



(old road) (369m)



Tour Down Under

Kick-off of the professional cyclist season, the Tour Down Under has a light route, in 6 stages, around Adelaide. It was created in 1999 and the list of winners is very international. Logical as, since 2008, it belongs to the short list of races labelled « World Tour ».

The winners are very often sprinters(-« punchers ») : Greipel (2x), Davis or Gerrans (4x). And regularly Australians. Logical as well : which European rider should consider it as an objective ?

A few characteristics about the jerseys : white with green dots for the Mountain and green for the most « aggressive » rider. 3 points for a header, 2 for a punch, 1 for a kick ?

Links:

Official website: <http://www.tourdownunder.com.au/en>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_Down_Under

One hour summary : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYBQg8WkuDs>

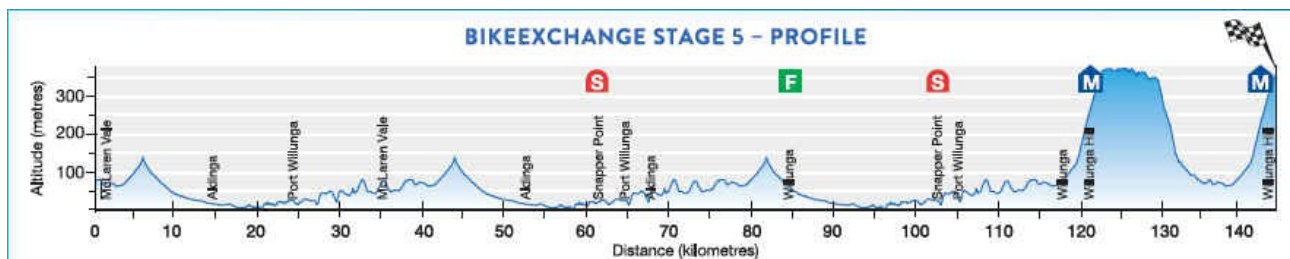
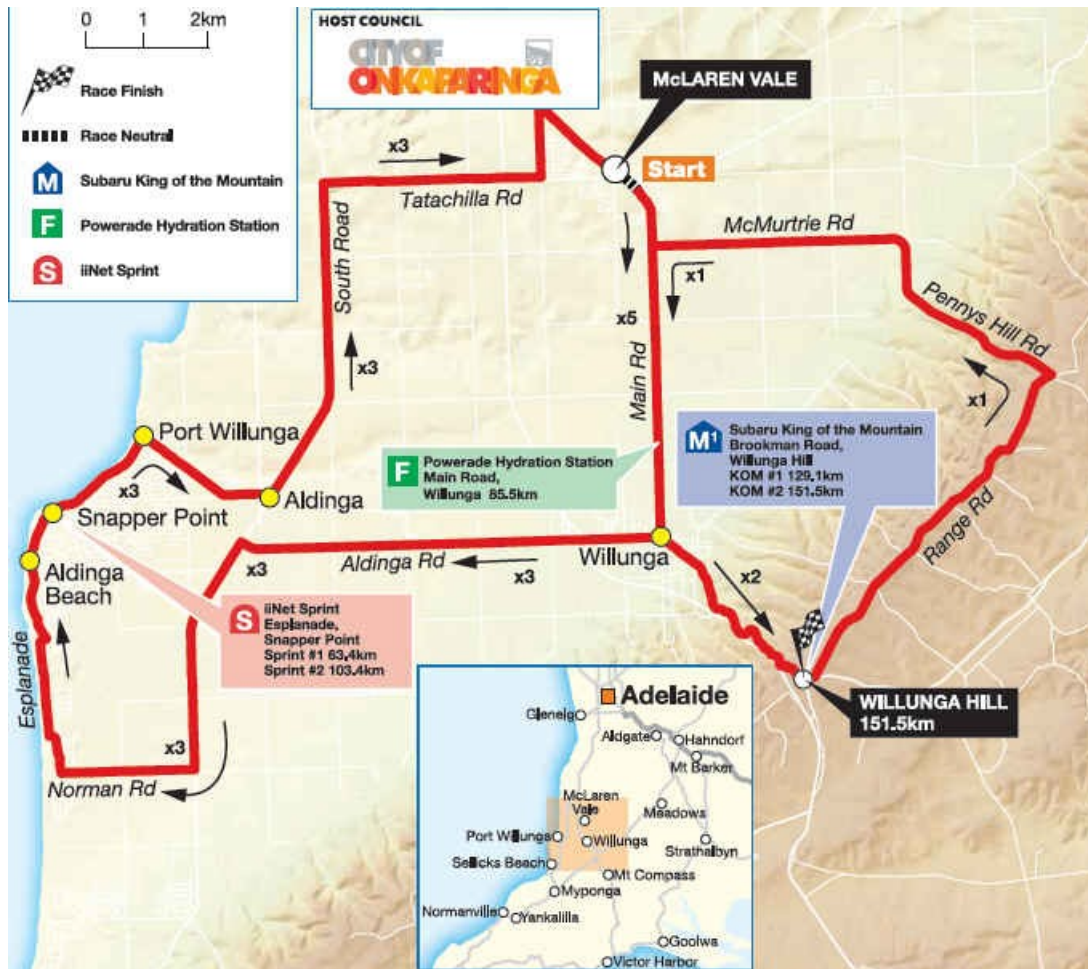
Willunga Hill : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPPLZLBGiw0>

Edition 2015 : 1st climb (partly) from 00.00 ; 2nd climb (finish) from 22.30



Willunga Hill - Portrait

The 5th stage (in 2015, 2016 and 2017) uses this local « Cadoudal » or « Wall of Geraardsbergen ». The riders climb two times this almost straight line with 2,9km at 7% (369-146m), that could easily belong to a World Championship circuit. It reminds us of Lugano in 1996.



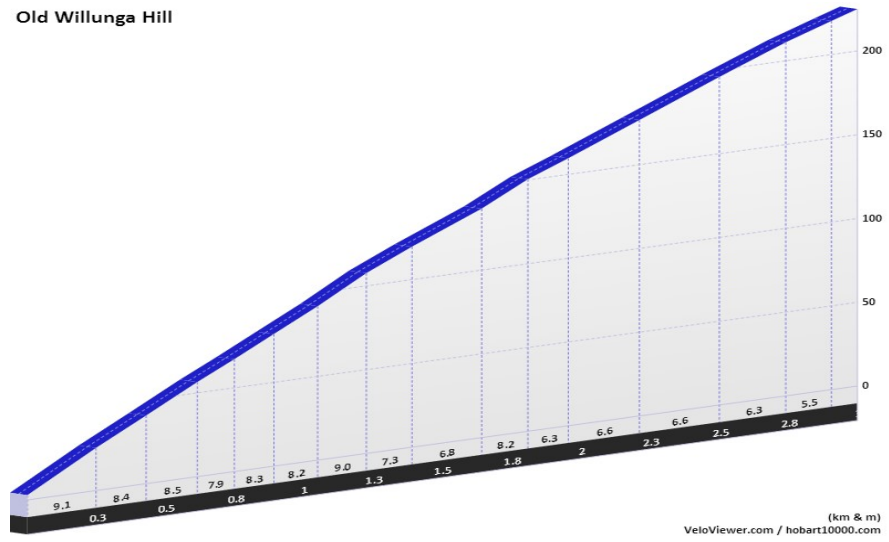
Hm % (according to Openrunner) :

km1 : 8 6 10 6 8 / 9 9 9 9 9 = 8,3%

km2 : 7 6 8 8 7 / 8 8 7 6 7 = 7,2%

km3 : 7 7 7 9 8 / 7 8 5 5 5 = 6,8%

Old Willunga Hill



Slightly different %





Richie Porte in 2016