



Offset Alpine Printing

Pedal Power

Offset Alpine Printing sponsored a team in the recent grueling Portfolio Partners Sydney Spring Cycle 50 kilometre fun bike ride that raises money for the Heart Foundation. Participating employees formed the team 'Print Pedallers' and had a great day.

Being out and about at 7.30am on a Sunday morning may not be everyone's cup of tea but it didn't prevent the Offset Alpine Printing cyclists from turning up to start in the Annual Sydney Spring Cycle 50 kilometre fun bike ride.

Commencing at The Sun-Herald start in North Sydney, traveling across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in traffic free lanes and ultimately finishing on Olympic Boulevard, Sydney Olympic Park, the turnout from Sydneysiders was huge with people of all ages participating.

Anne Nesbitt, Kevin Crowie, Duncan Lee, Darryl Chappelow, Donna Caldwell, Robert Crowe, Eddie Hewer, Darren Stretton, Paul Bubic, Claire Nappa and her partner Jason Smith made up the eleven-strong team from Offset Alpine Printing on the day. Kevin Crowie outfitted the team in white cycling jumpers beautifully embroidered with the Offset Alpine Printing logo and the team name "Print Pedallers." They really looked 'the goods'.

Setting off towards the Harbour Bridge was a lovely downhill run – a great way to start a bike ride! The roads and paths were all cordoned off for the cyclists with two lanes of the Harbour Bridge closed to traffic. Sydney was sparkling in the morning sunlight, destroying any doubts that the team may have had about participating in the ride.

The scenic route was well chosen taking in some of the most beautiful aspects of Sydney and with very few difficult climbs. As an added bonus there were rest stops along the way for cyclists to top up their water and enjoy the fresh watermelon, oranges and bananas supplied courtesy of the Heart Foundation.

The team agreed that 50 kilometres may seem like a long way, but on a bike it felt much shorter than it sounded. The number of children below the age of ten riding heavy, single geared bicycles was a real eye opener and an inspiration. Watching them cross the finish lines with smiles of achievement was an absolute pleasure.

All of the Print Pedallers finished the ride and enjoyed the rest of the day with a buzz as a result of a little exercise. They are already looking forward to the next big ride that Offset Alpine Printing participate in and

hope to recruit even more staff to join in the fun.

Sydney Spring Cycle is a once a year opportunity for up to 10,000 cyclists of all ages and abilities to join together and cycle through Sydney. The Heart Foundation was the beneficiary charity for the event in 2005. It was so great to see the Print Pedallers from Offset Alpine Printing using their energy and passion to make a real difference to the community.

