



Maclean Dirt Bike Club

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL ROUND THIS WEEKEND

It seems forever since we were last at the track to race. Although last months meeting was rained off, we are unable to reschedule it for another date so our series this year will be only 5 rounds.

There will certainly be some fantastic racing this weekend with several classes yet to be decided. In the younger 65s, Connor McNamara leads Bailey Commerford by only one point, with Jed Mitchell close enough in third place to cause an upset so it will be game on for these boys!

In older 85s only 2 points separates Zamir Nelson, Joel Adamson and James Roach so this will be another exciting class to watch.

In Senior Lites, while Rory Davis has a 5pt lead, Jay Adamson and Maximillian Cook will be battling it out for the minor placings. All in all there should be some great racing action across all classes.

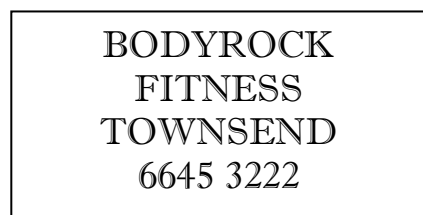
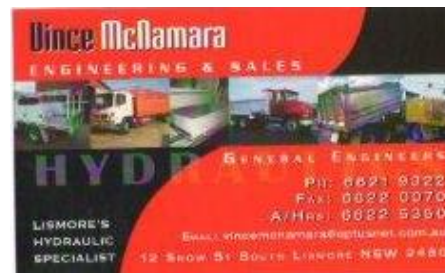
**For Sunday - all riders must provide a flag marshall as usual. Please make sure you have signed on and been scrutineered BEFORE 8.15am (anytime after 6.30am is good!)
Camping is permitted \$25 / car**

Social class riders need to bring their written and riding test paperwork to sign on. Once it has been sighted the riders names will be put in a register so we don't need to see the paperwork again.

See you there!



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WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY OCT 29

There are still plenty of things to be done before we can race on Sunday – a few extra hands would make this less work – if you can spare some time – even just an hour or two please contact Tom Commerford on 0417 452 702

MDBC XMAS PARTY & PRESENTATION

Sat 26th November

The River Room at Maclean Services Club

River Street, Maclean

5.30pm for a 6.00pm start

Adults \$20 Kids 5 – 12 yrs Half Price.

- * includes a xmas buffet meal with something for everyone
- * Presentation, Raffles and Lucky Door Prizes
- * There will be a DJ. Karaoke and dancing so bring your dancing shoes
- * **BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL** Tickets Available until 18th November

Contact Vicki on 0439264940 or Ken on 0401306223 to book



[Click here for buffet menu](#)

Ashlee Rogers is still trying to organise a reunion of past MDBC members. If you have any contact numbers or old photos, memorabilia, video footage, memories, suggestions etc please contact her on 0429 021 961

MDBC 2011

Club Championship

[Click here for series points](#)

BIG 4 YAMBA
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The leader in local news



As far as I know, Jed Mitchell was the only member of our club to make the trek to South Australia to compete in this years national junior mx titles. He rode both his 65cc and 85cc bikes with full grids in all races. Both classes had more than 40 entries which meant qualifying heats to determine entry to the finals. After a great effort, unfortunately he just missed out on making it through to the finals.

After having a quick chat with him, he tells me that the 3 day drive each way wasn't too bad As he had heaps of movies to watch (big grin ☺).

He loved the red sandy track which was really long until it rained. Then it was just a bog hole. For the last sight lap he rode about 40m down the start straight and just toppled over sideways in the mud – this meant that he had to race that race with a gunked up throttle.

Although he was disappointed that he didn't make the finals he loved the overall experience and was glad he went. It is always awesome to see a riders briefing with around 600 riders and their families. Jed said about half of the entrants camped at the track so he had fun playing with the other kids. One of the other parents was the bobcat operator for the event so he came over and made a few berms for the bmxs to play on. Heaps mad!!

Other sources report that the track was extremely difficult. Once it rained and the track rutted up it was really a big bike track – fine for 125cc and up. The 85s seemed to manage ok but all the smaller bikes were often being 'ridden but walked' around the track. The ruts were much deeper than the axles. An indication of the trying conditions was that one of last years title winners only qualified 38th for his final.

The big picture still remains, if you are in there having a go then you are already a winner. ☺ Ty



- We are looking for some new Photos for our website background.
- If you have any great MX shots from Maclean send them in to dan.lilley@hotmail.com
- You never know – yours may Be the lucky ones chosen by The committee for next years website!



Dean Ferris

From an interested bystanders viewpoint 2011 has certainly been a year where Kyogle local Dean Ferris has lifted his profile. I remember watching him at both Maclean and Kyogle clubs competing as junior and look how far he has come in a just a few years!

The road hasn't always been easy but it just goes to show if you put in the hard yards – anything is possible.

After narrowly missing out on the National MX title due to injury, Dean has now been signed up with ICE1RACING – giving him a ride in the 2012 MX1 FIM World Championship Series which he is really excited about. 2010 saw Dean ride in a few European FIM events so to have a team commitment for a whole series is fantastic.

Last week Dean was fighting it out in the mud at the first round of 2011 Super-X in Melbourne and it still looks like he is having FUN!

While many of you are familiar with all of Deans' achievements, it is still great to stop and say "well done mate!" Does it mean that you have 'made it' when you get a helmet design named after you???



Video

Click here

For a great insight into the life of Aussie Motocross star Dean Ferris, put together by Unit – check out the video.



QUEENSLAND MOTO PARK (WYRALONG)

Motorcycling Queensland (MQ) has been aware of the need for a dedicated recreational motorcycling facility and when the Queensland Government and the Council of Mayors (South East Queensland) called for tenders on land near Boonah, MQ successfully tendered for the operating rights. They have formed a working partnership with Dirt Bike Adventures (Ray Buchanan), Moto Solutions (Matt Schubring) and Invert Management (Steve Sommerfield) to ensure that the park will have the best track and trail designs for a wide range of motorcycling disciplines.

The 745ha park is located at Wyralong, between Beaudesert and Boonah only one hour from Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The park will be officially opened by the Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh on December 18, 2011 and will be operating in time for the Christmas holidays. It is considered to be an answer to the problem of decreasing legal riding areas for off-road motorcycle riders in Queensland.

During construction this year, Queensland Moto Park organised specific public events including the open day to have real-world Noise Testing, the KTM 2012 Motorcycle Launch and most recently the Red Bull Lost and Found promotion to test the facilities and gain specific promotion before opening. These have been a key component to understanding the public's perception and what the riders themselves want to see at the park.

Stage One will consist of three Motocross tracks, one smaller junior track, a nippers / Pee Wee. There are 50km of trail loops which will also be available to be used for Enduro's and a freestyle MX area. Basic camping facilities will be provided with an amenities block and an on-site manager's residence to ensure security of the park at all times.

Future stages are planned over the next 3 years which will roll out improved facilities including:

- New camping facilities with shaded areas and a camp kitchen
- Mechanical service and spare parts centre
- Dirt / Flat track area
- Supercross, Freestyle Motocross and Stadium –style tracks.
- Viewing mounds and spectator facilities

It is envisaged that the park will be open at least 5 days a week including weekends and most public holidays. Anyone over the age of 4 years can ride. The holders of an MA licence will get a discounted entry fee but a licence is not essential for entry. Single recreational activity licences will be able to be purchased on site as part of the entry fee. The entry fees range from \$35 - \$47 for adults and \$20 - \$28 for juniors under 16. Camping at unpowered sites is available for a small fee.

For more information, check out their dedicated website at mqld.org.au

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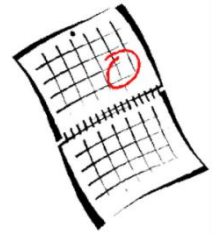
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**2011 CALENDAR**

SUN 30th OCT
SAT 26th NOV

RD 6 Club Championship
XMAS PRESENTATION

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At the last round it was great to see new faces in the social class. There was a big group sitting up the back - the dads rode the social class, the kids had a go in the smaller classes (div 1, and younger 65s), the mums were there and everyone seemed to be enjoying the day. This is exactly what the social class is designed for ☺

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EDITORS NOTE:

If you have anything – photos, news, for sale etc you would like in the newsletter send it to me at: dan.lilley@hotmail.com

Thanks Dan.

CLUB COACHING

MDBC is calling for expressions of interest from anyone keen to be involved with the Junior Coaching Program and Kick Start Program at the club in 2012. For more information, please call Ken Roots on 0101 306 223.

All submissions to be emailed to the club secretary at secretary@macleandirtbikeclub.com.au before December 15th 2011.