

Junior **Offroad Riding** **Events****Quindanning Enduro Event Revue**

19th May 2012 - Quindanning

BACK TO WHERE IT ALL STARTED!

It's amazing to think, some 12 years ago we ran the first ever Junior Enduro at Quindanning. It was a great fun event, with 23 riders carving up the trails and the Special Test. This year we had nearly 150 riders, with ages ranging from 4 - 19 years. The larger bike capacities covering around 128km of trails and completing 4 Timed Special Tests. Not only has the organisation of events come a long way, so has the riding ability of our Junior riders. There are some very talented riders coming through the classes.

Setting out the trails the weekend before, was heaven. It had rained heavily during the week and the ground was moist with lots of traction. Unfortunately by the weekend of the event, the trails had dried out and the riders encountered a bit of dust.

The day started early with registration & machine examination taking place at 7.30. It was a new experience for many riders to leave their bike in the "parc ferme" after examination. Due to the layout of the track, there was one single pit lane for all fuel & service work, which led to a bit of congestion at times with so many riders in the lane at once.

The older riders & larger bike capacities took off first. Pushing their bike to the start line and only starting when their minute came up. From there they pre rode the Special Test and then out onto a 14km trail section, made up of some old trails full of slippery pea gravel and a few rocks.

Once they returned and checked in on their allotted time, it was in to the test for the first timed section of the day. The Test was something special. Put together by Larry Hill (Veteran Enduro rider) he joined all the old test tracks into one very smooth & flowing 2km test. Everyone commented on how much fun it was to rail the berms & dodge the trees.

Once the timed test was complete riders headed out onto a different trail section which was quite different from the first, with sandy sections and a couple of small hills & one very long rocky climb.

By the end of the day all riders found they had been tested in many ways. Having the endurance to finish all the sections on time, riding consistently in the timed tests and not crashing, and dealing with various minor mechanical problems. That's what an Enduro is all about. The 50cc Class didn't miss out, with a couple very dedicated Lead & Sweep riders leading them around their own dedicated bush track. After being escorted around the track a couple of times they were able to follow the arrows (just like the big boys) to their hearts content.

A Huge thankyou needs to go out to the Munday family for allowing us to use their awesome property. Don, Bill & Daniel (the caretakers of the property) for their guidance & assistance, and the many volunteer parents who took on the varied roles involved in running an event like this.

Trophies were presented for 1st 2nd & 3rd in all classes as well as finisher medalions for all our 50cc riders and first time participants. A huge selection of Spot Prizes were given away, which had all the kids grinning from ear to ear.

It was great to see so many families camp over on Saturday night. The atmosphere around the camp fire with everyone laughing and the kids playing, was great to see. I apologise to all for falling asleep in the warm glow of the fire.

Hope to see you all at the next event.

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Event Co-ordinator