

MEDIA RELEASE – BALRANALD MOTORCYCLE CLUB INC.

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### **Balranald Motocross Racing Success**

Balranald Motorcycle Club hosted two days of great racing over the weekend (27 – 28 August) which was the final racing at the track for 2016. The club has reformed this year after several years in recess and despite a few hiccups, couldn't be happier with how the 2016 racing year went.

Round 3 was postponed due to wet weather and Round 4 had to be cancelled at the last minute after some cross-border licencing issues.

"The Balranald club is affiliated with Motorcycling Victoria because it just makes sense" president Barry Anderson said, "We are so close to Victoria we have an (03) telephone code, most of our riders and members come from northern Victoria. Our closest tracks are Swan Hill and Robinvale, it just complicates things that we are in NSW, and it means a few more boxes need to be ticked but we're determined to keep this track going"

The weekends racing was an outstanding success with almost 100 riders signing on over the two day event. Competition was fierce especially between the senior riders and after some very exciting battles on the track Barham rider Monte Hare came out on top of Swan Hill riders Lee Mayers and Ben Dickeson.

The club was particularly impressed with the number of junior riders who rocked up.

"A majority of the riders were juniors including 16 division 1 & 2 riders on the little 50cc bikes over the weekend, it's great to see those future champions out there" Barry said.

One junior rider even travelled from Melbourne. BCP Pro Circuit Honda rider Anthony Atanasovski is one of the countries rising stars and gave the local riders some serious competition. Anthony will be riding in the National Junior Motocross Championship in Renmark late next month and got some quality practice in at the Balranald race meeting.

Another first for the club was a dedicated Ladies race. Club secretary Cindy Furnell joined in the action coming second after another Balranald rider Deanne Jones.

"I've been pushing for a ladies only race all year after talking to other girls who feel a bit intimidated by the guys roaring past them." Cindy said, "it was great to have own class for a change, not only is it a great confidence booster but it is also great to show my kids you can do anything you put your mind to".

Deanne Jones concurred, "It's been wonderful that the Balranald mx club has given us ladies the opportunity to race in our own class to build up our skills and confidence." Mother of three, Mrs Jones said. "We had an awesome weekend of racing and look forward to many more race days ahead, bring on 2017 and to more ladies joining in."

The Balranald Motorcycle Club would like to thank all their supporters over 2016 and look forward to bigger and better things to come in 2017. Anyone interested in helping out on working bees or riding enquiries can contact the clubs facebook page or call president Barry Anderson on 0428 135055



**Motocross is a family affair at Balranald.**  
Pictured Deanne Jones with son Landyn.  
Deanne's husband Ben also rides motocross.

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Barham rider Monte Hare tearing up the  
Balranald track on his way to first place in the  
450cc senior's class.

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