

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

QUEENSLAND MTBO CHAMPIONSHIPS 18TH & 19TH AUGUST

The NSW competitors in this year's MTBO championships arrived at Woodford north west of Brisbane via all means of transport. Most only made the trip for the weekend with a few taking the leisurely driving option. It was a long way to travel for two one hour odd races in the Middle and Long distance champs. Warm and windy weather greeted the competitors for the Middle distance race on Saturday. The course was reasonably flat with some open pine forest trails and scattered deep sandy sections. We were warned that many of the tracks were overgrown and those that took the shorter options arrived at the finish with heaps of lantana cuts.

The long distance event on Sunday attracted over 80 entries and the courses were a lot more challenging with some tricky navigation and route choices sorting out the places in each class. Many of the shortest routes were once again overgrown with the entry to the tracks being hard to find. There were quite a few water holes to cross which cooled things down for the riders.

Our competitor's had a great result with four age category winners and solid results in all classes. Both days were combined to produce the overall winners which included.

1. Womens Open : Jenny Enderby, Newcastle
2. Mens 50 : Andrew Power, Newcastle
3. Mens 60 : Greg Bacon, Newcastle and
4. Mens 70 : Graham Fowler, Newcastle

There was a lot of interest from interstate competitors that are looking at coming down for the Australian Championships at Taree in October. Our last chance to fine tune our MTBO skills for the Championships will be the SS 7 and SS 8 in the Newcastle area.

