

# The Overflow (Qld)

## 11 August 2019



The 2nd Sunday in August was SOTA's 7th trial of the year, held at the 'Overflow' property west of Beaudesert, Qld. Saturday morning there was a better than expected turnout of section setters with about 12 people splitting into groups to set 2 or 3 sections per group. The Overflow is one of the driest and rockiest properties you will find and options for sections are endless, unless you don't like rocks of course! With such a good turnout of helpers and little to no clearing required, we may have set a SOTA record with 10 sections finished before 11am!



The weekend was very dry and windy with night time temps for the campers probably milder than expected. The overnight wind also kept the fog and dew at bay so anything you left out overnight was surprisingly still dry in the morning. The camping was a quiet affair with no camp fire and all in bed by 8.30 to escape the wind. Sunday morning was a beautiful clear day and just nice if standing in the sun. By the time sign in was closed there were over 50 riders ready for the briefing. There was also an

RTCB trail ride on the same property but further to the west. This didn't stop our riders briefing being gate crashed by some lost enduro riders who quickly realised they came in the wrong gate! Bikes with no seats probably gave it away!

For those that don't know, the Overflow can be a punishing place to ride, and that's before you get to the sections. There are just so many rocks just the right size to catch you out if you are not careful. There's really no other way to describe the sections other than rocks, rocks and more rocks. It provides a challenge for every rider at every level.

Scores were wide ranging with only 2 competitive riders managing to stay in single figures for the day, and a few succumbing to either the challenging terrain or bike issues. There were no big crashes or injuries reported so the nominee for the coveted plonker plate was Paul Moore for riding someone else's gasser through not one, but two sections without realising it. I'm sure we've all thrown a leg over someone else's bike without realising before. They all look the same right!

In the scoring department, 1st placings in each division were Div 0 Jayden Daley 63pts, Div 1 Andrew Atkinson 7pts, Div 2 Chris Lyon 4 pts, Div 3 Peter Clark 12pts, Div 4 Cliff Ludhe 12pts, Div 5 Arthur Herrman 17pts and Div 6 Rob Sinkovics 38pts. For a full wrap of the scores see the attached results.

As usual a huge thank you to all the volunteer section setters, Christine Reed for putting up with scoring all day, Denys Reed for toilet duties, property owners for allowing us to use their land and last but not least Harry and crew for all the behind the scenes work, it's a big effort to put these events on and a busy season with 11 events in total.

Brad

