

# THE FORREST REPORT *NO 3*

## *An Independent News Letter*

*Hopefully will be bought to you throughout the year, this is an independent opinion and in no way reflects the opinion of anybody on the RRAT committee , but will always try to bring you the truth . It is out there.*

Well hello again looks like we are going to have another go at stirring things up, I and the staff here certainly caused some trouble the last time we got this report up on a web site.

First up , everybody please take this tongue in cheek, everybody and I mean everybody will probably cop a serve over the course of the year, if I'm told by my source's you have a soft skin we promise to go real gentle. Tim Hewitt your web master slave and chairperson now knows who we are , it was a requirement of the RRAT committee, and he has threatened editorial privilege if he feels we have over stepped the boundaries of good humour.

So to the year so far –

A new meeting place at the Drag club with beer, cool air conditioning , specially bottled RRAT red wine - at a pinch told you can run your bike on it, Club stickers, now the crowning piece the unofficial club newsletter.

And good start to the year with a half page article in the Townsville bully with a great shot of Clint Taylor rounding up Mick Barra at the 2010 Three Hour, and another article in the Townsville Sports Lifestyle magazine with all sponsors getting a mention, well worth getting a hold off and having a read . A little birdy tells me next month's Cycle Torque magazine will be running a small article on the JCC, **all this and the club is yet to run a meeting, how cool is that ! ? !**

2011 Junior bikes are looking smooth and after a couple of well attended working bee's, 13 junior riders will be competing in the JCC, the biggest field out there I'm guessing. Thanks to Big Boys Toys again for donating the parts to get the bike race ready! Here's a pic of the MacKay Kawasaki bike. Cool grips.





# ROAD RACING ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSVILLE GO THE HARD

The Road Racing Association of Townsville ( RRAT ) was incorporated mid-2010, and now promotes Road Racing at Suncity Raceway for 2011 and beyond. We would like to thank the previous promoter The Townsville Motorcycle Club for assisting with this transition .RRAT has planned some new and exciting events for 2011 !



The 2011 season is shaping up to be quite robust , with good fields expected in the usual classes .



Behind the scenes, the club has been freshening up the Junior Corporate machines, and we have made several 150cc motorcycles available to 13 – 16 year olds to use for road racing.



Now in its fourth year, the series has seen absolute beginners to seasoned dirt competitors begin road racing in a one make class, where the enthusiasm of the competitors is matched by the support and encouragement of the parents, sponsors and the club .....it's a lot of fun !



If you are interested in Road racing , want to know how to become involved as a competitor or Club volunteer , please contact us through [www.rrat.com.au](http://www.rrat.com.au) or phone 0422 248 607.



Potential sponsors are invited to enquire about our sponsorship packages .



Junior Motards are also set to go, that could be good thing, drag a few across from MX and DT , hells bells they don't have to wash bikes, tyres last a season, gotta love that.

And mono's; there seems to be a renewed interest in mono's; there will be some well-prepared bikes out there for the first meeting, a preview of Richard Ewer's at the 12<sup>th</sup> March practice but unfortunately the weather again foiled the debut, and some I'm told about to make their debut, come on Roo and Staf, bet ya Clint will be interested in them when he comes back for another crack at the 3 hour, get a better partner Clint, also the interest in motolites seems to have taken a step forward with some new bikes on the way and even a few engines being prepared by shops outside of Townsville, yes we heard a rumour the ninja's got a new engine and the bets have started, how many helmets?.

Well has everybody had enough of cyclones and rain, with the first practice cycloned out, the track fared reasonably well, just the shaded area blown down along with a few signs, I'm told by a reliable source offers were made to the kart club of assistance to help clean up, but the kart club members handled it.

The wonderful weather has certainly kept your elected committee on the hop. These days the kart club is so busy, with; Karts, motorcycles, marquee club, rider training, the police, and pushbikes there are not to many weekends left that they can reallocate, hence I'm told that's why RRAT had to rearrange the calendar and move things around. Then came 12<sup>th</sup> March and what a lovely day it was, full of optimism the club officials went forth into the rain, juniors in the control tower doing theory with Tania and her dad, exploding beer and bourbon cans in the car park, pissed coach roaches in the container from an exploded carton of rum and coke, one person coping a shower as a can went up near him, good job explaining that to a copper on the way home at 10am in the morning. All this with never a hope in hell that the day would come off ! All new faces out there busting to have a ride, all the old hands safely tucked up somewhere dry , and still no complaints on the web, weellllll only one, and we'll leave that alone , you know who you are, but that was just a geographical error.

Well done to those that came out to lend a hand and the officials still willing to give it a go if the weather turned in their favour. Tim Hewitt was floored on the Friday with a mystery illness, improving now we are told and hard at work on the Whitsunday web site.

In the aftermath of that day, Tania the little champion has been running around trying and eventually securing a facility for the Junior Coaching all in an effort to make the first round a goer. Well done Tania Millard and to Rising Sun Honda and Bernie and Trent Koppe allowing RRAT the use of their facility at no cost, at the same time offering further sponsorship to the JCC in the form of a \$50.00 voucher for every championship round winner, you heard it here first on the Forrest report, I said it in the first reports and I'll say it again support these businesses that support you. Trent incidently is off overseas to defend his title in sidecars.

Well in the lay off a few of the Motard boys went down to Morgan Park; Luke Burgess is really making a name for himself .

This taken from an article soon to be published;

### **Luke Burgess takes win**

*MacKay's Luke Burgess has taken the win in the Formula 2 class at the opening round of the Southern Downs Championship opening Round held at Morgan Park Race Way on the week end. The young racer in his very first year of the class was up against the very best of riders in the worst of conditions and managed 3 wins from 3 starts. Luke managed to qualify 3<sup>rd</sup> on the grid after only being able to complete 1 lap due to his visor on his helmet fogging making him come in. He was riding his back up bike for the first time and decided to run a second hand set of wet tyres for the racing. Luke came away with the hole shot and never looked back winning the first race by a huge margin. He also managed to get the hole shot in rounds 2 and 3 and in some of the meetings hottest racing seen Luke come away with the wins in all races. Luke said that as he lives in Mackay and has no race track to practice on he was rapt with the result.*

*Luke also managed to set the fastest lap time of the class in the final race with a 1.10.248 which was done on worn out wet tyres in very poor conditions. He said he is looking forward to Darwin for Round 3 as he has never been or raced on that track so it will give him some more time to get used to his bike and continue to learn more about road racing. Luke went on to say that all the people from Motorcycle Sportsmens Club including Tom Williams and Leo Cash have been so helpful .*



**WANT TO BE FAMOUS ? GOT SOME NEWS ? SEND YOUR STORIES TO [admin@rrat.com](mailto:admin@rrat.com) and your team will pass them on.**

Jack Miller is back overseas and our very own Gerry Bassett is off to the Barry Sheene Festival of Speed on some sweet CB350's all prepared locally. We believe James Dwight is also competing at that event and wish them all the best. A few have headed up to Mareeba for their first meeting.



The year is really shaping up to be a beauty with some great events coming, and I'm told the interest from new members is on the increase. We will try and get the results of the Motard event and keep you up to date on all the members competing outside RRAT. Jack Miller, Luke Burgess, Josh Cumin, James Dwight, Gerry Basset and all the Motard boys, to name a few, Jarrod Koppe, Andrew Auld and Sam Crossley.

Till next time this is L.L. signing off.  
Have fun out there.  
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