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## **Mountain bike enduro gets big funding boost**

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**THE Anaconda Mountain Bike Enduro has received a welcome Christmas present with a \$25,000 grant from the NT Government.**

The funding boost comes on the back of a highly successful 2008 event which saw in excess of 200 of the nation's top-ranking riders take to the Red Centre terrain over an action-packed five days.

Details of the division of the \$25,000 have yet to be confirmed.

But it is believed that the prize money pool will increase from its current \$20,000 amount, making the event one of richest on the tour.

This year's winner, Victorian Adrian Jackson, won the opening two stages and never looked back to take out the prestigious event ahead of fellow mountain bike stars Perren Delacour and Matthew Fleming.

Six podium finishes from seven stages ensured Queenslander Imogen Smith the women's title in a battle with Naomi Hansen and Jenni King.

The 2009 course will not differ greatly for the highly-popular seven stage format. The riders will be challenged over different distances and terrains throughout the picturesque MacDonnell Ranges.

Dates have been confirmed for the 2009 edition, with the event to take place over five days from May 25 to May 29.

Entry forms are available through the Anaconda MTB Enduro website, at [www.anaconda-mtbenduro.com](http://www.anaconda-mtbenduro.com).