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Tour de France winner Cadel Evans will be an ambassador for the Northern Territory

## Evans gives back to his community

By CONOR BYRNE

TOUR de France winner Cadel Evans will be an ambassador for the Northern Territory.

The 34-year-old Katherine-born cyclist lives in Melbourne and Europe but dropped into Darwin briefly yesterday to discuss how best the NT can take advantage of his fame and high profile.

He's uncertain what exactly he's going to do — but it will be along the lines of helping the government promote healthy lifestyles and being a role model for young Territorians.

"Don't feel disadvantaged in any way because you're here," he said of the NT.

"In some ways, in many ways, you're advantaged. By being up here in the Territory also has a lot of advantages.

"As someone born in the Northern Territory I really want to be able to give something

back," Evans said. He met Darwin cyclists and politicians while on the brief visit before returning to Melbourne.

The last time Evans was in Darwin was on his honeymoon — but he made no promises on a return date.

"My main priority in my life is to win another Tour de France," he said. "I'll have to ask my wife and (check) my holiday times and priorities. . . I'm heading back to Europe in a few weeks for some family reasons but it was important to come here and make some time to be available."

His advice to aspiring cyclists was to keep at it and not give up on their motivation.

"Follow your dreams and don't be afraid to work towards something," Evans said.

"And try to aspire to anything because everyone can do it but it's application that makes a difference," he added.



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