

# Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(Not many more newsletters this year, I promise!)



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**September 2021**

## President's Report

G day all, once again my apologies to make everyone wait with the Presidential report, things are really starting to get busy on the farm. One more week and things will slow down aye Fenton.

What a great Trials the Royal George trials was. It had a lot of variety in many ways. With some new sections and old old sections re vamped, the trials had a very mainland feel I reckon. Just good rewarding lines in the sections. One of the biggest aspects that gave it its variety was the rain that most riders encountered in the final lap. Boy oh boy did it get slippery.

It's very interesting to ride Royal George in the dry and the wet in the same day. It's goes to show how much the riding style has to change to find drive and traction. It's all body attitude on the bike, relaxing the knees and pushing the weight down through the pegs.

Well done to the setters, they did a fantastic job for only 4 setters on the day. The weather was also unpredictable on the Sunday of setting. There were a few sun showers, then a massive hail storm. In saying that, after setting all setters had a ride and were able to practice the slippery rocks.

Huge thanks to those who helped on the day to make the trials happen, especially our handful of observers. We really appreciate it. Extra thanks go to those riders who finished early and took on the initiative to observe once they had finished. It speeds the end of the day up and makes the trials enjoyable being scored properly.

Great to see a couple of new faces at the event, fingers crossed they have the bug and we see them again. Anyways, that's about enough from me. Looking forward to the next event at Jericho. I hear there is a bit of a new lap down there for us. Can't wait.

Regards Baylesy

## Digital report

For those that don't know, Toni Bou has just win his 15<sup>th</sup> outdoor world title. What a huge achievement, it makes me wonder how long he can continue to dominate. At the moment it looks like it'll take an injury taking him out of the sport to let some of the younger guys to win. More from the Honda camp, Fujinami has retired from the sport after 26 years riding at the top level, which begs the question, who gets to swing a leg over that second seat and become Bou's team mate?

Speaking of international stuff, TdN has been run and won, unfortunately without any Aussies. If you'd like to see the stuff they missed out on, tvfim uploaded a highlights package to YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHa-Rxmay6E>

Check out the rest of their stuff, they've uploaded packages from other events earlier this year too. Indoor trials starts up soon so hopefully they upload some vision from those events as well.

While we're talking about online video stuff, there's a fair bit of online content coming out of Australia at the moment. Obviously David Grice has his Trials Australia podcast, but for a bit of technical stuff, Moto Dynamics are doing live shows on Facebook which you can go back and watch later, check out their Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/motodynamics/>

Neil Price also does some online videos for trials and enduro skills on his Facebook page as well which are worth checking out: <https://www.facebook.com/trialsandenduroskills>

Finally, online entries, they've gotta be done. It saves scorers (me) so much time and if people enter online, someone else can do the scoring, and it makes things far quicker of a morning. Entries close the Friday prior to the event at 9.30pm, which is far later than all the other clubs I see online, they close entries four or five days prior, and some of those don't get results out until the Tuesday after, sometimes even later. To the ones who get their entries in, and especially those that enter without being prompted, you're legends.

<https://www.tastrials.org.au/entries>

Oh yeah, the trailer looks bloody fantastic and there's stickers for your car, trailer, fridge, dog, whatever you want, for those that haven't got any yet, they'll be at the next event at the scorers tent if you so desire.

### **Royal George**

Normally I'd waffle on about cliché stuff like Corgis, scones with jam and cream and dear old Lizzie, but basically the Corgis blew away in the wind, the scones were ruined in the rain and Lizzie stayed in England because the weather was, somehow, an improvement.

We are, on the whole, very lucky with our weather for trials events. Yeah we've had some shockers, like the wind at Carnarvon a few years back, or the pouring rain at Jericho a couple of years ago, but apart from that we're generally doing ok. We knew it wasn't going to be great and there were wind warnings, but that wasn't going to stop us.

We had wind, we had sunshine, we had clouds, there were a few showers to take almost all the grip away from the rocks, then we had lunch. It continued to be a mixed bag, then those who finished early were rewarded as the heavens opened properly and it poured. If you look at the last lap scores, you can probably pick the ones who were unlucky enough find out that Royal George's famously grippy rocks turn into tractionless points takers when they're wet.

Anyway, it was a bloody long break between events, I think everyone was happy just to catch up and be back between the markers.

Section 1 was set on the side of a monster of a rock and was pretty intimidating when you're up on it, the Expert line was something else, brave stuff there. Section 2 looked simple enough and the rocks were grippy but it was the tricky last part which caught a lot of riders out. Section 3 had another huge rock at the start, then some scrubby stuff, then more rocks further up and was generally good fun. Now, to get to the rest, you come back to the car park and head up the other way. I'm certain Nobby said '60 or 80 meters' up the hill but it was more than that. Section 4 had a few different line options, there wasn't anything big in it but it was all tricky stuff and took its fair share of points. Section 5 didn't have too much to trouble you, but section 6 made up for that, one of the B grade and up rocks wobbled around underneath you, and there was a nice sized rock step for C grade which was a much better option than the tight twisty turn out the end. Mike Travica liked it, I liked it, a big rock never hurts the lower grades. Section 7, well, I think each rider could have picked a different line each time they rode it, options aplenty... until it rained. Just a jumble of rocks to either weave around, ride over, or a mix of both, probably my favourite section of the day.

Clubman had four riders, newcomer Conrad Brown-Thomas steadily improved all day to get third place. Rosie Viney rode well for second while Braith Lunn continues to dominate and take wins. Also, he wins the award for coolest gloves, I've never seen gloves with excavators on them before.

C grade, things were reasonably close, Bryce Squibb picked up third place. Here's a rarely spoken sentence, Mike Travica finished in second place. Mick Luscombe picked up what I reckon is probably his first C grade win on the mighty Monty.

Another first-time winner in C+ (I think), Simon Langworthy got to grips, pardon the pun, with the changeable conditions to beat Jack Salter aboard his 2022 Gas Gas 125. Chris Chellas did some mid-week repairs to the chain snapping Sherco to finish third.

No one is wrestling that B grade championship trophy off Zak Lunn, he continues to take full points, winning B grade comfortably from Callum Millar, Kalam Langworthy finished third.

There's some pretty dodgy haircuts on the heads of the young guys in A grade. Hairy Jordan Perkins finished in third place, while sensibly trimmed Matt Woodhouse and mulletified Will Thornbury tied for first, the mullet taking the win on countback.

Expert we had our normal two flying crazy buggers, Tom finishing second behind Chris.

### **Next State Round events**

Hi ho, hi ho, we're off to Jericho!

October 17<sup>th</sup>, we've been going here for YEARS and it's still good, check the maps section on the website if you're not sure where to go.

Section setting will be the 10<sup>th</sup> October, it was going to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> but we've had a bit of rain around and it's pretty well soaked there at the moment. Last weekend Ken and others went and put in a new gate with the land owners permission so we can have a decent sized loop, see below:



## **Christmas Dinner**

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> of December at the Mt Joy shearing shed, provided by Coast to Coast who we've used before and they were pretty damn good.

### **IMPORTANT BITS:**

Adults \$30, kids aged 4 to 10 are \$15

Contact Ashlee via Facebook, or [photography@tastrials.org.au](mailto:photography@tastrials.org.au), or via Instagram DM (she manages that one, not me), or even contact the club and I'll pass it on.

We will need to know numbers and have payment NO LATER THAN MELROSE. If you haven't booked by the time we motor off after Melrose, you won't get fed.



Round 5 Royal George  
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc  
19 September 2021

	Expert	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	7	7	4	0	5	23		23	22	9	2	0	2
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	27	27	20	15	25	114		114	1	4	4	14	12
	A Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORNBURY	15	10	8	10	13	56		56	16	6	1	6	6
2	Matt WOODHOUSE	11	14	14	6	11	56		56	11	7	8	6	3
3	Jordan PERKINS	17	12	13	13	11	66		66	9	9	4	8	5
4	Kurt PICKERING	18	14	12	16	15	75		75	13	5	1	6	10
5	Daniel FENTON	16	17	14	14	24	85		85	6	0	12	12	5
DNF	John CLAPHAM	26	35				61		DNF	0	1	1	1	11
	B Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Zak LUNN	4	4	3	2	2	15		15	24	7	4	0	0
2	Callum MILLAR	5	15	12	9	4	45		45	16	6	4	7	2
3	Kalam LANGWORTHY	13	16	15	4	6	54		54	12	7	9	3	4
4	Jenna LUPO	14	11	12	10	11	58		58	14	4	3	11	3
	C Plus	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Simon LANGWORTHY	7	6	4	4	6	27		27	21	7	3	3	1
2	Jack SALTER	10	6	3	4	6	29		29	23	3	5	2	2
3	Chris CHELLAS	5	10	5	8	6	34		34	19	7	4	3	2
4	Ian PICKERING	5	10	9	11	5	40		40	20	5	1	6	3
5	Chris DILLON	11	6	9	6	8	40		40	19	6	2	5	3
6	Damien FREEMAN	15	16	11	14	12	68		68	7	9	4	12	3
7	Ken HOSKING	15	18	12	15	15	75		75	8	6	2	15	4
8	David PARKER	19	13	14	13	17	76		76	8	4	5	14	4
	C Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mick LUSCOMBE	1	5	2	3	4	15		15	26	5	2	2	0
2	Mike TRAVICA	8	3	1	2	4	18		18	24	6	3	2	0
3	Bryce SQUIBB	8	7	2	6	2	25		25	19	10	3	3	0
4	Bob PERKINS	8	4	6	4	7	29		29	20	7	4	3	1
5	Samuel LOCKHART	6	7	7	3	6	29		29	18	9	6	1	1
6	Charlie HUMPHRIES	6	8	3	4	10	31		31	20	7	4	2	2
7	Mike HULL	13	11	7	7	11	49		49	10	9	8	8	0
8	Millie LOCKHART	13	6	12	12	9	52		52	14	6	5	7	3
9	Andrew SQUIBB	17	15	12	20	14	78		78	8	3	3	18	3
DNF	Robert CLAPHAM	20	18				38		DNF	2	0	0	11	1
	Clubman	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Braith LUNN	7	2	2	5	2	18		18	28	2	3	0	2
2	Rosie VINEY	12	4	9	9	11	45		45	14	9	6	3	3
3	Conrad BROWN-THOMAS	10	15	17	8	18	68		68	10	4	5	13	3
4	Alysha LUNN	16	18	20	10	13	77		77	4	6	6	18	1
	Junior	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
DNS	Cooper LOCKHART						0		DNS	0	0	0	0	0

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