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***Cover Shot goes to... one of my bikes (with a fast rider on it) RM250D
Duelling 250 Suzukis in the Pre90 class, Bonfadini and Haris***

***Dandenong MCC MX Club Champs, Round 3 (Final)
Wonthaggi***

26th November 2016



Welcome to our last edition of the newsletter for 2016!



Me



Jo

Well, this is the comparison of how me and **Jo** spent this Saturday – me on the brush catching up with a backlog of work, and Jo enjoying the last round of the DMCC motocross club champs at Wonthaggi. I know who was having more fun! It had been a hectic week and with staff taking random days off 😞, plus the week off at the Four Day, I was that stressed out that I even forgot the DMCC's Off-Road presentation night. But congrats to everyone that won something.

Anyway Jo set off bright and early Saturday morning to Wonthaggi where it was overcast, cold and drizzly. Then sunny. Then drizzly. Definitely a case of four seasons in one day.



Viper boys were in town



Tom Mason's shiny 125

It was to be a busy day for **SCOOTER NEWS** rider **Aaron Bonfadini** #X as he took on two classes on two very different bikes. He was to ride my RM250D 1983 in the Pre90 VMX class – without a transponder as he wasn't looking for any points, just the fun of riding one of my old bikes. And he was in Open A class on his 2015 CRF450, although he had had someone do the suspension but they had botched it up leaving him fighting the bike all day.

The Yarra Valley's **Angus Gelly** #191 took the chequered flag in all three of his Open A Grade races today on his new YZ450F and finishing third for the series after missing the first round.



Adam Gelly #191 and Wayne Stewart #43



Open, race 3 Gelly holeshot



Angus Gelly #191 – fastest lap of the day

Gelly: Had a fun day down at the last round of Wonthaggi club champs! Was a good feeling jumping on the new bike! 🤔👍👏 @peterstevensmotorcycles @foxheadaustralia @thecollectivefamily @krooztune @pynee29 @topline27 @dphmotorsport @adam_gelly100 @teamgelly,

Gelly was impressively quick with fluid and controlled racing as well as blinding corner speed. **Wayne Stewart #43** was quick off the starting gate and into the first corner in the first two races but Gelly quickly reeled him in then took off with a clear track ahead, finishing his races well ahead of the rest of the field. Aaron was racing hard to catch the front runners and finished second for the day. **Tom Carroll #31** took the #1 trophy for the three rounds.



Golden headed Tom Carroll #31 with Aaron



Brenton Buettner #250, wins B Grade Open



Lachie Harrison #43 having a bit of fun



Open class head out in round 2



Rohan and Ethan reset the gates



Junior 125

With the 2016 Viper series over, the Viper VMX boys were looking for a ride and after riding quite a few natural terrain and grass track events this year they got a chance to put their motocross bikes on a motocross track. And they really enjoyed it and hopefully will bring a round of the Viper series to Wonthaggi in 2017, like they used to have on the calendar. I actually used to ride these events. Thanks guys for supporting this class. A grid of ten vintage bikes made for great spectating:



Pre90 race 1 – Cooper holeshot



Another Cooper holeshot!

Shane Cooper #68 on his 1989 CR250 was to win the box of Donuts at the end of the day:



Shane Cooper, CR250, 1989, 3 from 3



Second place Paul Hollywood Hoey #89 YZm 360 1989



Scott Farrar #9



Richie Hotwater Haris #16 RM250 1989 (with 1992 stickers)

Farrar #9: “whipped my head into the ground, caulked my quad and my day was done” - hope you heal up quick Scott.

With **Farrar** exiting injured in race two, that left the third place slot to **Hotwater Haris** (it seems you have to have a nickname in VMX) on his retro Suzuki. **Haris** was also to be seen battling it out in the Vets class on the same bike – well for the first round anyway.



*Could Mal Watson be eyeing up that Suzuki of Ben Jennings #55?
Mal was a gun Viper rider in his day – can they lure him back?*



Mark Schwarze, YZ125

Anyway enough of the old bikes and blokes, here is some of the junior action:



85 SW



Shane's son Charlie Cooper #732 65cc



Junior 250 C, race 3 Jed Bristol #777, Jack Boston #380 and Brodie Palling #752



**85 BW Harrison Huber #17 and Ethan Ashmore #51
Ashmore wins the series with Huber second**



Luke Rhodes #476 85BW C



Joel West #400 wins 65cc C Grade out of 18 riders



Impressive Luke Cartwright #33 wins 65cc A Grade



Off-road racer & motocrosser, Christian Heap #654, 65cc



Junior 250: Riley Nancarrow #700, Tylar #X and Chris Butler #106



Junior 250 A Grader Tylar Stafford-Wright #X meets trouble on the whoops and a few corners later snaps his handlebar, but walks from the track. Heal up quick Tylar!



And back with the Seniors, the Lites class was still missing A grader entries but that left more room on the track for the rest. **Kram, Cini** and **Murphy** all won a race in B Grade Lites:



Holeshot corner, Senior Lites



Acland Rush #275, third in B Lites



Senior Lites Jess Cini #707



And also in Lites dad Eddie Cini #45 (left) and Andrew Martin #128



Gary Hopkins gives The Pres Daniel Walker #122 some encouragement in his C Lites race



Tanner Kram #356 4th in Senior B Lites, winning the first race but DNF in race 2

It seems the end of the racing season hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of the Vets class as we watched some close and competitive bar banging, made all the more fun with the inclusion of the enduro riders:



Vets class, holeshot by Ben Christmass #544

There were even some bursts of brilliance like **Paul Adams** #25 in the last Vets race, coming round the holeshot corner like a cut snake and putting on a speedy display – before stopping to wait for a mate. Must have been lonely at the front.



Paul Adams #25, 5th in Over 45s



David Kavanagh #96, second in Vets Over 35, with two race wins



Anthony De Vond #102 Vets Over45, wins his class



Mark Schwarze #73 gets the "legend" award this week for his three classes – winning Vets Over 35, fourth in Pre90 class and even having a crack at the Open class



Matt Porteous #548 Vets class on his Beta



and Pre90 on his Kwaka

Matt was second in the series champs in Over 35s which was won by **Dean Woolf** #660.



Abbey Webb #14 Junior 250 Girls



Macie McNaughton #125, Junior 125 Girls



Lucinda Woods-Scown #45 Womens



Cappa – hot chips and gravy mmmmm



Damian Nitschke #50



If you reckon you'd like a crack at vintage motocross and want to get involved with VMX racing around Victoria – and interstate – contact the Viper VMX club via the Viper VMXC Open page on Facebook on www.viper-mx.com.

Albury Wodonga MCC are holding a Dirt Track and MX weekend including Pre85 and Pre95 if the rider numbers are there, 3-4th Dec.

Jo had to leave before presentations and the raffle prizes were drawn but the trophies looked very smart thanks to **Gary Hopkin's** input.



Tom Carroll #31

All smiles as he wraps up the champs in A Open (FB)



As we have come to expect from this club it was a big team effort to run not just this day but the whole series, so well done to everyone that helped out.

Thanks to sponsor *AMX Superstores* for their involvement in the series, **Glenn Capuano** CofC and master of the Wonthaggi mx ship, **Rick Cartwright** Steward, **Daniel Walker**, **Mal Watson**, **Peter** on Mylaps, **Gary Hopkins** on first aid duties, **Graham** showing off his legs at the start line, and all the crew manning the start gates including **Rohan Nancarrow**, and everyone who got out there and did their bit by flagging and watering, ladies in the sign in – **Deb**, **Karen** and **Vicki** up in scoring tower, canteen crew – **Frank Gogol**, the barista who made Jo's coffee just right, **Chris Townsend**, and the sweeps including **Josh Major**, **Jake Gogol** and **Ryley Oakes**.



RESULTS

Results for the round and the series are on the new version of Mylaps for motorized sports: Mylaps Speedhive www.speedhive.mylaps.com



Fastest Lap: Angus Gelly #191 1:50.660

A Grade 450 1. Angus Gelly #330 2. Aaron Bonfadini #X 3. Wayne Stewart #43	B Grade 450 1. Brenton Buettner #250 2. Stephen Cornish #318 3. Nathan Ondrus #74	C Grade 450 1. Joshua Milz #710 2. Matt Palmer #574 3. Matthew Woods #M	Pre 90 1. Shane Cooper #68 2. Paul Hollywood #89 3. Richard Haris #16
A Grade Lites None!	B Grade Lites 1. Jaxson Murphy #30 2. Jess Cini #707 3. Acland Rush #275	C Grade Lites 1. Nicholas Wiseman #617 2. Wade McRae #752 3. Jono Hewitt #351	Vets Over 45 1. Anthony DeVond #102 2. Heath Butler #20 3. Eddie Cini #v45
Vets Over 35 1. Mark Schwarze #73 2. David Kavanagh #96 3. Ben Christmass #544	Women 1. Lucinda Woods #45 Enduro Open 1.	Junior 250 A Grade 1. Ethan Ashmore #51 2. Tylar Stafford-Wright #28	Junior 125 A Grade 1. Ethan Ashmore #51 2. Harrison Huber #17 3. Luke Bell #74
Junior 85BW A Grade 1. Tyran Tomich #31 2. Harrison Huber #17 3. Ethan Ashmore #51	Junior 85SW A Grade 1. Charlie Moller #33 2. Jett Kipps #311 3. Zane Mackintosh #48	Junior 65 ABC winners 1A. Luke Cartwright #33 1B. Jackson Lyttle #129 1C. Joel West #400	Junior Divvy 1. Angus Singleton #888 2. Charlie Bird #487 3. Oscar Fox #15

That concludes the racing year for the Dandenong MCC – unless there is a good dump of rain then they might squeeze in a practice day over summer. We wish **Glenn** and the team a relaxing break.

And great news for the Club facing a huge year in 2017 with the announcement that the Wonthaggi track will host a round of the Junior Vic Motocross Titles on 22-23rd July – this comes on top of a MX Nationals round early in the year.

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ALL WORK AND NO PLAY ?

NO WAY



Finally after 11 weeks off the bike recovering from my hernia operation, I took the KTM250 EXC up to Kinglake for a trail ride with **Captain Risky**. I took it very easy over the 55kms with about half of that distance on single trail. And for once I let a **Kawasaki** take the lead. And now with these long summer evenings I have dug out the XR600 that will be perfect for a ride after work around the neighbourhood. After 55kms on the KTM and only about 30kms on the XR I managed to drop it in someone's driveway when I popped in for a visit. Damn I hate those short legs.

CHRIS WYND #479 WRAP UP

And here's a good example of how to present yourself when you are sponsored rider – read on for **SCOOTER NEWS** rider **Chris Wynd's** End of Year Race Report after racing his first year in the senior off-road discipline:



Elite Rider Training Camp

Well it's been a full on year of racing this year stepping up into my first year of seniors. I was lucky enough to compete in a wide range of events this year and broaden my knowledge and skills in each discipline. I once again raced the Victorian Off Road Championships for the 5th year in a row and I continue to love it more and more each year. Racing the Under 19 A class this year really threw me straight into the deep end by racing the 3 hour cross countries with the Pro's and Experts. This played with my mind a lot early in the season because being on the start line with the likes of **Daniel 'Chucky' Sanders, Lyndon Snodgrass** and **Chris Hollis**, really implements in your brain that it's serious and your riding with the big boys now. I had a slow start to the season due to lack of motivation to train, nerves and not enough bike time over the off season. But, as the year went on I slowly started to improve and I started to turn my brain on more and take it more seriously.

Throughout the second half of the season I had some great results and even pulled a 5th in class during the 3 hour cross country at Corner Inlet in late July. The feeling you get when you improve a little bit each race is addictive and you just want to keep feeling it. I started to train frequently in the gym and ride as much as possible and it definitely helps a lot. I noticed alot of changes in the way I rode and how much more energy I had. With a small amount of training and more bike time I started to get better results and it really showed me that if I want to take my racing seriously I have to put the hard yards in. I ended up finishing 9th in class for the year which I was very happy with considering it was such a tough class.



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I also competed in a few desert and sand races this year. I travelled up to Mildura for the Hattah Desert Race once again and also went back up in September to race the Farmers Pony Express as well. I also raced the Golden Beach 6 Hour again and had a great time and my partner and I finished up 5th in class after I knocked myself out on the last lap which dropped us back a bit in the overall which sucked but these things happen. Hattah this year was like no other event I have ever ridden in. I went into the weekend feeling good. I had done a lot of training on and off the bike and was prepared for the 4 hours of hell I would undertake. I surprised myself by riding smooth in prologue and ended up 140th to take off on the Sunday out of 400. I had a good consistent race riding smooth and having a lot of fun. I told my mum and dad that my goal was to finish inside the top 100 and I was on my way to fulfilling this goal until I had a dramatic loss of energy on the last lap. I ended up crossing the line in 105th and 16th in the 250 class. Was a little disappointed in this result as I didn't get under the top 100 but that gives me

something to work hard for next year. Next year my goal is to get inside the top 80 and I will give it my all so I can make that a reality.

In September I was lucky enough to attend the 2016 MV Elite Rider Training Camp in the city. This was definitely one of the highlights of my year. I learned so much about nutrition, training, physiological and psychological aspects of race day, how to impress sponsors and what the best way to prepare for race day is. Although it was a lot of information to take in and was a little full on, I took as much information away from it as possible and straight away starting putting some of it into practice as I get ready for the 2017 season. I can't express my appreciation and gratitude enough to **Mark Vallance**, **Chris Gray** and **Peta Thomas** for all the hard work and effort that they put into making this amazing camp. Likewise a big thank you goes out to **Steve Mion** from *Fit Moto*, **Lee Hogan** and **Brendan Bell**, **Cam Donald** and any other special guests who came and spoke to us, you really help set us on our road to success and personally I can't thank everyone enough for the amazing opportunity I was given to attend this camp. And the people I was able to share this experience with definitely made it ten times better.



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2016 was a big year for me and taught me a lot. I can't thank everyone enough for all the hard work and dedication they have given in order for me to race. The amount of sacrifices my family have had to give just so I could race is insane and I can't thank my Mum and Dad (**Pete** and **Louise**) enough for all the opportunities and experiences I have been able to do because of it. A big thanks also goes out to my sisters who have sacrificed the things they want to do in order to afford for me to race and thank you to my sister **Breanna** for being my personal photographer and support crew at every single race this year. Also a massive massive thanks goes out to the people and companies who support me, without you none of this is possible. Thank you to my sponsors *Bikemart*, *Penrite Oil*, **SCOOTER NEWS**, *Ringmaster Images* and *New Brakes and Mechanical Repairs* for their constant help and support. A special thanks goes out to **Steve** and **Jo Davis** from **SCOOTER NEWS** and **Brian**, **Sharon**, **Cam** and **Jarryd** from *Bikemart* for not only helping me out with all the bike stuff but also being there for me as mates and being the kind of person you can just talk to about anything. Your wise words have been very beneficial throughout the year.

Well that's it for another year of racing. Extremely keen to put all the information and skills I have learnt this year into practice over the off season and see how far I can go next year. Bring on 2017!

Well done Chris – there is nothing more we like to do than support young riders like yourself and see you improve and reach your goals. And what we especially like about you is your positive attitude and friendly nature, not just with us but with the riders around you. If you are friendly to everyone around you you end up with more support and more fans who encourage you in your goals. That's what I always enjoy at the track, running into people you haven't met before or haven't seen for a long time and enjoying the friendships as much as the racing.



Chris Wynd – what colour next year?

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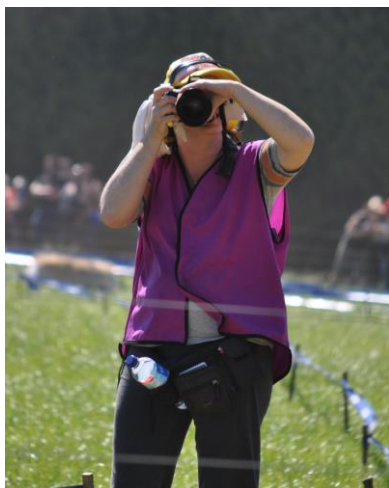
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