



On the 19th and 20th of November we headed off to Mallala for the Adelaide 3 hour but I was not old enough to ride in it so we did the Limited races and the 50km feature race. It was very hot on Saturday and Sunday reaching a top of 39

As I hadn't been at the track for six months or so I needed a bit of practise on the track. First we went out on the spare bike to make sure it ran after all the rain last weekend at Broadford.

I felt really good straight away and the bike was running fine. After the first practise session we went out on the spare bike all the way up to lunch and did a best lap time of 1.20. After lunch we went out on the good bike and immediately dropped two second to a 1.18. The good bike was handling very well and I felt very comfortable on it.

On Saturday there was a 10 minute practise then a 10 minute qualifying. In the practise session I took it as a warm up and got ready for the races and qualifying.

Qualifying was next and I had clear track for the whole session and was able to get out first. I was pushing to get a good lap in before I caught up to slower riders and on the third lap I did a 1.17.502 which put me in third behind two Ducati 696's. A Kawasaki ER 650 did a 1.17.268 on the last lap and pushed me back to fourth put still on the front row.

The first race of the weekend was a 6 lap race and it was just starting to get warm now. I got a really good start and was able to stick with the 650 and the 696's. Once we got out of turn 2 they pulled away from me down the short straight but I caught back up in turn 3 then they pulled away again down the long back start. I was able to catch up to the 600 into the hard braking corner of turn 6. He pulled away every lap down the straights I had to work hard to catch back up in the corners and unfortunately I couldn't pass him and finished fourth overall.

The second and last race for Saturday was an eight lap race. I got a bad start and fell back to sixth but passed both of the two riders that got in front of me and was able to pass another and move into third at turn 3. He soon passed me back down the back straight. I once again had to work hard in the corners to keep up to the speed advantage the 650 had on me. On the last lap I was right behind him in the S bends and was able to make a move on the last corner just before the finish line and snatch third by 0.35. I also got a new PB of 1.17.074.



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On Sunday there was the last race for Limited and a 50km race. There was a 10 minute practise in the morning and I used that to see if I could do consistent lap times practising for the 50km race.

The last race for the limited was a good race as I was able to get into third off the line and tag onto the back of the 696's until the back straight where they pulled away from me and I couldn't catch them in the corners. I had pulled a two second gap on the 650 by the second lap and continued to stretch that gap every lap by two seconds. In the end I had a eight second gap and did consistent 1.17's and 1.18's with a final best lap time of 1.17.215

The last race for the weekend was a 50km race. This was when the weather was at 32 degrees and it was 19 laps around the 2.6km circuit. It was a Le Mans start that was hard to do with the 125 as we had to wait for everyone to go before someone could push start me off the line. I was in with 1000cc and 600cc bikes. I got into turn 1 in eighth passing one rider under brakes and moving passed another up the inside of turn 2. I was then behind a 600 and I passed him into turn 3. Ahead of me was a 1000 and I was behind him for a lap, he was very hard to stay ahead of with the speed he had down the straight compared to my 125. I passed him around the outside of turn 6 and pulled a gap and caught up to the ER 650. I sat behind him pacing myself and on the tenth lap the 1000 passed me again the he pulled away. I was still behind the ER 650 and he was getting slower as the race went on so I passed him under brakes with two laps to go and pulled a six second gap by the end, I was really puffed out and the heat was killing me.

I finished third overall for the weekend in the limited and sixth in the 50km out of 10. I would not have been able to do any of the racing if it wasn't for dad and what he does with the bike before and after we are at the track, and he is always giving me the pit board every lap. Also a huge thanks to

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