

## The Overflow – Beaudesert, Qld August 2022



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August SOTA returned to “The Overflow” property situated southwest of Beaudesert, Qld. This event was only our 2<sup>nd</sup> club trial of the year and the year seems to be getting away from us quickly. While it’s one of the toughest places to ride, I’m sure most enjoyed being back there.

The weekend started with a small group who were lucky enough to have the Friday off so were able to spend the day setting the first 5 sections. The remaining 5 were set on Saturday which unfortunately was wet with consistent showers throughout the day. The section setters did a great job using mostly the same loop used at the Big Loop trial earlier in the year.

As mentioned with the showers on Saturday, the entry to the property quickly became a mud bog on Sunday morning that required a little bit of rally driving but everyone got in ok in the end. The turnout was well above expectations with nearly 70 riders signed in and ready to go.

Sunday was a very pleasant dry winter’s day with no real breeze to speak of and the night time temps for the campers was not too cold either, well once we went to bed it was ok because we had no campfire to keep us warm. For those that have not been to “The Overflow”, it’s rocks, rocks and more rocks of every size imaginable. Just riding the loop you have to keep your mind on the job or you could get caught out by the smaller ones scattered everywhere on the tracks and hiding in the surrounding grass. The loop was great with a bit of a trail ride between some of the sections if you felt like blowing off some steam.

The rider of the day would be Greg McLennan for taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place on his ol Tiger ub on the blue line and when you look at the scores, he wasn’t far off taking first place. Well done Greg.

After the trial there were free SQTAdogs (hot dogs) while the days scores were announced, then before everyone could go home they had to attempt one last section. This was the muddy track leading up to the exit gate. There were plenty of laughs at the many failed attempts and the hectic successes. There are videos capturing some of the action for those in our Facebook group.

We need to thank these people who chipped in to help make the weekend so great. As usual, without the volunteers we couldn’t do it.

Christine Reed and Keryn Hellyar for looking after the score tent.

Evan Hunter for managing property access.

All of the section setters across Friday and Saturday.

Shaun Nesbitt and Neville Derrick for giving up their ride to do some observing.

Denys Reed and Drew Wightman for transporting the SQTA squatter.  
Scott and Bettina for stepping up and looking after the hotdogs.  
Anthony for delivering the bread rolls.  
Everyone who helped pull in the sections at the end of the day.

And finally, a huge shout out to Marie Turner and Drew for attending to Mike who unfortunately broke his wrist 3 metres before the end of the final section of the day. We all wish you a speedy recovery Mike.

Congratulations to all the winners and place getters, just finishing 4 laps of 10 sections around that place can be a brutal day out. Check the attached scoresheet for final results. Oh and I shouldn't omit to mention the Plonker Plate was awarded to Darren Cresswell for a nice OTB moment on section 8. It was a close call who should get this honor as Paul Coleman and Damian Ticehurst also decided to part with their bikes in a disorderly fashion.

It was also nice to finally present the Reed Family Perpetual Trophy to Drew Wightman for sportsmanship and contribution to the club during 2021 by a riding member, well deserved Drew.

Our next event will be at the Reeds property at Biddaddaba in mid September, so keep an eye out for updates on our FB page.

On behalf of the SQTA committee, we hope to see you all then.