

# Tiffany chases edge for Rio

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ADELAIDE cyclist Tiffany Cromwell may return to Australian team Orica-AIS on the road to Rio next year after her current pro team announced it would fold at season's end.

Cromwell spent last week in Rio inspecting the road race and time trial courses just 12 months out from the Olympic Games, but more pressing is the need for her to find a new team.

Her current squad, Velocio-SRAM, will cease to exist beyond 2015 meaning the 27-year-old could return to the

GreenEDGE family which would tailor her race program around preparations for the Games.

"Certainly there is one option where it is very much derived around the Olympic program and you can probably put two and two together to guess where that might be," Cromwell said.

"So it's what's going to best fit me to not only have potential to make the team but be a medal potential.

"I don't just want to go to the Olympics to ride around, I want to go there and be competitive and chasing medals



**RIDING HIGH FOR RIO:** South Australian cyclist Tiffany Cromwell is looking for a new team before the Olympics. Picture: MIKE BURTON

and be part of a team capable of that.

"Obviously the plan wasn't to have to change (teams) again going into 2016.

"It's disappointing for the

sport but I have opportunities, I have two contract negotiations and it's looking pretty promising.

"I know I'll have a ride, it just depends on where and

what direction I take. I'm just lucky that I have people who believe in my abilities and opportunities to achieve the goals I'm trying to in the sport."

Cromwell describes her 2015 season as "consistent but nothing outstanding" ahead of her major goal at next month's world championships which will be held in Richmond, Virginia, in the United States.

"I've been strong and thereabouts but haven't taken that next step that I've wanted to," she said. "A podium in the Giro was quite nice and in one of the classics, it's always searching for that little bit more.

"But my biggest goal does come at the end of the season, the world championships, it's a course that really suits me.

"That's what I've been striving towards and I've seen improvement in my sprint.

"That comes losing a bit of my climbing which, after the worlds, that's where I'll be looking to bring that back up towards the Olympics.

"You'll need to be a strong climber but with power (for Rio). I'm very much just (focusing on) the road race, I know where I stand in terms of time trialling."

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## Long ride of the law to help raise awareness and funds for CanTeen

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THERE shouldn't be any worries about cyclists taking part in the inaugural 'Road Raise' from Adelaide to Melbourne in October following road rules.

Front and centre in the peloton will be Chief Inspector Wade Burns, who is coming along for the ride to help raise awareness and funds for CanTeen. Wade is the son of recently retired SA Police Chief Commissioner Gary Burns and has been busy training for the six-day, 970km October 11-16 event.

If the ride wasn't enough, when they reach their destination Wade plans on fronting up to run the 42km Melbourne Marathon two days later.

"I'm throwing out the challenge — if I should be able to achieve \$10,000 in personal fundraising I will tackle the Melbourne Marathon," he said.

"And after 1000km in six days on the bike this is going to push me."

Fitness shouldn't be an issue for Wade, 36, who is a regular triathlon competitor and has completed three Ironmans which consist of a 3.8km swim, 180km ride and 42km run.

This summer he plans to race in Mandurah, Cairns and Barcelona in the hope of qualifying for the Hawaii Ironman, meaning Road Raise will be a perfect training hitout for him.

"I've got an interest in cycling and was approached by the organisers to take part," he said.

"It will be a bit of fitness and fun but mostly I'm excited about raising funds and awareness for CanTeen.

"Time is the most precious gift — Road Raise allows me to raise awareness and funds to support CanTeen and help those young Aussies who have been impacted by cancer.

"The ride signifies the long road ahead for those families who've had their lives turned upside down by cancer.

"Open roads, not emails — that's my motto for the ride. A time to reflect and really make a difference to the lives of young Aussies impacted by cancer."

Meanwhile Gary says he's enjoying retirement but is no rush to take up cycling and would rather offer support from the sidelines. "I think I'll get into kayaking instead," he said.

For more information visit [www.roadraise.com.au](http://www.roadraise.com.au)

RAISING FUNDS: Retired SA Police Chief Commissioner Gary Burns with his son Wade, a Chief inspector. Wade will soon ride in the Road Raise for CanTeen. Picture: BIANCA DE MARCHI

## Bevin lured to ride on WorldTour with strong US team

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THE current leader of Cycling Australia's National Road Series, Patrick Bevin, has signed a contract with American team Cannondale-Garmin to ride the WorldTour next year.

Bevin, 24, won last week's Tour of the Great South Coast which finished in Port Fairy and in February won the gruel-

ling stage to Arthur's Seat in the Herald Sun Tour.

Next year the New Zealander, who rides for the Avanti Racing Team, will be the latest from the squad to progress to the WorldTour, following in the footsteps of Richie Porte, Nathan Haas and Steele von Hoff.

Cannondale-Garmin boss Jonathan Vaughters said Bevin

would be a "great addition" to the team.

"In Asia and Australia, Patrick has shown great diversity in skills from bunch sprints to climbing," Vaughters said.

"He seems to have it all,"

Bevin said he was "delighted" to be joining the team where he will ride alongside Haas, who debuted in the Tour de France in July.

"To race at the WorldTour level is a big opportunity for me," Bevin said in a team statement.

"I hope to play an important role in many team performances and victories over the coming seasons."

Meanwhile, in local cycling news, Cycling SA will resurrect the Norton Summit time-trial and 'Hell of the North' road

race on the Yorke Peninsula as part of its elite summer series.

The series will be rebranded the CIC Cervelo Super Series and consist of 10 rounds from November to January.

It will include eight criteriums at Victoria Park, Kadina and Mount Barker, the individual time trial up Norton Summit and a road race at Wallaroo.

There will also be a women's teams series running largely in conjunction with the men's program this season however the rounds and dates for that series are yet to be confirmed.

Cycling SA has already called for expressions of interest from teams wanting to register for the respective series this summer.