

Mini Mountain Bike Series

We originally had six races planned for this year's Mini's however only raced four rounds due to the weather God's not being very helpful, with two of our race rounds ending up cancelled due to rain. That didn't dampen the kids enthusiasm for turning up to the other races, with an estimated total of 500 kids turning up over the series.

We had some very strong competition across all age groups, along with plenty of encouraging words from friends and families, that had the kids racing hard and giving it their all. Smiling faces all round was a delight to see, and for some of the kids, it was their first time racing. There was a few offs and crashes along the way, but everyone got back on their bikes and finished racing, pretty cool to see the determination in these kids.

Big thanks going out to Mike and Jo Anderson at Avanti Richmond, for supporting Mini's again this year. We very much appreciate Avanti's ongoing support, so if you have any biking needs, head out to see the team in Richmond. And if you are thinking about upgrading your little shredder's bike, or their current bike needs some TLC, go see Mike and the team and see what they can do for you.

With a small team of volunteers working on the sidelines, we have managed to have another amazing series. Huge thanks going out to Matt and Jo Feely, for turning up every week and helping with course taping, photography, timing (and keeping me sane!), Kieron Schroder for his BBQ skills to fill up hungry tums and raise some decent cash for donations to both Nelson Rescue Helicopter and Branford Jump Park, Elliot and Nico Schroder for rego help and course taping, and to all the other volunteers who helped out over the races with rego, marshalling and bbqing, thank you for giving your time to Mini's. Massive thanks to Nigel Schroder, starter

extraordinaire, course maker/setter and general good guy, who helped make the series the success and fun that it was.

Lastly and the most important thanks going out to the kids who came to join in the fun with us. It was great to have all the little shredder's along for the ride!! Looking forward to seeing you all back for next year's racing.

Cheers, Mel Schroder.

Overall series placings;

5 years and Under Girls

1st Daisy Jennings

2nd Mia Crisp

3rd Molly Nisbitt

5 years and Under Boys

1st Joel Stobie

2nd Corbin Rutledge

3rd Jamie Smith

6-7 Girls

1st Carly Scott

2nd Vanessa Bell

3rd Lucy Vincent

6-7 Boys

1st Nico Schroder

2nd Owen Curran

3rd Rio Crisp

8-10 Girls

1st Freya High

2nd Elliot Schroder

3rd Hayley Eggers

8-10 Boys

1st Ben Roff

2nd Jayden Rutledge

3rd Seth Buckley

11-13 Girls

1st Codi Rutledge

2nd Tayla Jopson

3rd Kassidy Gibbins

11-13 Boys

1st Luke McMorran

2nd Buster Jennings

3rd Jack Inwood