- 1st Road Race National Championships VIC
- 1st Stage 4 Jayco Bay Classic VIC
- 2nd Overall Jayco Bay Classic VIC
- 2nd Stage 2 Jayco Bay Classic VIC
- 3rd 7-Dorpenomloop Aalburg NED
- 4th Time Trial National Championships VIC
- 4th Ronde van Gelderland NED
- 7th GP Comune di Cornaredo ITA
- 9th Omloop Het Nieuwsblad BEL