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## Cyclists peddle important message

Kirsty Roche

THE group of cyclists that wheeled into Tumut on Tuesday may have been small in number but the applause and rousing welcome they received was fitting of Tour de France riders.

Seven Tour de Country road cyclists that are undertaking an 876km ride from Wollongong to Albury via the South Coast, Tumut and Wagga, enjoyed a healthy barbecue lunch and health checks during their stop in Tumut.

The group is riding to promote healthy lifestyles for Aboriginal people.

The Murrumbidgee Medicare Local community health crew took the opportunity to run a Men's Pit Stop health check whilst the riders took a breather, with many of the supporters and locals who had gone down to cheer on the lads also taking the opportunity to get their free health check as well.

Councillors Sue Bulger and Trina Thomson welcomed the riders and both spoke of the magnificent message that was accompanying the men on their trip.

"We welcome you into our country, the sacred mountains and

beautiful rivers," Clr Bulger said to the riding party. "I applaud what you are doing. It is a worthy cause, promoting the health of our people.

"You all are showing your strength of character, we need the strength of our men to make a difference and you are doing that."

Clr Thomson told the riders that seeing aboriginal men work together in a productive and constructive manner is more important than those involved probably realise.

"Communities don't have to have boundaries," Clr Thomson said. "The Tour de Country is building bridges and breaking the barriers and spreading an important message of looking after each other and our health.

"I invite you riders back anytime with your families to share the beauty of the shire.

"I congratulate the riders and the organisers."

Men's co-ordinator at Cooe Cottage, Stan Russell presented the Tour de Country riders with a framed photograph of the region and thanked the group for making Tumut one their stops.

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Icon Building Groups' Angelo Spina with Broom's Excavating operations Lee Broom placing Andreas Buisman's artwork at the Adelong Pool site.



Above: The rock in place, and right, Austrian artist Andreas Buisman polishing one of his wonderful rock artworks.



## Rock rolls into place at pool

INTERNATIONAL artist Andreas Buisman's artistic relationship with Adelong has strengthened with the installation of one of his stunning rock pieces at the new Adelong Pool complex.

The huge rock was chosen from the Wondalga area with Mr Buisman painstakingly polishing the rock on site at the Broom's property.

The Austrian artist's affiliation with Adelong runs deep and he considers the area a favourite on his regular trips down under.

As the new pool's plans started to come to fruition, the idea to include one of Mr Buisman's rock works within the complex was floated by the Adelong Progress Association.

The price tag of the proposed

natural sculpture was \$17,500 and far beyond the means of the community organisation.

"Costing that much I knew that the town wouldn't be able to afford to pay for it," Mr Buisman said. "A private group got together to cover the costs as they were passionate about including one of my rocks into the pool area.

"As it was a community effort

and together with my feelings towards the town, I reduced the price so they could commission the work.

"With the town's combined efforts they now have a valuable asset for the pool."

Mr Buisman is a truly global artist. He travels to Australia twice a year and has fallen in love with the country, its

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