

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, SOTA held their last official club trial of the season. We have been waiting all year to hold a club day at the Erinvale property at Meringandan in the Toowoomba region. For those that didn't make the trip, well you missed out big time, Erinvale is a gorgeous 1700 acres with endless options for setting great sections.

Erinvale is a working cattle property owned by the Luck family, with fantastic hosts in Andrea and Kieran looking after us for the weekend. With some recent rain, the property had greened up nicely for us, offering endless options to set up camp. There is even a beautiful timber cabin for rent if camping isn't your thing and you like a little bit of luxury after a day of riding or your outdoor activity of choice.

The Saturday saw a good group of volunteers break up into groups and start plotting some lines on the many embankments. The rocks on the embankments are just endless here and you are only limited by your imagination with the sections you come up with. The sections were outstanding with some very technical riding required, while not proving dangerous for the lower grade riders. After a long day out on the property, a few rewarded themselves with dinner at Meringandan Pub. It's known for its hearty sized meals and we can say from firsthand experience that they are massive. We highly recommend it, just book ahead and skip lunch before you go.

The weather was kind on Sunday with overcast conditions and temps in the mid 20's, perfect trials weather really. With a field of around 40 riders it was fairly easy to get 4 laps completed without too much waiting. Thankfully the weather held all day and no rain fell. With a smaller than usual field the riding was all done by around 1.30 – 2.00pm and most chipped in to have sections packed up in record time. Unfortunately, no sqtadogs at this event so our usual post event gathering to eat, mingle and hear the scores for the day was missed. Not much to report on the scoring side of things this time round, you will have to read the attached scores to see how everyone faired. Another notable omission for the day was the awarding of the plonker plate, everyone must have kept on the straight and narrow at this event!



There were no observers at this event, so it was up to the riders to score their own cards and keep things honest. The scoring for the day was handled by Megan and Claire, so thank you ladies for giving your time to help everyone out, it's really appreciated. Thank you to all the section setters who did such a great job on Saturday. We must say a huge thanks to Andrea and Kieran for hosting our club for the weekend. What a fabulous trials heaven and we can't wait to be able to ride there again next year. If you are interested in renting their authentic

farm cabin for a relaxing weekend or maybe longer, get in touch Harry for property contact details.

Well that's almost a wrap for the year with just our combined AGM and end of year gate trial left in a few weeks time.