

Overflow – Beaudesert, Qld September 2021



Sunday 19th September SOTA returned to the Overflow property situated south west of Beaudesert, Qld. It's been over 2 years since a trial was held here and thanks to Evan Hunter working with property owner Phil Usher to arrange access, we made a long awaited return. While it's one of the toughest places to ride I'm sure everyone enjoyed being back there.

While on the topic of thanking people, we thought we would do something a little different and give our thanks at the start instead of the end of the report. Afterall, our volunteers who give their time so we can enjoy riding are the most important part of making these events successful. On behalf of the club we thank all of these people for their contribution to a great weekend.

Jeanne McDonald-Smith – score tent

Janine Fontane – score tent

Marie Turner – score tent

Evan Hunter – arranging property access and section setting

Harry van Dijk – organizing slashing and mowing of the camping areas + more

Rob Reed – bringing out his own ride on mower to mow the camping areas

Andrew Atkinson – section setting

Drew Wightman – section setting

Jeremy and Harry Laun – section setting

Denys Reed and Sam Rogers – portable toilet

All those who helped to pull in sections at end of play.

Many hands make light work so we really appreciate what they do, especially the ladies in the score tent and Sam for returning the toilet at short notice. Everyone did a great job.

As mentioned, it's been a 2 year hiatus from this property so it was good be back there. I'd say most have their own distinct memories of this place both good and bad. The Overflow is always a challenge with the terrain being harder than most places and its energy sapping heat. I think we all deserved a good sleep on the Sunday night afterwards. I know I certainly did.

We had 66 riders sign on for the day with all grades well represented and some excellent riding with low scores at the pointy ends. With such a great turnout we really should appreciate the efforts of the small section setting crew to get 12 sections set meaning everyone could spread out a bit more and lining up for your turn was minimal.

The weekend was dry with no real breeze to speak of and the night time temps for the campers was perfect. The camping was once again a quiet affair with no campfire and most in bed reasonably early. Sunday morning was a beautiful clear day and while standing in the sun it didn't take long before you were looking for some shade.

There were very close scores in some of the divisions with tie breaks broken by who bought their cards in first. We are noticing the juniors are certainly improving as they are starting to take the places and showing some of the old guard how to do it. Juniors Mitchell Teale and Luke Herrmann are a couple of culprits and Nate Feehely riding the yellow line again impressed. Keep up the hard work and practice guys, your dedication is paying off.

For those that don't know, the Overflow can be a punishing place to ride, and that's before you get to the sections. There are just so many rocks just the right size to catch you out if you are not careful. John Barwick had an altercation with a rogue stick on Saturday afternoon just riding the loop that resulted in an OTB moment so you can never be too careful around this place. It provides a challenge for every rider at every level. Congratulations to all the winners and place getters and for that matter everyone who finished being a warmish day with challenging terrain.

Check the attached scoresheet for final results.

Our next event is on 17th October at Steve and Linda Sizmurs property known as "Misty Oaks" Ferny Glen near Canungra.

On behalf of the SQTA committee, we hope to see you all then.