

1997 EVENT

The Course The full course was used — same as was planned in 1996 (Sun Valley, Watchbed Creek, The Park, Heathy Spur and circumnavigation of the lake).

Weather & Snow Conditions Fine with no wind. Snow conditions were excellent.

Entries 1,174 entries

Other It was a close finish amongst the men, with Paul Gray (AUS), Anthony Evans (AUS), Bjung Chul Park (KOR) and Vitali Tchernov (RUS) sprinting it out and finishing within 5 seconds. Paul Gray was the first Australian man to win the Hoppet, and Camille Melvey (AUS) was the first Australian woman to win.

Technical Delegate (TD) Carl Melvey (AUS-NSW)

Assistant TD Brian Keeble (AUS-VIC)

Winners & Best Australians				
	Overall		Best Australian	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Kangaroo Hoppet	Paul Gray (AUS)	Camille Melvey (AUS)	Paul Gray (1st)	Camille Melvey (1st)
Birkebeiner	Byung Joo Park (KOR)	Myung Jung Koon (KOR)	Paul Murray (3rd)	Deb Godsmark (4th)
Joey Hoppet	Michael Evans (AUS)	Natasha Coleman (AUS)	Michael Evans (1st)	Natasha Coleman (1st)