

# Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

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**May 2021**

## President's Report

Well what a great trials the Oatlands trials was. It was really good to see high numbers as the weather is starting to cool off. Must mean we have plenty of passionate riders in our club.

Top job to the southern group for setting a really good and consistent trials. I reckon Oatlands would be a hard trials to set for this time of year. As we saw it is extremely difficult in the wet and extremely gripping and flowy once it dries out. I also believe that the team of setters had to do a lot of clearing since we missed last years ride there due to covid. Top job for putting in the extra effort southern team.

The first lap had Tom and myself like "it's going to be a tough day" as we skipped sections to find an easy one to start on. Once we had the first lap out of the way and the dew had lifted we were away and able to start riding with our feet on the pegs.

Thanks to the people that put their hand up to observe. It was really good to have nearly half of the sections with observers on them again. We as a club really do appreciate your time on the sections scoring us to make our sport that much more enjoyable. Top Job.

After the trials there was a little bit of discussion around the lunch break set up as some were still riding sections. I believe we need to close the sections if we are going to have a lunch break. There are a few reasons why I believe we need to be all doing the same and not just riding as we desire on a competition.

- It looks and feels better as an organised club if we are in doing the same. Uniform and professional.
- It's unfair to the consistent observing if we have observers on the section. Having an observer on the section means it is the observer's job to score that section for the day. A volunteer observing deserves a lunch break.
- Riding through lunch gives an unfair advantage in a number of ways. Start time to finish time is the same for everyone with a 45 minute lunch break. If someone doesn't stop for lunch, they now have an extra 45 minutes in the day to complete the day in comparison to the majority. It's unfair.
- If a rider rides through lunch and its dry, then it rains for the afternoon, the rider has clearly had the advantage of riding dry sections making it unfair to those who are going with the formalities of the club competition days.
- It's good to all finish at similar times as the end of the day, some will finish quicker than others, totally understand that. It's great to have many hands at the end of the day to help quickly pack up the trials. It's an easy job when the work load is shared.

These are just a few points of why I think it's important that we all follow the same suit on competition days. I'm open for discussion; whatever we decide on I think it needs to be one in all in.

Looking forward to the next trials down at Upper Natone. Last year it was really good to ride somewhere different and everyone has some good feedback on the property. Long way to travel but well worth the drive. Some people even made a weekend of it, drove down on the Saturday, supported the local economy by having a meal Saturday night and possibly even booking some accommodation.

The club has transferred the donations for Tim Coleman onto Tim and Ina. They sent a very nice message full of appreciation and also with Tim's progress. He is doing really well, just taking it easy at the moment and working on his physical health and strength. We wish Tim all the best.

Regards Chris Bayles. See you all soon.

## Digital report

First up, I saw a bunch of people using the Check in TAS app, good stuff! Turns out Telstra isn't as good at Oatlands as Optus and, incredibly, Vodafone. Because we're using this for contact stuff, the online entry form has changed, there's no longer an area for you to put the names and numbers of others you're bringing along.

Speaking of online entries, they were way down, only about half of all entries were done online. Please enter online, it makes my job of scoring WAY easier and scoring can be done during the event by a volunteer/kid/whoever, rather than when I get home and do a myriad of other things first. I take the entry form down at 9.30pm on the Friday prior, so I can do an export of entrants, set up the event and forward details to Ian and Toni to do the scorecards and to Mick for financial voodoo.

This is likely to be the only part of the newsletter which will improve your life and make it easier. I've had a couple of people say they don't know where some events are. Never fear, all the information is on the website. If you go to the calendar page (or almost any page) of the website, you'll see the TMTC calendar widget on the right. Click the event and you'll get a pop up with the exact co-ordinates, which you can open up in Google Maps. Genius!

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## Calendar

### 2021 Tasmanian Calendar

All dates and venues subject to change, please keep an eye here, on Facebook or on the electronic calendar for updates.

Calendar is correct as at 24th April 2021

Please note some events have varied from the normal "third weekend of the month" for various reasons.

- January 29th – Tasmanian Titles planning meeting, location TBA.
- January 31st – Trials School, Melton Mowbray
- February 14th – Section setting, Mole Creek
- February 21st – Round 1, Mole Creek (NW)
- February 27th – Section setting for Tasmanian Titles, Mt Joy
- March 6th – Tamar Valley Trials Club Reunion, Mt Joy
- March 6th – 7th – Tasmanian Titles, Mt Joy (N)
- April 3rd – 4th – Two day Easter Trial, Glenmaggie (Vic)
- April 11th – Gate Trial setting, Mt Joy

## TMTC Calendar

### TMTC events

Today	◀	▶	June 2021	▼	Print	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 Jun	2	3	4	5

### TMTC Round 3 - Upper Natone

When Sunday, 20 Jun 2021  
Where -41.2817, 145.8555 ([map](#))

[more details»](#) [copy to my calendar»](#)

TMTC						
27	28	29	30	1 Jul	2	3

Events shown in time zone:  
Eastern Australia Time - Hobart

Google Calendar

But wait, it gets better! I'm catering to people who use Outlook at work (or at home, I won't judge) and to those who live on their phones, so you can add the calendar to either of those things. This calendar automatically updates on your phone if the GPS coordinates are updated, but more importantly, you only need to add it once. Next year when we've decided on the dates and locations for the new season, I'll sit down and spend some time entering each event and location on the applicable date, and within a couple of minutes of me entering them, they'll show up in your calendar app. If you're concerned about privacy, don't

be. I can't see who has added this, there's more risk in me sharing it from my own domain than you adding it to your device.

If you want it in Outlook, click this one then follow the prompts to import it:

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Now, when you've clicked this one it'll open the TMTC calendar in your web browser. Down the bottom right you'll see a little icon:



Click that bad boy and it'll offer to add it to your calendar, which you obviously want to do. I can't provide help for all the different calendar apps and phones, but once it's added, it'll sync, you'll be able to open Calendar on your device and it'll appear. If you get hopelessly stuck, come see me at an event and I'll have a look.

## Oatlands

Daniel Fenton summed it up nicely at section three, right at the start of the day, when he asked me how my new bike was going: "It's not a great trial to be riding a brand new bike."

And he was right, especially for the first lap or so. There was absolutely no traction, especially on section two. The sections did scrub in alright during the day, but then a couple of passing showers undid all that, Chris and Tom both mentioned their last lap was pretty tough after some rain made the rocks very slippery. Luckily, that rain helped get Tom Woodhouse the 'boyfriend of the year' award, riding back to the car to get an umbrella to deliver to his girlfriend up the hill, out of the kindness of his heart without being asked. Tom, mate, please stop, you'll make the rest of us look bad.

Now, I've seen cars get towed at trials events before. Nathan Purdon was stuck at Jericho last year, completely unable to get traction on the mud, but it's not common. Colin Woodberry took it to a new level, he managed to ~~destroy the home of a wombat~~ drop the back wheel of his Hilux into a well hidden but very deep wombat hole. Ken Hosking came to the rescue in the big Merc ute and yanked him free. I don't know if the wombat was home for the ordeal (unlikely) but Will Delanty kindly put a couple of nacho cheese barbeque shapes in the hole as a peace offering. Photos are included further down the newsletter.

Speaking of cavernous things designed to protect wildlife, Nigel managed to forget his helmet. I can understand forgetting a tyre pressure gauge or maybe part of your lunch, but a helmet? Daniel had a spare lid which, according to Rosie, stank pretty bad, but it fitted so it did the job.

We had one Junior rider, Cooper, and he had a go at the separate Clubman section too, so all we heard about for three days was how he's the best Junior rider in the whole world.

Clubman had five riders, Will Delanty got a solid third place. There wasn't much in it between Alysha and Rosie, both of them must have been getting some practice in, Alysha taking first place.

The Wombat Hunter father and son duo battled it out in Twinshock and had close final scores, Colin 25, Alex 28. I wonder how long it'll be before Alex takes the win?

A bit of a mixed bag in C grade, Mike Travica finished third, David Catt was just one point in front in second, no one told Rylan Eustace there wasn't any grip so he rode as if it was everywhere and won.

Numbers were a bit down in C+ but the scores were fairly high compared to normal. Ian Pickering improved throughout the day for third, Jack Salter finished second. The Man With The Stinky Helmet finished first.

B grade also had some decently high scores. Zak Lunn fought off “newcomer” Peter Lockhart to take full points, the latter having a big stack while packing up sections resulting in a very swollen leg. Callum Millar third.

Again the higher than normal scores in A grade, there wasn't a whole lot in it between first place Will Thornbury and second place Matt Woodhouse, third place went to Kurt Pickering.

Expert, hard slippery sections, Chris triumphant over Tom Woodhouse.

### **Top Naas Trial (Canberra) Ian Pickering**

Wouldn't it be good if you got a phone call out of the blue, asking if you wanted to ride the 2 Day Trial at Top Naas (pronounced Nase by the locals) and that a trials bike and accommodation would be provided? Well the offer I received from Trevor and Cheryl Bennett was not only for me but for a couple of extra Tassie riders as well! Also, Trevor, Luke Anderson and Don Murray would provide us with Sherco trials bikes, how good is that!

That is how Kurt, Ian Pickering and Nigel Munday ended up at a trial near Canberra, along with 88 other riders from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

We flew up on Friday to Sydney and drove three hours to Canberra. We checked out Don Murray's Moto Central shop and then went to Trevor and Cheryl's for the night.

On Saturday morning we travelled 40 minutes south of Canberra to the trial site. It is set in quite hilly and rocky terrain, with some sections in dry river beds, some on the hillside. Most of the obstacles were turns with rocks similar Upper Natone but larger and steeper.

Trevor organises the Top Naas Trial with a lot of willing helpers, some had spent four or five days there getting the site ready, and Cheryl was scoring in the Club Caravan.

Riders are paired up to ride a long figure 8 course, two laps of 24 sections, about 7km around and were warned to fill up with fuel or check their battery every time they pass the pits. Riders have run out in the past!

Just before we set off for the first lap, we found that we had been locked out of our hire car! The car had either automatically locked or when the keys had been thrown onto the floor they had landed on the lock button, either way I am blaming Nigel for locking us out, haha.

Luckily we all had our riding gear on and could start the trial.

The riders set off at 2 minute intervals in pairs, so you need to get your start time when you pick up your score card. Nigel and I were riding together on the blue line and Kurt was with a local named Mav Ford on the red line. The sections are set with minimum arrows, this makes the blue line quite easy for some sections. Riders are advised to add in obstacles if they find the line too easy, I saw some blue line riders adding yellow rocks to their line, so it was happening.

Trevor has a mirror for anyone who complains the sections are too easy, on the bottom it says “You are looking at the person who is making the sections too easy”

When Nigel and I returned after half a lap and 12 sections, I stopped to sort out our locked hire car... No mobile reception. The kind owner of the farm took me to his house and lent me his internet and landline phone so I could call out for help. 30 minutes later the NRMA were on the way, so I went back to finish to days riding. Nigel and I were not riding together, but joined up and rode with the friendly locals.

With 30 minutes missing from my day I had to scoot around a bit to come in within my time limit for the day, memories of Glenmaggie, 48 sections take a while to complete!

Meanwhile Kurt and his riding buddy on the red line were finding they needed some time to plan their lines and mind for each other, the red lines were set at a high level. Consequently, they rode one lap a day of 24 sections. Kurt and Mav enjoyed the riding, there was just not enough time to complete two laps.

We hung around after the trial and renewed old acquaintances and made new ones. The farmer put on a barbeque and drinks as a fund raiser for Tim and Ina Coleman. In fact, the whole trial was a fund raiser for them and should raise over \$3000. Tim is just home now and is continuing to improve.

Sunday, day two, started off quite cool and frosty, I was thankful for the warm bed and not to be camping. It was the same loop, but in reverse, including all the sections and start times in reverse. This worked out well and the sections on average were a similar standard to the day before. Some of the easy turns were suddenly difficult, the uphill steps became drop offs, etc.

This time Nigel and I rode together and finished well within the time limit. Nigel was no longer trusted with the keys, haha.

We enjoyed our time at the Top Naas Trial, the bikes we were provided with were excellent and never missed a beat. Nigel would like me to mention that they were all Shercos! He is now hounding me to change from Ossa to Sherco as we had such a good ride. The Ossa Academy Lawyers will deliver a restraining order soon.

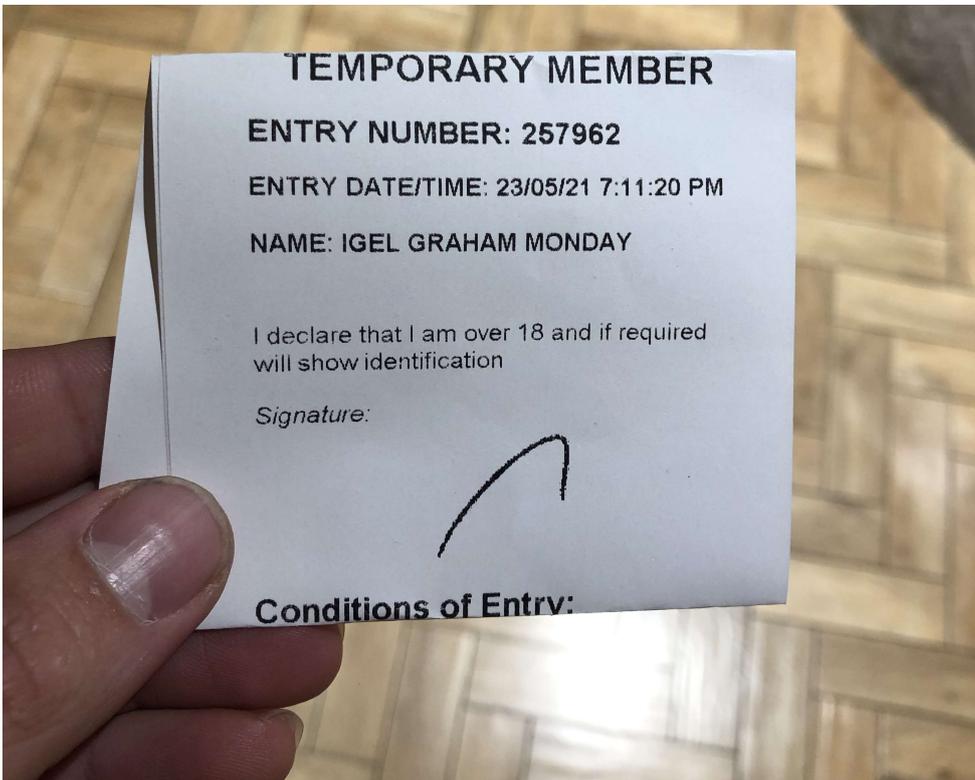
Thanks again to Trevor and Cheryl Bennett for putting us up and to Trevor, Luke Anderson and Don Murray for our bikes.

Seriously, it was a great weekend and a good mini holiday. There should be more of this sort of thing happening, as to travel long distances to other states with a bike is very expensive. It gives trials riders a chance to ride new areas and meet new people. I have a feeling this could snowball, as the more trials you go to and the more connections you make, the more possibilities present themselves for another ride.

There is an "East Coast Challenge" series planned for next year where a rider could potentially ride four 2 Day Trials around Australia during the year. Wouldn't it be good to offer a bike and accommodation to mainland riders at the Tassie Title in return for the same in their state?



Trevor Bennett in action on his schmick pre 1964 Jawa



Nigel going incognito in Canberra, and possibly lying about his age. If they're needed, the contact tracers will have problems.



Nigel and I at the end of the trial. Zero crashes for the weekend, but Nigel can stall a bike going downhill.



Frosty camp site



Trial camp site is below the fog in the background. My sponsor Trevor Bennett.

## Next State Round events

I don't even need to say, because you've already gone and added the calendar to your phone and gone and had a look yourself.

But I will anyway.

Upper Natone. A fair hike for the Southern fraternity and it'll probably be cold (it's June in Tasmania, of course it will be) so take it easy on the roads. I've had it confirmed it's at the same venue as last year, so there are some rules. I'm going to be lazy and copy and paste from last year:

The next trial site is at a vein of Granite boulders in forestry land operated by Sustainable Timbers Tasmania. Parking will be on a spur track off the main gravel road just south of the competition area of the trial site.

Access to the competition area is via an existing track previously used for enduro and cross country riding about 100m from the parking area.

A popular camping area is available at the beginning of the gravel track to the site at the Upper Natone Forest reserve with Lake Kara and The South Riana Dam also nearby for the keen fisherman and campers. GPS coordinates for site is -41.2817, 145.8555

Refuelling is to take place on a plastic mat, either bring your own or a large tarpaulin will be provided, in any case you would be best to arrive with a full fuel tank.

There is button grass plain at the Trial site that we are not allowed to ride on, which looks like the attached photo:



Kurt put together this simply excellent almanac early this year. It contains many things but importantly, it contains a detailed set of directions and a map to this fairly hidden away venue:

<https://www.tastrials.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/TMTC-ALMANAC-2021.pdf>

Entries are now open, go to <https://www.tastrials.org.au/entries/> and beat the rush.

## HEAT Insane Ride

The Insane Ride IS STILL ON! Entries have obviously dropped with the whole COVID situation in Victoria. HEAT are looking for helpers for check points and sweeps. This is a great opportunity to have a ride on the trials bike in some fun creek beds and on some hill climbs. If you are at all interested in helping then please contact Chris Bayles or Josh Statton. Any help will be much appreciated.

# Colin v the Wombat Hole



## Classifieds

### 2020 Gas Gas TXT 300

New shock, clutch, tyre and grips. Well maintained and in good condition. Has a few scratches and scuffs but it is a trials bike, nothing major.

\$7800

Can be delivered and transported nationwide easily enough.

Contact Chris Bayles



Round 2 Oatlands  
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc  
16 May 2021

	Expert	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	17	4	11	6	16	54		54	18	6	1	2	8
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	23	15	19	15	22	94		94	4	8	5	7	11
	A Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORNBURY	11	5	5	11	10	42		42	16	8	3	6	2
2	Matt WOODHOUSE	13	13	9	5	9	49		49	15	5	7	5	3
3	Kurt PICKERING	13	13	16	9	8	59		59	12	8	2	9	4
4	Jordan PERKINS	25	11	18	9	8	71		71	6	9	6	10	4
5	Daniel FENTON	20	22	16	17	14	89		89	6	0	4	22	3
6	John CLAPHAM	33	29	24	27	23	136		136	1	2	0	13	19
	B Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Zak LUNN	14	10	2	5	5	36		36	20	7	1	4	3
2	Peter LOCKHART	13	9	15	12	9	58		58	16	4	3	6	6
3	Callum MILLAR	19	19	13	12	8	71		71	8	10	2	9	6
4	Sam WELLS	19	19	20	16	10	84		84	6	7	5	9	8
5	Jenna LUPO	27	21	23	15	25	111		111	3	4	7	6	15
6	Mike AMEY	21	25	24	23	18	111		111	0	3	6	17	9
	C Plus	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Nigel MUNDAY	7	11	4	1	2	25		25	22	10	0	0	3
2	Jack SALTER	14	6	5	8	6	39		39	15	8	7	4	1
3	Ian PICKERING	14	13	9	8	8	52		52	12	9	3	9	2
4	Simon LANGWORTHY	14	18	15	7	4	58		58	16	6	1	5	7
5	David PARKER	17	15	8	16	12	68		68	5	12	4	11	3
6	Ken HOSKING	25	18	15	15	16	89		89	9	3	1	13	9
	C Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Rylan EUSTACE	4	3	2	3	3	15		15	27	3	3	2	0
2	David CATT	8	3	3	1	2	17		17	23	9	1	2	0
3	Mike TRAVICA	7	3	3	2	3	18		18	26	4	1	4	0
4	Charlie HUMPHRIES	8	3	7	3	1	22		22	27	2	2	2	2
5	Joel WRIGHT	3	5	6	4	4	22		22	25	5	0	4	1
6	Bryce SQUIBB	5	4	3	5	6	23		23	25	4	1	4	1
7	Mick LUSCOMBE	10	2	5	6	5	28		28	21	9	0	3	2
8	Mike HULL	7	9	5	5	4	30		30	20	7	1	7	0
9	Samuel LOCKHART	9	9	1	6	6	31		31	23	4	3	2	3
10	Matt BESSELL	6	9	9	7	5	36		36	16	8	5	6	0
11	Scott DUGGAN	11	6	11	7	8	43		43	14	11	2	6	2
12	Robert CLAPHAM	10	8	10	10	6	44		44	16	6	3	9	1
13	Millie LOCKHART	14	11	12	11	10	58		58	14	6	3	7	5
14	Elliott SALTER	23	21	10	9	15	78		78	6	7	5	12	5
DNS	Andrew SQUIBB						0		DNS	0	0	0	0	0
	Twinshock	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Colin WOODBERRY	8	3	5	6	3	25		25	23	5	1	6	0
2	Alex WOODBERRY	7	6	8	4	3	28		28	25	3	0	5	2
	Clubman	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Alysha LUNN	4	0	3	6	3	16		16	29	2	0	3	1
2	Rosie VINEY	7	3	3	4	3	20		20	28	1	1	4	1
3	Will DELANTY	15	5	5	5	5	35		35	27	0	1	1	6
4	Braith LUNN	7	10	5	5	10	37		37	26	2	0	0	7
5	Ian HOARE	17	13	6	6	5	47		47	23	2	1	1	8
	Junior	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun		Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Cooper LOCKHART	13	12	7	11		43		43	13	2	2	9	2

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