

THE JOHNNY GREEN MEMORIAL RIDE REPORT

On the 19th of February 2011 our Portland club hosted our annual endurance ride from the Pyengana Recreation Grounds. With about 50 entries this would be our biggest ride ever. With perfect weather Friday and most of the riders entered and vetted. We ended up with 31 80km riders and 11 40km riders. We were given the weather report for Saturday, we would be expecting gale force winds and heavy rain and flash flooding.

I remember waking at 4am Saturday morning and hearing rain and as it got closer to 6am it was quite heavy. Any way 7am came and the 80km riders set off in the rain with Brooke leading the way with Ged hot on her tail. Then half an hour later the 40kms left, also in the rain. It didn't get any better the computer wouldn't work, so I had to go back through and hand write everything. So thank you to Tara for assisting me at the end.

Riders had to do the 1st leg twice as the second leg was flooded. Later in the day the power also went off. Big thank yous to the radio guys once again and the Lions Club and all our helpers.

Brooke Brown Cordell was 1st over all across the line and she was awarded the Johnny Green Memorial. And I must say Doug's speech was very touching with Hayden along side him. Such a shame Pat and Mark weren't there to listen.

Brooke was 1st Junior & best conditioned on Yonderover Ridge Mojo.

Trish Smith came 1st L/W & best conditioned on Angelsea Georgia.

Kaye Mitchell came 1st M/W & best conditioned on Beer Street Bluewitch.

Ged Nicklason came 1st H/W & best conditioned on Wongowol Digger.

And Debbie Grull won the Wayne Memorial Trophy as best managed.

CONGRATS TO ALL!!!!

Over all we had 31 riders 2 withdrawn at the start, 12 withdrawn and 4 vet outs with 13 completions.

And congratulations to all the 40kms with 10 finishers and only 1 vet out.

Everyone enjoyed our delicious feed as always. And thanks to Chook for cooking our meat again. And at the end of the presentations it did stop raining. Hope for fine weather next year.