## SQTA OCTOBER 2 REPORT

Apart from some seriously cold and windy weather keeping the 14 Saturday night campers huddled in their quickshades, or caravans for the lucky ones, until bedtime SQTA's 12<sup>th</sup> event of the year still managed to attract a good field of riders the next day who either couldn't afford the road trip to South Australia or who never had intentions of going in the first place. This was our first time use of another area of one of our long standing pay per use properties at Ferny Glen Canungra and by all the feedback it will be one we will be using many times again in the future. The Gold Coast Mountain Bike Club and four wheel drive clubs have been using it for some time now and if it hadn't been for a movie being shot on our usual side of the property we would have been none the wiser but try taking it off us now!

With plenty of flat open grassed parking and camping area, easy access and shade, not to mention great creek and hillside section potential we managed to set our usual 10 section 4 lap loop, with five in and around the creek and five on the rocky hillside outcrops on the other side of the car park. With 53 riders one could have been forgiven for thinking that we may have been in for another full days event but with a short loop and relatively straight forward flowing sections 75% of the field were actually finished prior to our 12.30pm designated lunch break allowing us all an earlier mark and the chance to get home in time to watch the NRL final, not that many of us really cared, if you get my drift? ① One thing to come out of our compulsory engines off lunch break was an obvious loophole exploited by the Mills & Smith family kids, giving trials a go for the first time, on their three electric powered Ossets riding through the lunch break but without any noise how could we dampen their enthusiasm, not to mention the pleasure we all derived from witnessing their enjoyment and at five years old and younger we may be seeing some trials champions of the future. Speaking of which, it was great to see 5 year old Brody Reed himself mentoring them at the end of the day and showing them the ropes through the sections. Now that's what I call gold!

It was great to see so many new faces once again, 10 in all, trying us out for the first time and vowing to return, continuing our tradition of enticing more riders into our tight knit little motorcycle sport with the often time overlooked residual value of having more interest in the sport filtering all the way down through the suppliers, their distributors and to the rank and file individuals helping contribute to the turnover in the second hand bike market making everyone a winner in the end.

Speaking of winners, and I know I harp on about it ad infinitum, but no SQTA report is ever complete without an acknowledgement of our selfless observers who never let us down. Yesterday was no different with all 10 sections manned, which is a little misguiding when you consider that 8 out of the 10 were womaned, by who are becoming Australia's most experienced observers all thankful of our scoring system allowing them to relax in their easy chairs where ever they cared to set them up in view of the sections and never having to get up to click cards. Due to the chillier conditions the sunny hillside sections were by far the most sought after on the day for obvious reasons.

There were some really interesting results worth mentioning such as Mary-Lyn Groves (4) beating Rebecca Schneider (5) and 5 yo son Brody (5) by only one mark and dodging a big spray at presentations. ©

There were 24 Div 5'ers with a couple of burglers coming in at the pointy end of the seniors such as Sam Johnson (1), Luke McDermott (6) and Sharpie of all people, minus any form of footy injuries for a change, third on (7) with Juniors Jay Daley (1), Daniel Atkinson (2) and Sam Rogers (13) in third, and who rode mostly Div 3 lines all day, all ensuring their regrading up the ranks for next year.

The hotly contested Div 4 saw Kris Hammond (5) edge out uncle John (7) by 2 points with the hardship story of the day, which I'm sure everyone would agree, being yours truly (8) who 5'd spectacularly on the second last section of the day to miss the glory once again. Fast becoming the story of my life I'm afraid! Div 3 saw Andy Tresize (8), who is fast becoming a permanent fixture at all our working bees and pretty much ensuring his SQTA guernsey for next year in the process, keeping Adam King (21) in the brides maid dress for another month closely followed by Adina (26) who took a big tumble in her second section of the day and copped a front tyre facial for her effort. Kurtis Rogers (17) continued his good form from Coonabarabran taking out the Div 3 Juniors over Bradley Schneider (20).

Div 2 saw what Frithy (5) would consider an upset with Andrew Atkinson (4) taking out first ahead of an enthusiast Les Hellyer (18) and all benefitting from Paul being down in the Barossa Valley me thinks.

Div 1 was solely reserved for Tim Barwick (60) as was Div Zero for Kale (13) but both enthusiastically flying the flag for their missing comrades and putting on an appreciative display at the same time.

Another great weekend had by all and with only one event to go, our 13<sup>th</sup> of the year to be held at our brand new, one of three, fully DA approved Kyogle properties, the hard working committee is now looking forward to some celebratory drinks at our fast approaching end of year X'mas soiree.

SQTA RESULT SHEET												
	VENUE:	HI	NCHCL				DATE:		2/10/20	11		
	DIVISION	Zero		DIVISION No.5								
PLACE	NA	ME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE	PLACE	NA	ME	Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE	
1st	KALE REED		0	0	13	1st	SAM JOHNS	SON	0	0	1	
				I.		2nd	LUKE McDERMOT		0	0	6	
DIVISION No.1					3rd	ANDREW SHARP		0	0	7		
PLACE	NAME		Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE	4th	PETER CLARK		0	0	7	
1st	st TIM BARWICK		0	0	60	5th	MATT MONK		0	0	8	
					6th PETER GATELY				0	0	8	
	DIVISION No.2					7th	MARK REED		0	0	16	
Place	NAME	NAME		Twin Shock DNF/DNS SCORE			TRAVIS BOYLE		0	0	21	
1st	ANDREW A	ANDREW ATKINSON		0	4	9th	PAUL ANDERSON		0	0	21	
2nd	MICHAEL FF	MICHAEL FRITH		0	5	10th	JUSTIN ROBERTS		0	0	21	
3rd	LES HELLYAR		0	0	18	11th	KAL DALEY		0	0	22	
4th	CHRIS LYON		0	0	25	12th	GARY MEARS		0	0	22	
						13th	SHORTY HALL		0	0	27	
DIVISION No.3						14th	LINDSAY HA	λIG	0	0	31	
PLACE	NAME	NAME		Twin Shock DNF/DNS SCORE		15th	IAN DULEY		0	0	33	
1st	ANDREW TRESIZE		0	0	8	16th	WILL MART	IN	0	0	43	
2nd	ADAM KING		0	0	21	<b>17</b> th	VAL KEENAN		0	0	82	
3rd	ADINA REED		0	0	26	18th	PAUL McCOURT		0	0	102	
4th	CRAWFORD PIRIE		0	0	82		JUNIOR TITLE		0	0	0	
	JUNIOR TITI	JUNIOR TITLE		0	0	1st	JAYDEN DALEY		0	0	1	
1st	KURTIS ROGERS		0	0	17	2nd	DANIEL ATKINSON		0	0	2	
2nd	BRADLEY SCHNEIDER		0	0	20	3rd	SAM ROGERS		0	0	13	
						4th	ZAC REED		0	0	16	
	DIVISION No.4				5th	ISSAC SOMI	MERVILLE	0	0	18		
PLACE	NAME	NAME		Twin Shock DNF/DNS SCORE			JADE GROVES		0	0	38	
1st	KRIS HAMM	IOND	0	0	5							
2nd	JOHN BARW	/ICK	0	0	7		DIVISION No.6					
3rd	IAN ROGERS	5	0	0	8	Place	NAME		Twin Shock	DNF/DNS	SCORE	
4th	TONG WON	G	0	0	11	1st	MARY-LYN	GROVES	0	0	4	
5th	WALSHY		0	0	11	2nd	REBECCA SCHNEIDER		0	0	5	
6th	SHANE FREEBODY		0	0	30	3rd	BRODY REED		0	0	5	
7th	EVAN HUNTER		0	0	31	4th	JED CUNLIFFE		0	0	40	
8th	HARRY VAN DIJK		0	0	35	5th	KAELEM SMITH		0	0	134	
9th	SIMON McDONALD		0	0	63	6th	SACHA MIL	SACHA MILLS		0	152	
10th	h DENYS REED		0	DNF	0	7th	BAILEY MIL	LS	0	0	168	