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MOTORSPORTS

Hot action for Big Chill

Hundreds of riders breathe new life into old engines at Carnell Raceway

By LINDEN MORRIS

THE cool air of Carnell Raceway was warmed by the engines of about 200 motorcycles when they took to the track for the Big Chill Historic Motorcycle Race Meeting.

The weekend meet, hosted by the Queensland Early Motorcycle Sports Club, brought with it some 20 sidecar teams and more than 150 solo riders.

Race committee member and media liaison Keiron Rees said once again the annual event was a success.



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"We got a few races in on Saturday – it was a bit rough with the weather – but Sunday was a fabulous day of racing."

Rees said competitors, and some 500 spectators, travelled from far and wide – Western Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, New South Wales and across Queensland.

Rees also said from what he had heard, all reports about the weekend were positive.

"Everybody was ecstatic," he said.

"This race is something that is just going to grow and grow and grow."

Event organiser David



TEAM EFFORT: Sidecar teams across all classes but on a good show at Carnell Raceway.

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Vincent said all riders put on a good show.

The oldest race bike at Carnell Raceway was a 1939 500 Ariel, ridden by Brisbane builder Phil Ariel.

Representing Stanthorpe was Rusty Pierini.

Rusty placed ninth in the Period 5 class, on a 1973 XL250 Honda, and first in the Motolite and Superlite class on a superlite.

Adding to the well run event were the efforts of Ballandean State School who ran the canteen.

"They did a fantastic job," Rees said.

The QEMSC will return to Carnell Raceway in September with a historic motorcycle only race.

For the full lists of results, visit www.qemsc.com.au.



All types of motorcycles from pre-1990s raced as part of the Big Chill Historic Motorcylce Race Meeting.

ATHLETICS



ONE TOP RUNNER: Thomas Mouws will represent Queensland in the upcoming National Cross Country Championships in Tasmania in August.

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Terrific Thomas hits top form

THOMAS Mouws continues to perform to his best and impress on the cross country track.

The Pozieres State School student represented the Darling Downs on Sunday, July 14 at the Cross Country State Championship.

Mum Regina Mouws said she was extremely proud of her son.

"Thomas surprised us all and himself by placing fourth in another spring finish in cold and wet conditions," Mrs Mouws said.

"As one of the top five finishers he has now qualified for the Queensland team to compete in the Nationals in Tasmania at the end of August."

Pozieres State School principal Adrian Fenny said the whole school community was very proud of Thomas and his sporting achievements.

Thomas has and will continue to compete in the under-10s age group when he travels to Tasmania.

