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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – APRIL 2024



Hi Everyone,

Well – we're heading in to Easter and the AGM & Prize-Giving is just a handful of days away.

Unfortunately for me – I've managed to contract my first dose of Covid, having managed to avoid it for the past 4 years. So my Easter is a little compromised ☹️

Oh well – it is what it is ...

We hope to see many of you on Saturday 6 April, at the Clubrooms.
Road Race, Carl Cox Motorsport Cup, and Buckets will all be there to celebrate.

The AGM will be an important part of the night, as we elect all our role-holders for the coming year.
We have one more Exec Meeting before the AGM, so will be using part of that to understand who is returning for the coming year – or who will be moving role, to continue contributing in another way.

To be clear - **all roles are open for Nomination, as they are every year.**
What skills and perspectives can you bring, for the benefit the whole Club ?
It's not a trick question.

Many hands make light work – and the reality is, there are a range of tasks that need to be done in order for the Club to continue to function, and to allow everyone to get out there for a skid on race day.

The reality also, is that there are basically a small handful of long-time volunteers carrying that burden for the Club.
And we need to embark on some succession planning, to ease that load on them, and ensure the persistent health of the Club into the future.

Thru all the Exec and Committee roles, and into the specialist race days roles – COC, Stewards, etc.
We run very lean everywhere – probably like every other Club, across every other code I suspect.
But OUR future is in OUR hands; so please don't sit on the fence ...
I would encourage you to all think about where and how you can contribute.
Chat to any of the Exec or Committee, at any time.

The Bucket GP was held last weekend and it appears there was a good entry across the classes.
I'll be sure to get some coverage into the Magazine next month.

I see also, there is some rumblings around the future of Rosebank Domain and the speedway/karting facilities there.
Whilst these are not used by AMCC, we know full well – from the Buckets' experience with Mt Wellington - the hugely negative impact the removal of these assets can have on the User communities.
Hopefully more detail will surface soon.
But in the meantime - Check out the petition, and show your support ...
<https://www.change.org/p/save-rosebank-speedway-and-kartport-at-rosebank-rd-domain>

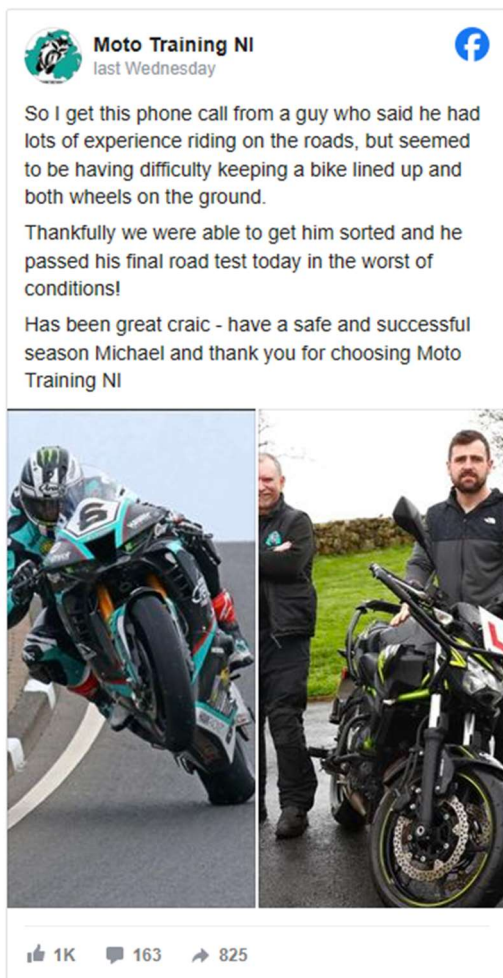
That's about it for now. See you at Prize-Giving.
And as always - please don't be shy to offer the Club your feedback, ideas, suggestions, and help.
We welcome all the views and support that you bring to what is YOUR Club.

Stay safe out there, on the streets and circuits.

Philip Kavermann | AMCC President

Michael Dunlop:

25-Time IOM TT Champion Michael Dunlop Finally Gets His Road License




Moto Training NI
last Wednesday

So I get this phone call from a guy who said he had lots of experience riding on the roads, but seemed to be having difficulty keeping a bike lined up and both wheels on the ground.

Thankfully we were able to get him sorted and he passed his final road test today in the worst of conditions!

Has been great craic - have a safe and successful season Michael and thank you for choosing Moto Training NI



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Michael Dunlop could make history around the mountain course this year. He unofficially held the fastest average speed record around the IOM TT last year, clocking 135.351 mph, and took four victories. This gave him a total of 25 IOM TT wins, just one less than the record of 26, held by his uncle Joey Dunlop since 2000.

Is Your Club Membership Sorted?



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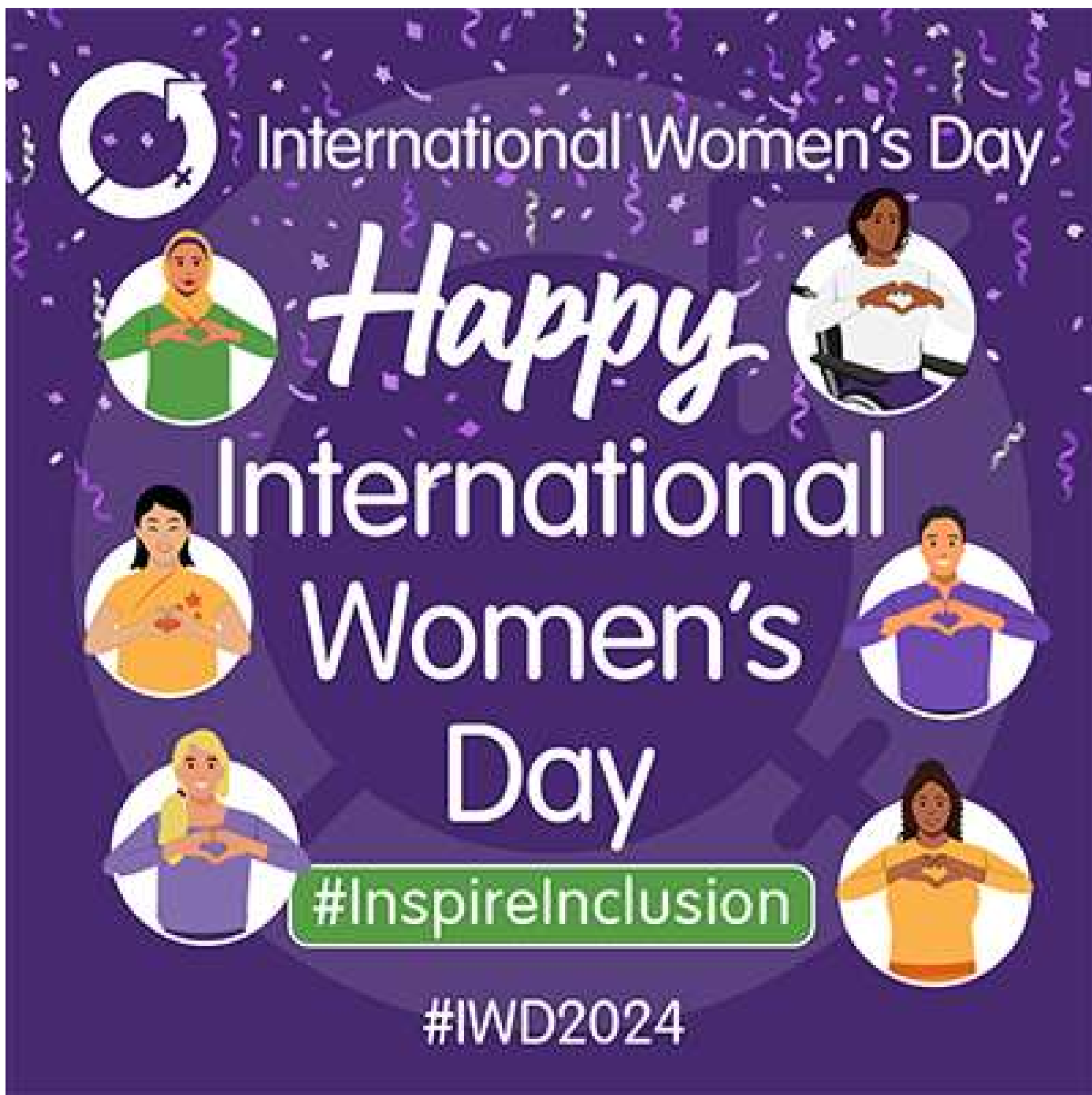


Auckland Motorcycle Club (Inc.)

AMCC Online Membership Form

<https://www.mxt.co.nz/auckland-mcc-membership>

Int'l Women's Day:



8 March was International Women's Day, 2024:

And an ideal opportunity for AMCC to acknowledge all the wonderful Wahine who are part of the fabric of the Club. And who participate in - and contribute to - the activities we undertake, and the successes we enjoy.

Our Wahine Stewards, Flaggies, and other Volunteers.
Those who sit on Committee's and hold specialist roles.
Those who compete, and those who support those who compete.
And all others who support AMCC and its activities in any other context.

We thank you, and celebrate your involvement and achievements.

Carl Cox Motorsport Cup:

Season 13 – FINAL POINTS:

NINJA CUP

Billee Fuller	1111
Michael Robinson	973
Timothy Gray	818
Sean White	781
Tyler King	762
Andrew Boldero	639
Andrew Ansell	609
Megan Kemp	521
Jayne Martin	457
Nathan Finlay	446
Nick Trigger	429
Alex Le Comte	418
Britten Someville	314
Mike Cross	309
Heidi Trigger	304
Blair Skelton	269
Gordon Finlay	268
Blain Pairama	238
Sam Greenhalgh	228
Chris Smith	225
Jesse Stroud	218
Graeme le Comte	142
Ben Cook	124
Bryan Kidd	106
Simon Beard	78
James Short	68
Simon Finlay	50
Terence Gates	40
Michael Stokes	28
Catherine Wood	18

HYOSUNG CUP

Oliver Pykett	1201
Elijah Daken	838
James Murdie	818
Esmond Williams	708
John Williams	607
Mike McKain	604
Scott Findlay	560
Cadel Finlay	490
Troy Fowles	463
Hadleigh Thomson	428
Ben Cook	396
Riley Fowles	383
Corey Pook	353
Rory Garvey	328
Enrique Belcourt	321
Jarrold Thompson	314
Nick Brown	304
Loren May	301
Trent McDiarmid	284
Brett Butler	258
Shaun Parker	230
Guy Webster	216
Joe Stroud	201
Robert Mayo	196
Tim Wigram	175
Chris Nobbs	131
Jesse Stroud	60
Andrew Simpson	57
Ben Mayo	36
Dan Franzen	22
Phil Oades	20

WOMENS CUP

Billee Fuller	150
Megan Kemp	145
Heidi Trigger	129
Catherine Wood	7



ROUND 5 MOTOFEST AND SEASON 13 WRAP

It's a long time between rounds 4 and 5 for the Cup, but so good to get the band back together. Many Cup racers do some track days or off-road riding to stay dialled in which is great. A few headed off to the NZSBK Championship which is quite an undertaking and certainly keeps you sharp. We had an impressive 44 riders for Motofest, roughly split evenly between the Hyosungs and Ninjas. A few highlights were getting our 4 Cup women back into the Ninja class, two time Cup Champion and now NZSBK SS300 Champion Jesse Stroud riding the Ninja 400, his big Bro Jacob having a crack on a Ninja also, Tyler King back from injury, Simon Beard back from injury and on a Ninja and Lozza May back for a one off on Benny's Hyosung.

Many made the most of the Friday test day to re acquaint themselves with the International Circuit at Hampton Downs, a track we only use once a year. This was a sunny day and a good bedding in for those who hadn't raced for a while. Saturday was practice, qualy and 1 race. The weather was perfect and some good times were put in although not threatening either of Jesse's Hyosung or Ninja lap records. Billee made it clear from qualy she meant business in her quest to be the first racer to win back to back Ninja Cup titles by putting her MTF Finance Wairau Valley/Carl Cox Motorsport Ninja 400 on pole with a 1:50.384. Next up was the returning Tyler King (TK) 0.404 back and TK headed off Jacob and Jesse Stroud who filled the front row.

Oli Pyketts near total domination of the Hyosung Cup continued in qualy taking pole by 0.5 from Elijah Daken, 2019/20 Champion Lozza May and Scotty Findlay in 4th. Good to see young Joe Stroud edging himself closer to the front with a P7 behind John Williams and James Murdie with Esmond Williams in P8.



Bill's leads the field on the run to turn 2. ASP snap

Race 1 was a grid start of 6 laps. Being a combined class race traffic was always going to play a part late in the race as the front few Ninjas caught the Hyosung's. Jesse, Tyler and Billee got straight down to their work with Jesse and Tyler swapping the lead several times until gravity took over for TK, fortunately with no injury. Bill's gave chase and manged her way through the traffic on her way to setting the fastest lap (1:48.827), just 0.071 off Jesses lap record but was not quite enough as Jesse took P1 by 0.117. A super consistent Mike Robinson took the last podium albeit 27 seconds back from Bills and Jesse followed by Tim Gray. Blain Pairama battled his sponsor hard for 5th beating Nathan Finlay over the stripe by 0.024. Megan Kemp rode really well to 9th and continues to build her speed amongst the guys. Andy Ansell won the Andys Cup race over Andy Boldero in this one.

Elijah Daken got close but Oli Pyketts domination of the Hyosung Cup this season continued. A winning margin of 5 seconds is not what we are used to in this class but Oli is making no mistakes on his was to yet another top step. James Murdie filled P3 by 0.4 over a returning Lozza May. The Williams boys John and Esmond were P5 and 6 and the ever improving Joe Stroud in P7. Good to have Ben Mayo back also and a P9 was a good ride considering his time away. So good to have so many father/son Teams in the Cup. Awesome quality time together Graeme and Alex Le Comte, Nathan and Cadel Finlay, Troy and Riley Fowles, Robert and Ben Mayo. Then there's the bro/sister Team of Nick and Heidi Trigger.



Mike McKain chased by Nick trigger and Co. ASP snap.

Sunday dawned wet, wild and windy. The wind dropped soon enough but the rain kept falling and we were up for a wet scrub and Le Mans start race. With the Ninjas allowed full race wets this season the Hyosungs were going to be caught quickly as they had to manage the conditions on very good road tyres. Tyler's Holeshot was impressive and streaked into turn one with Jesse and Billee giving chase for what was a great battle. Tyler and Jesse swapped the lead with some super skilled wet weather racing. Bills had less luck getting through lapped traffic but came home in P3 with Tyler just grabbing the top spot over Jesse by 0.138. Our second woman racer in the top 5 was Megan. What a ride for P5! Andy Ansell showed he doesn't mind slippery condition for P6 ahead of Mike Robinson and Nathan Finlay.

Oli was the only Hyosung to finish on the same lap as the winning Ninjas. His fastest lap a scorching 7 seconds faster than the next fastest. Clearly he also made the best of the wet conditions with a good tyre set up and silky smooth riding. Esmond a renowned wet weather rider came home P2 from James Murdie, Scotty Findlay and a charging Troy Fowles. Joe Stroud another excellent ride to P6 showing he is capable in all conditions. Unfortunately the size of the entire grid was substantially reduced due to not having a good wet weather tyre option and spare wheels.



Newly crowned Ninja Cup Champion Billee leads Tyler and Jesse into turn 2.

After a nearly 2 hour delay due to the persistent downpours and pooling water the officials well led by Chris Costello got us underway for our last race of the season on a 90% dry track. I have to thank Chris especially as he was under pressure from some MNZ officials to drop our class in favour of another which had 4 entry's. Thanks for your support Chris!

Jesse took no prisoners in the last race of the season. He was gone! Billee knew she just had to finish ahead of Mike to grab her second Ninja Cup title and that's what she did for P2 by 0.1 over a very good effort from the consistently fast number 72. Tyler came through from a back of the grid start for 4th. Great to have Sean White back in the top 5 after fighting with Tim Gray and Tyler. The Andrews result again went the way of Cup Cop Andy Ansell, a fantastic weekend by our Sprit of the Cup award winner.

14 wins from 16 starts. Oli Pykett was not going to end this amazing season with anything but a win, and that he did. Elijah secured P2 and awesome to have Scotty Findlay back on the podium in P3 from James, Esmond and Mike McKain in P6. Dad Fowles beat Son Fowles home by 0.3 for the best family finish, so good!

That wrapped up our 13th season of Cup racing. Every round raced at Hampton Downs but fortunately we also used all 3 available track layouts over the season to keep things interesting. The club circuit round was great fun with close action packed racing. We raced in all weathers, the atmosphere in our pit and after race BBQ's and prizegiving was at it usual level of friendly comradery, our grids were packed, the attitude of our racers awesome, the support for fellow Cup racers fantastic and our sponsors super supportive of what we are doing and achieving in a sport which at times can be extremely challenging to deal with.

I want to thank everyone who has made our Cup what it is. Every rider, support person, sponsor, official, flaggy, AMCC as a group and many more. Tracy has been so supportive and helpful on race days which has certainly enabled me to focus on other tasks, thanks Mark for taking on the his BBQ at Motofest, Zak for his help running 2 bikes this season, just an awesome family!

Finally thank you Carl Cox. To catch up again with Coxy at his show in February after such a long time was special and his enthusiasm for what we do makes it all worthwhile.



Hyosung Cup Champion Oli Pykett. Spark Photo



Womens Cup Champion Billee Fuller. ASP Snap



Ninja Cup Champion Billee Fuller. Mad Love Media Snap.

Round Results

Ninja Cup

1st Jesse Stroud

2nd Bill's Fuller

3rd Michael Robinson



WIL Sport Women's Cup

1st Bill's Fuller

2nd Megan Kemp

3rd Heidi Trigger



Hyosung Cup

1st Oli Pykett

2nd James Murdie

3rd Elijah Daken





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THANK YOU!

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MOTOR SPORT

HYOSUNG

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OH YES..
OH YES!



23 / 24 DATES AND VENUES

ROUND 1 HAMPTON DOWNS
17 SEPTEMBER

ROUND 2 HAMPTON DOWNS
15 OCTOBER

ROUND 3 HAMPTON DOWNS
5 NOVEMBER TBC

ROUND 4 HAMPTON DOWNS
19 NOVEMBER

ROUND 5 HAMPTON DOWNS
2/3 MARCH
MOTOFEST

ROUND 6 TAMPO MOTORSPORT PARK
9/10 MARCH



AMCC AGM & Prize-Giving:



Saturday 6 April, 2024 – 18:00 Hrs

@ the Clubrooms in Otahuhu



MotoFest:



Juniper White

Admin Top Contributor · March 4 at 5:08 PM · 🌐



You guys were freaking awesome out there!!



BikesportNZ.com

March 2 at 7:44 AM · 🌐

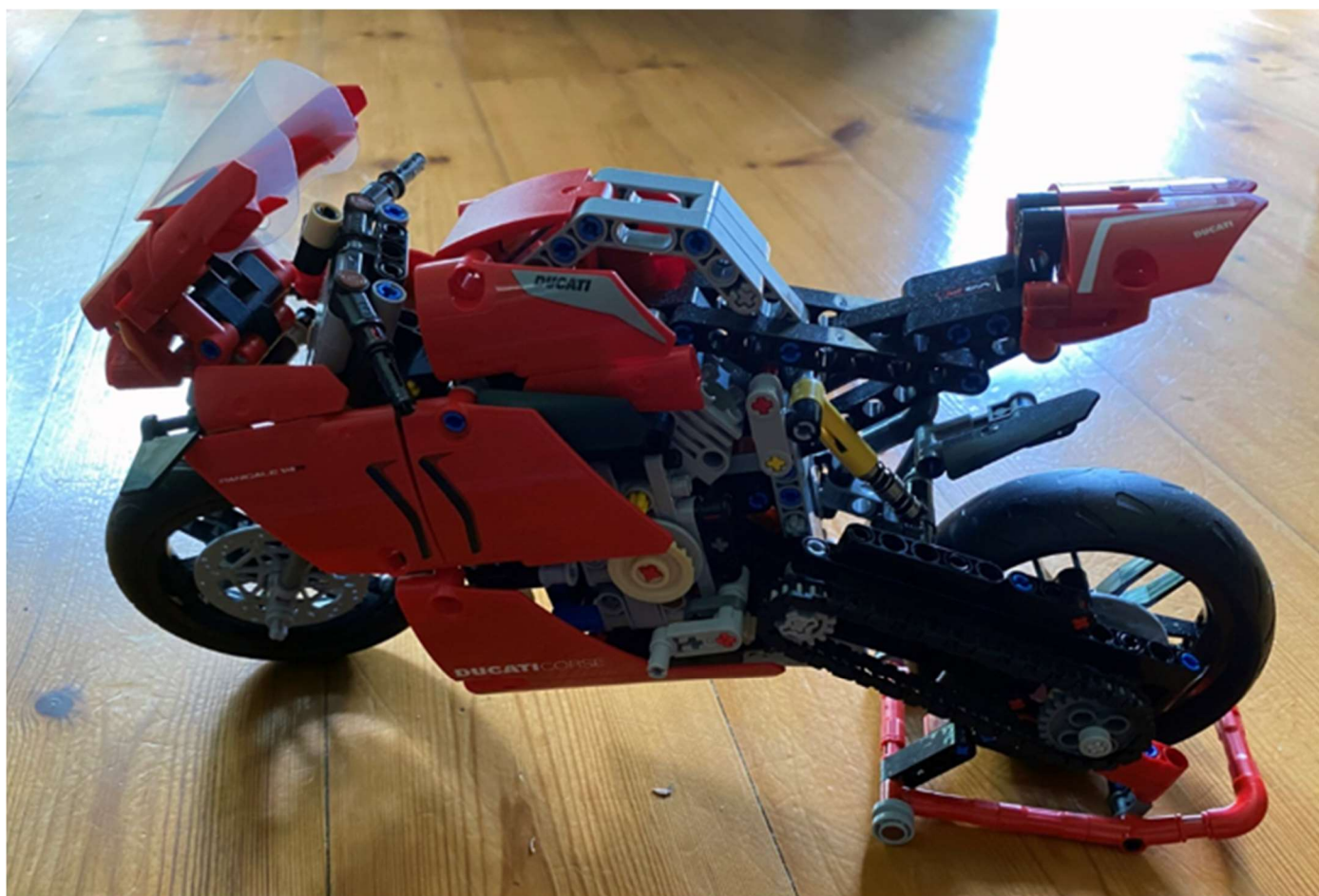
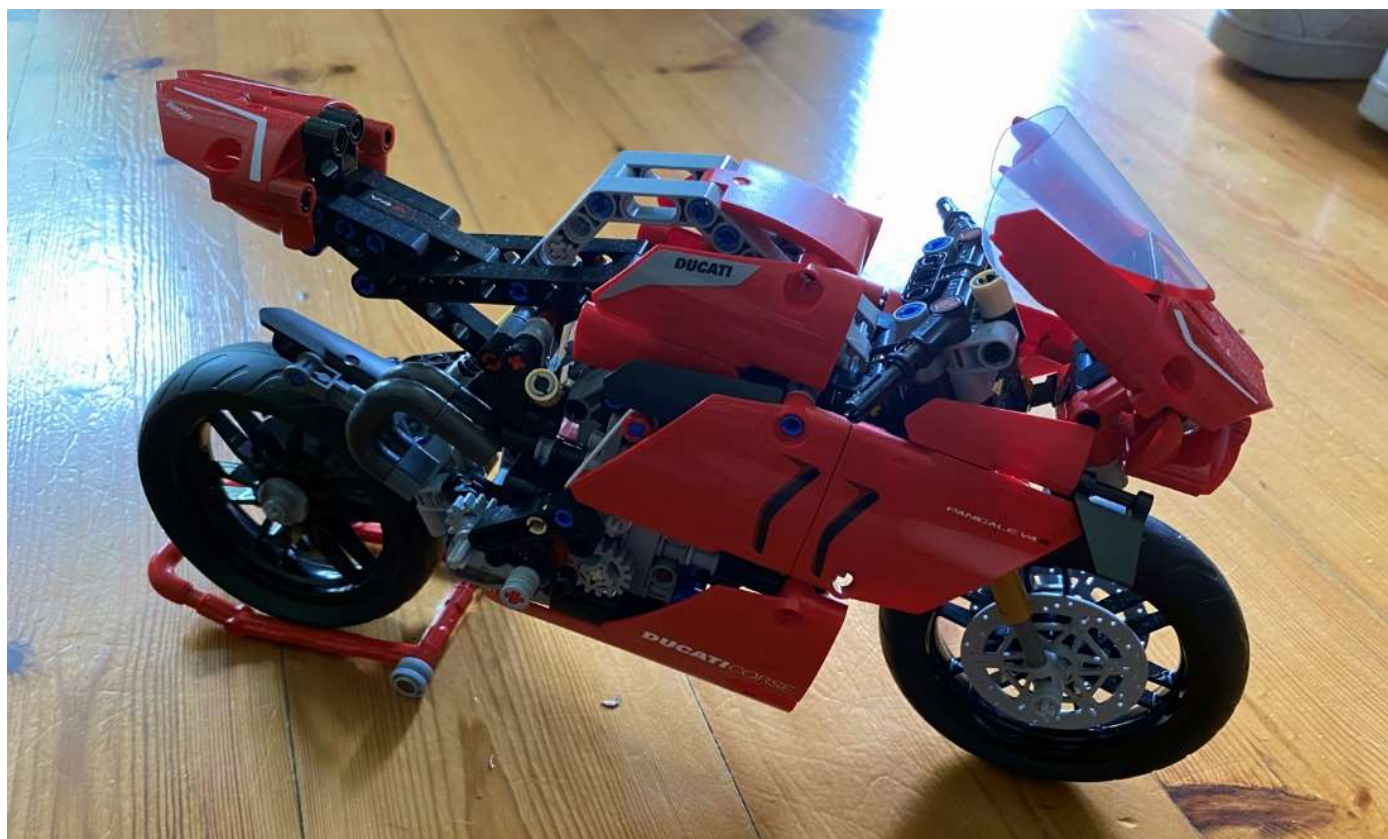
The glue that holds it all together ... the track marshals... thanks for everything people. Ready for racing here at Hampton Downs, the sixth and final round of the New Zealand Superbike Champs. Photo by Andy McGechan, [Bikesportnz.com](https://www.bikesportnz.com)



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Lego Panigale V4:





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As huge motorsport enthusiasts and previous racers, they're proud to support several Kiwi riders competing in New Zealand. Ken and Richard sponsor the 250 Pro Lites class, and have been helping out with the Carl Cox Motorsport Cup for more than a decade.

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Colin Dale Park - Update:

The Colin Dale Park KartSport Development Charitable Trust



*Great aerial shot of Colin Dale Park and a zoom of the Kart Circuit area.
Taken 14 February 2024 by Brent Robb, on a commercial flight out of Auckland Airport.*





Late February 2024 – The road in ...



Access Footpath

The Council has almost completed their site enabling earthworks and are well on the way to completing the road and pedestrian access to the site.

The Council contractors are expected to be finished within the next 14 days or so.

These photos were taken in late February, 2024 (by Vaughan Crang) following a site meeting.

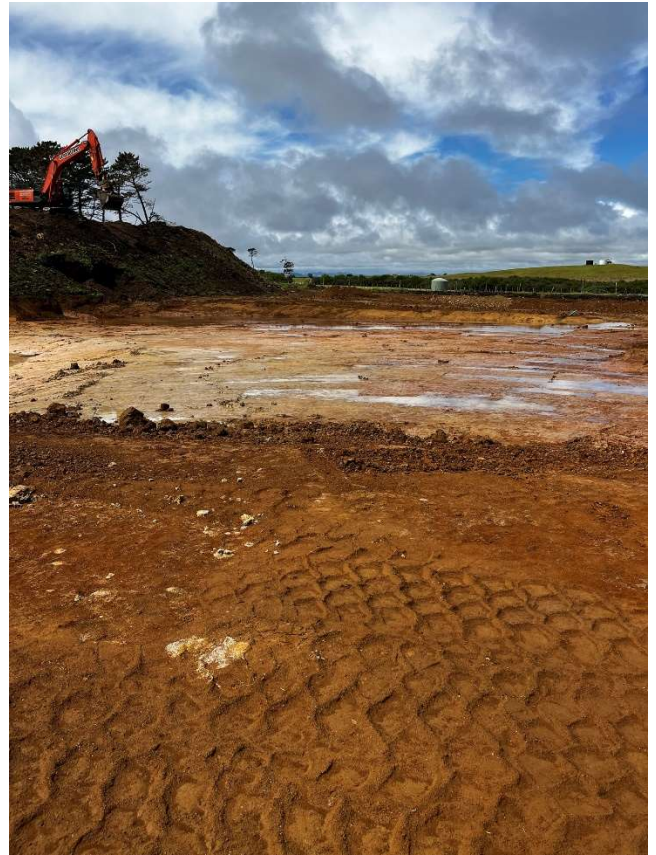
You will need a bit of imagination to see the track.



Main Straight



Turn One



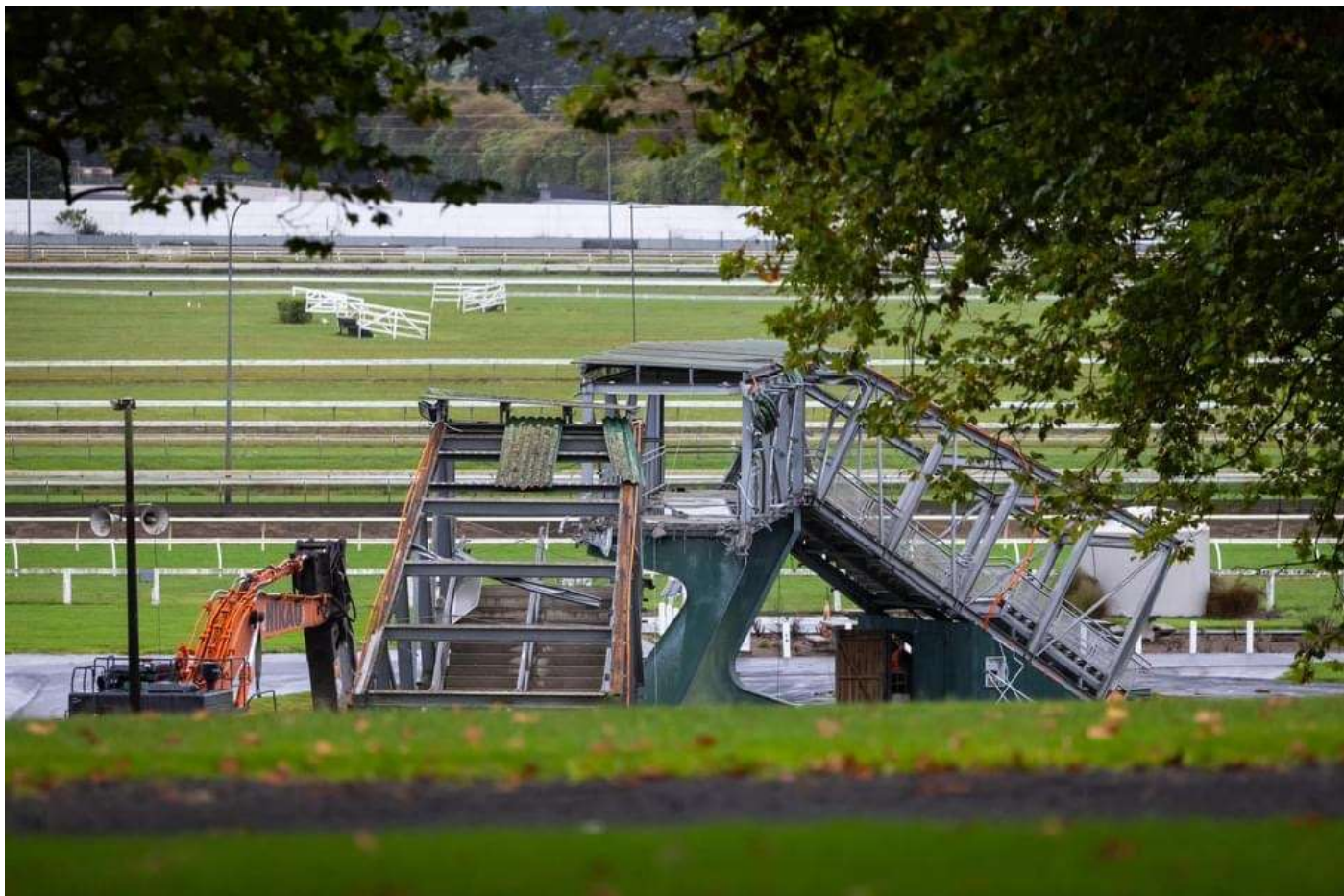
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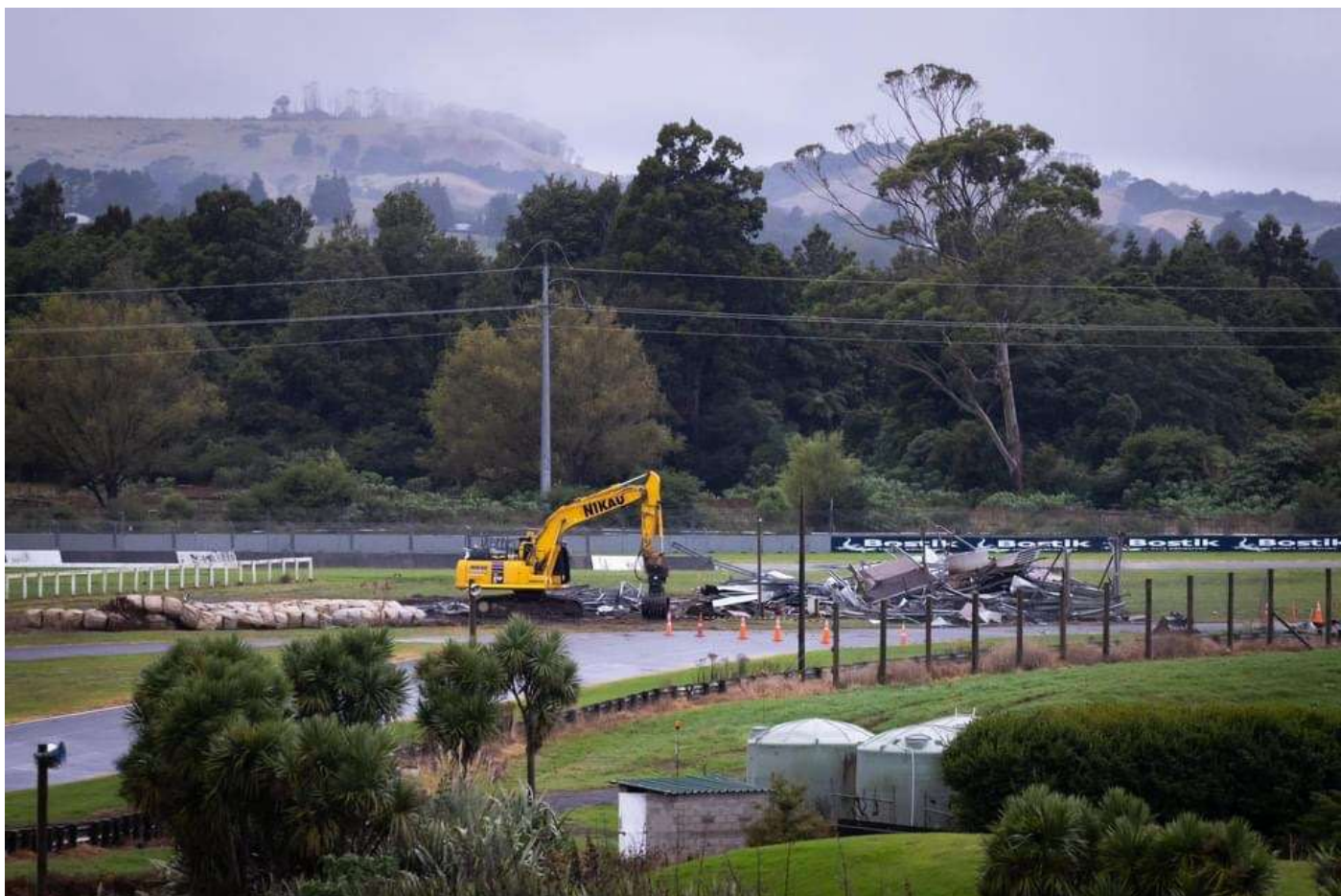
Final Hairpin

Pukekohe Park Raceway:





*De-construction slowly continues at Pukekohe Park Raceway
With the removal of more concrete barriers, and scrapping of the over-bridges.*



"10 YEARS AGO" ...

THE RIDER'S BRIEFS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE AUCKLAND MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

APRIL 2014



*Steve Collingwood - Round 4 2013/2014 Club Series 1 March 2014
Photo Courtesy Phil Kavermann*

In this month's issue

Racing & Training Calendar
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Jaden Hassan Racing
Rounds 4 & 5 Hyosung Cup Reports



RACING CALENDAR

April 2014

- 6 Round 6 Club Championship Hampton Downs
13 ART – Hampton Downs

May 2014

- 3/4 Buckets Round 6 – Mt Wellington Kart Track
24/25 Buckets Round 7 and Dominic Howe Trophy – Mt Wellington Kart Track

June 2014

- 14/15 Buckets Round 8 – Mt Wellington Kart Track
Final Round for the season



*Chief Flagmarshall Angela Vernon – R4 Club Series
Photo Courtesy Phil Kavermann*

Jaden Hassan Racing

Nationals Round 1, Christchurch:

After an injury in testing we went into the first Round a bit underprepared mentally and physically for the Superbike but were very excited at the challenge and couldn't wait to get out on track. In the end we got off to a solid start qualifying 10th with 11th, 7th and 10th place finishes putting us 9th in the points. Some great positives for the weekend were running top 5 in the NZGP and proving that we had the pace to run at the front and also reassuring the team that the Motul Suzuki GSXR1000 was a very competitive package.

Nationals Round 2, Timaru

With some more riding on the 1000 we were a lot more optimistic for some better results at Levels raceway and throughout practice we were very happy to be on pace and moved up a couple of grid positions qualifying 8th within 0.3 seconds of a front row start. A bad start in the first race saw me get stuck behind Tony Rees but once I got clear I put my head down and quickly caught the group in front but ran out of laps to make any passes finishing 8th.

Sunday morning I got off the line much better running in the chasing pack within sight of the leaders. When Sloan Frost came together with Hayden Fitzgerald this bumped me into 4th place and when the race was red flagged due to oil on track I secured easily the best finish on the Superbike yet.

Race 3 I got another good start and was running in 3rd when the race was red flagged due to a technical difficulty with the starting lights. For the restart it had started raining lightly and I decided to back off and be extra cautious rather than push and risk crashing, dropping through the field to 12th. We now sit 8th in the Championship at the back end of a very tight on points midfield group. The last two meetings have been great learning experiences and I have been proud to be battling with my road racing idols, it was the depth of talent in the Superbike field that drove me to get on one this year to push myself further and learn from all these guys.

AMCC Round 4, Hampton Downs:

Since the South Island Nationals both myself and my brother have been training hard to try and get some extra upper body strength so we can ride our bigger bikes this season to their full potential.

I hadn't ridden at Hampton Downs since my accident in testing in late November so I was a bit rusty heading out for qualifying, qualifying on pole position with a 1:07.0.

We made a few small changes to the rear end of the bike to help conserve the tyre and stop some pumping and the bike felt much better for the first race, which I was able to win from Toby Summers and John Houben.



Race 2 was another improvement with some slightly better tyres I settled into a rhythm and really started to get comfortable on the bike setting a new personal best lap time of 1:04.5. I was very happy to not only do this lap time but also do it relatively easily on second hand tyres.

Race 3 I stiffened the front preload 1 turn as I was having some small problems with pulling the back wheel up on the brakes into the tighter corners at Hampton Downs. Again I got passed Toby Summers on lap 1 and settled into a rhythm just working on being smooth and consistent throughout the race.

Overall I'm very happy with the physical progress I've made it made the more powerful 1000 a lot easier to handle and I'm feeling more and more comfortable everytime I get on the bike and can't wait for the last two rounds of the Nationals coming up!

I would like to say thank you to Suzuki New Zealand for making this dream of mine a reality and supplying an awesome package in the Motul Oil GSXR1000, also thanks to all my sponsors MOTUL, Metzeler Tyres, Rev'it Leathers, Unison Tools, Kiwi Suspension Solutions and Robert Taylor for all his hard work to get me comfortable on the bike, Race Supplies NZ for supplying an awesome Accossato master cylinder when we were having some braking issues cannot recommend them enough! HJC Helmets, Forma Boots, Dave Hempleman LTD, South City Auto Painters, Home Buyers Reports, Jt Sprockets and DID Chains

Kind Regards
Jaden Hassan

Kayo GT:

KAYO GT 2024

 **09/03/24**  **TOKOROA KART TRACK**



2 HOUR SENIOR ENDURANCE RACE

- **2 RIDER, 1 BIKE**

JUNIOR TRAINING CLASS

MINI SUPERSPORT RACES

- **2X 10 LAP**
- **1X 20 LAP**





Dave Sharp



Junior Training



2-Hour -- Le Mans start







(92) Blake Ross / Mitch Rees



(11) Zak Fuller / Tony Rees



(93) Dylan Bryne / Chris Defiori



(19) Alexander McNabb / Hayden Fordyce



(40) Jordan Burley / Jared Horn



(5) Aaron Hassan / Paul Bergman



(10) Brad Groombridge / Mark Whyte



(87) Reece Leroy / Vince Scappucci and (14) Alastair Hoogenboezem / James Hoogenboezem



(21) Tim Greene / Azlan Blackwell



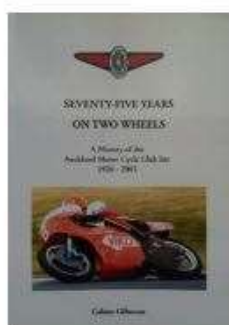
(2) Mark Thornton / Jake Attwood





2-HOUR RESULTS:

Pos	Number	Competitor	Class	Laps	Best Lap
1	92	Blake Ross / Mitch Rees	Kayo 150	150	43.717
2	11	Zak Fuller / Tony Rees	Kayo 150	150	43.907
3	93	Dylan Bryne / Chris Defiori	Kayo 150	148	44.583
4	19	Alexander McNabb / Hayden Fordyce	Kayo 150	148	44.719
5	40	Jordan Burley / Jared Horn	Kayo 150	148	44.965
6	5	Aaron Hassan / Paul Bergman	Kayo 150	145	45.439
7	10	Brad Groombridge / Mark Whyte	Kayo 150	142	46.083
8	87	Reece Leroy / Vince Scappucci	Kayo 150	139	45.717
9	14	Alastair Hoogenboezem / James Hoogenboezem	Kayo 150	138	45.297
10	21	Tim Greene / Azlan Blackwell	Kayo 150	137	46.549
11	2	Mark Thornton / Jake Attwood	Kayo 150	106	47.455



“Seventy-Five Years On Two Wheels”

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Kayo 2-Hour Podium

“20 YEARS AGO” ...



Dear Auckland Motorcycle club.

I finished writing this a while ago but I'm not sure if it got sent or not as last time I got a reply straight away, sorry. This is my letter from my journey to the South Island from the AMCC youth scholarship.

Ruapuna was the first of the two South Island rounds and from what I've heard of the track I was very excited to ride there. As I went for my first ride around the track on Friday morning I was blown away by the tracks technicality. Anyone can ride around the track, but it was a matter of how fast you could be. There were many lines that you can take but it was just a matter of getting track time and learning the track. To blow track time out the window my 95' overheated big time on Friday morning which brought it all to a halt. I finished the day off on my 98'.

Qualifying on Saturday and a 6th on the grid made all the trouble on Friday worthwhile. First race I finished 5th and was happy with that. 2nd race I finished 3rd place, putting trisail racing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, as dominic won and midge finished 2nd. The 3rd race I finished 5th which I was also happy with. I enjoyed every minute on the track.

Invercargill was the last round and a day walk around the track on Thursday with was very helpful. This meant on Friday I was straight into it. Qualifying went.....ok as I qualified 5th or 6th. The 1st race was a bit boring as I was racing by myself to finish a lonely 5th. Race 2 was very enjoyable as I battled the whole race with Steven Wood to finish 5th. The last race topped off the nationals with the best race I have ever had. A three-way battle with steven and Jay Lawrence. Unfortunately I again finished 5th but this gave me huge amounts of confidence racing that close.

We were stoked as we bought a very economical 93 Toyota Hiace Hi-top. This got us to Invercargill and back on \$240 fuel money!!!
Thank you for the vouchers as it paid off hugely. I hope I people saw the stickers on my bike, and the badge on my leathers.

Sam Smith

Team Metalform Racing
22 February 2004 –
Battle of the Streets @ Paeroa

World famous in New Zealand, Team Metalform Racing was a rider short for the annual Battle of the Streets round at Paeroa this year.

Mike was away on business so wasn't able to make it to this meeting, maybe just as well as it seems he has developed a 'closeness' with the haybales at the street circuits as we witnessed in the TV coverage of Wanganui – victim of circumstance and not rider error in all cases I must admit.

Speaking of TV we were given coverage for both the Wanganui and Paeroa meetings on TV1 and Sky Sport. Fantastic stuff and great to see New Zealand's most exciting sport on TV!

Thanks to the sponsors who put up the funding to get coverage, it allows us riders to have something a lot more tangible to offer to our sponsors and allows the public to see just what a spectacle road racing really is.

Nick Odermatt #80 Formula Streets

This year we were back to the traditional hacksaw circuit. Practice went well and soon had the back section bumps and hairpin fairly sorted. The hairpin is fun, first gear, brush the hay bales, straighten her up then it's a drag race to the Fathers Tavern corner hitting close to 250kph at the end of the straight.

I wonder what a speeding ticket would cost for 200kph over the limit on any other Sunday in Paeroa? Don't think you'd be able to bribe your way out of that one with a cold bottle of L&P.

Our grid position was based on our series points from Wanganui so I was 6th on the grid, my start was average and got in behind Sean Bishop for the first lap, come the hairpin and Sean had left his braking a bit too late and wound up on his side into the hay bales.

The race went smooth at 8th place I had Craig Gollop a distance ahead of me and Dave Manuell a distance behind me so just kept at it and finished up in the same position. The bike was feeling really good to push and the setup felt spot on for the track.

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My next race turned out to be the Robert Holden Memorial, I found out I qualified as one of the top 15 riders so joined the other 14 for this race just after lunch.

The race was 15 laps long and split into 3 sections, basically everyone does 5 laps and gets points for their position, then we move forward a row and run 5 laps again, re-grid and do it again, so everyone starts from each row during the race.

First 5 laps of the race and I dived with Pete Tanner on an Aprilia for most of this segment, passed him at one stage around the corner into the hairpin only to overshoot the corner myself and end up near high-siding trying to get on the gas, it's good fun racing against the bigger bikes with the different places they show pace.

On re-gridding for the 2nd segment we all discovered a flaw in this type of race arrangement, our bikes were absolutely cooking. Bikes were spewing boiling water out the radiator overflow and 2 bikes blew head gaskets waiting for the restart.

Off for the 2nd five laps and I dived with Terry Fitzgerald for the first couple of laps but he's no slug round the streets and soon had a gap on me. Across the line again then round to re-grid for the third and final time.

3rd part of the race got underway cleanly, 2nd lap and while heading down the hill towards the post office Lance Lowe tried the inside line on Pete Tanner just in front of me, worked for the first part until he couldn't take the corner and ran straight ahead leaving Pete nowhere to go, I had to dodge the bikes bouncing off the hay bales then rounded the corner to find a red flag – race over.

Not sure of my final placing but congrats to Johan Bruns on taking out the overall title.

Last race of the day was the 2nd Formula Streets race, had a better start and had Manuell nearly high-side his 250 right in front of me over the hill, made for an easy pass as he lost his drive but was more happy that he stayed upright and didn't hurt himself (or more importantly, me!).

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Rode fairly consistently for the rest of the race, clocked my best lap-time of the day at a 49.1 and came in at 7th place.

Overall, the Hacksaw was a far better track layout than last year, verdict on the day – awesome, well run and well supported by the community and sponsors, can't wait till next year!

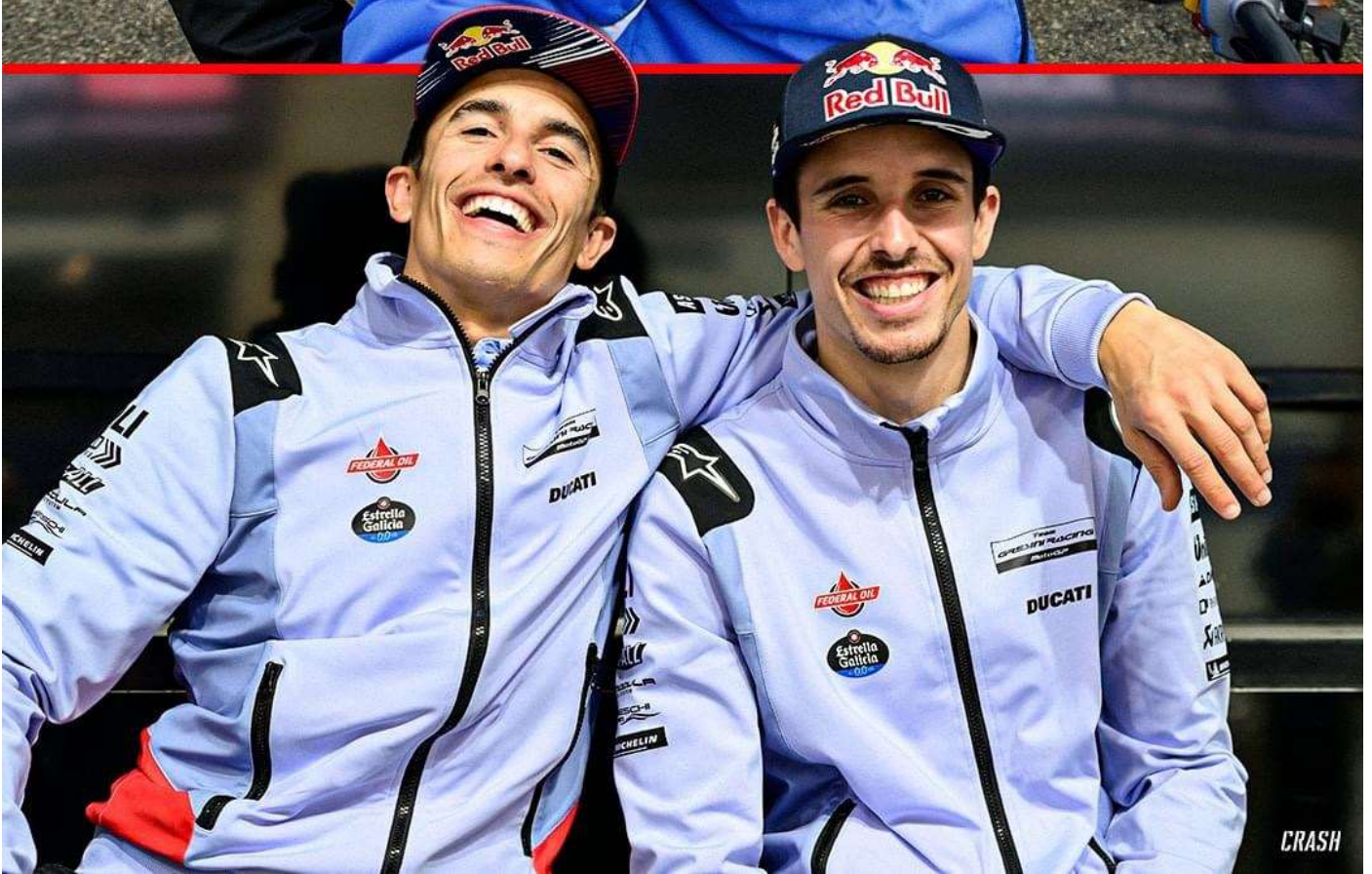
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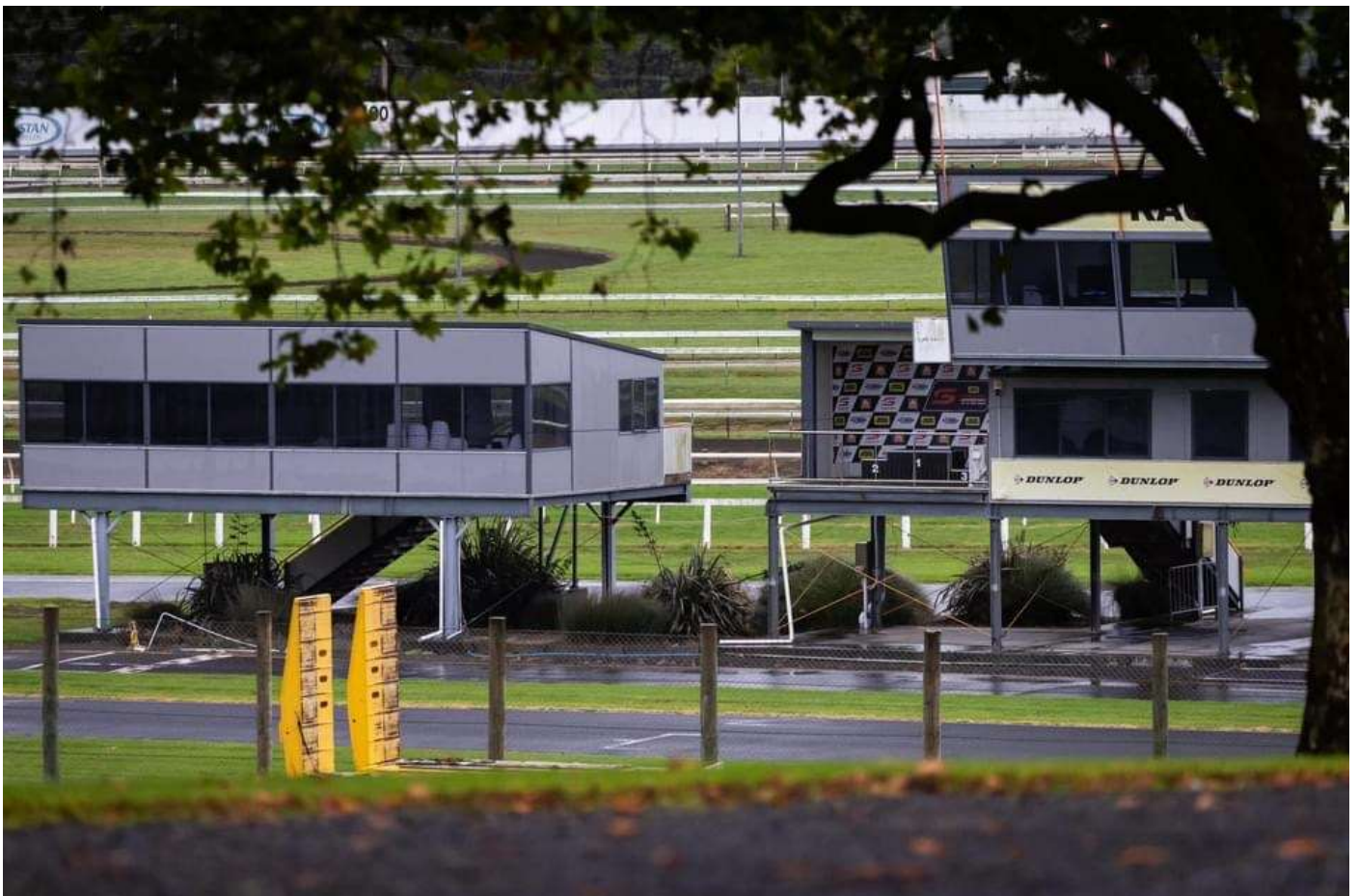
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