

**Andersons Property
Eden Creek NSW**



By the smiles on everyone's faces, ending SOTA's 10th anniversary year with a "Gate trial" was a bit of a master stroke by our NSW chapter. This event traditionally held at the Anderson property at Eden Creek (near Kyogle) was our last trial of the year. No points or anything too serious to worry about, basically just an organised fun day. Our sections setters started getting the event organised mid week and finished setting them by lunch time Saturday, giving plenty of time in the afternoon to sit in the creek and enjoy a few beers. Thanks to Frithy, Les and their helpers who did a great job setting the sections.

As Eden Creek runs through the property, we weren't surprised that at least half the sections involved water. Now when you mention water and trials, there is always going to be a bike going under, but not this time. However!, there is always an exception, one "Cliff" was moving some branches out of the section that had come down from the overnight wind.....rule number one, don't have your back to the water and try and drag a heavy branch backwards, refer pics for result.

We kept the rules for the "Gate Trial" simple and were looking for a winner in each division. The rules were simple, you must ride your own coloured gates and extra points were gained if you rode any other gate, if you footed even once in a section or broke any other general rule you received zero, much to the dismay of some.



The property doesn't lean towards setting Division 0 sections which made it ideal for a competitive fun day for everybody to enjoy. Attached are some random pics of the days events and you'll get an idea of the environment we played in.

We don't normally hand out trophies for events, however we made an exception this time as the Gillies family donated some of Craig's (RIP) trophies for the first place getters. So, thank you goes to the Gillies family and Patrick Whitfield for rebadging the trophies.

Probably the best fun day of the year and I would like to also thank the following people for making this event happen, Paul and Nerida Anderson for the use of their property and for cooking the BBQand serving onions on top of the sausage, Darren Creswell for looking after our drinks and our trusty ladies Kerryn Hellyar and Christine Reed for keeping our scores.

This will be our final report for 2018, I would personally like to thank our sponsors, members, associate members, families and supporters for making 2018 another great year.

Merry Christmas and have a safe and Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Harry







