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**LEE TROOP TO RACE INAUGURAL B&E RUN THE BRIDGE HOBART
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Australia's number one marathon runner, Lee Troop, will kick off his 2010 racing program with the B&E Run the Bridge Hobart 10km race on 7 February.

Troop is currently taking a break from the cold and snow where he lives in Boulder, Colorado, with some warm weather training in Phoenix, Arizona.

He will return to Australia at the beginning of February for a six week trip and is looking forward to taking in the sites of Hobart when he competes in the B&E Run the Bridge Hobart.

"It is fantastic that Hobart now has a truly iconic fun run that takes in many of Hobart's most notable landmarks," said Troop.

"Having visited the Apple Isle on many occasions, not only for running, but to also visit my wife's family - Tasmania has become like a second home and I am thrilled to be participating in the B&E Run the Bridge's inaugural event.

"With a marathon to be run in April (which event is yet to be decided) in order for me to gain selection in the Commonwealth Games team for Delhi later this year, I am hoping the B&E Run the Bridge fun run will get my 2010 campaign off to a good start."

B&E Run the Bridge event organiser, Brett James, is thrilled with entries so far.

"It looks as though we are going to have a good race for first place with Lee Troop joining Yemane Tsegay Adhane, an Ethiopian marathon runner who recently finished 4th in the Marathon at the 2009 IAAF World Championships in Berlin and Mark Tucker looking to take out the trifecta after winning the 2009 B&E Launceston Ten and The Skilled Burnie Ten 2009," said Brett.

"Whilst Troop, Adhane and Tucker will be battling it out for first place honours - this race isn't all about the elite athletes - we are looking forward to have a crowd of around 2,000 taking part and we hope that everyone will come and have a go.

"You can either run, jog or walk the spectacular course. If you choose to walk, when you register online, you can elect to join one of the two Tasmanian legends - David Boon or David Foster leading their own teams for the event.

“10% of all profits will go to official charity Variety, The Children’s Charity. You can also set up your own sponsorship page on the official website and athletes that raise over \$300 for Variety will have their entry fee reimbursed.”

The 10km event is the first of its kind with The Tasman Bridge being closed for only the second time in history for a social event – two lanes remain open for traffic.

To register to take part in the event go to www.hobartrunthebridge.com.au. All event participants will receive an event medal and a running cap.

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