



## Chief Steward

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Round Three for South Island – Short Course at the West Melton track

A good day weather wise with a skiffy shower to help keep the dust down – perfect. The track was well prepared considering it is used many times through the year with the final hours running a tractor and roller to finish the track condition. The drivers are spoilt with a very professionally presented track and surrounds.

The national sponsor decals and flags at the finish line and pit exit were presented well considering the opposition sponsored the event on the day. Very fair considering the situation of Polaris and Canam.

The marshals were presented their independent packs, given a sound briefing and as most were experienced, an easy crew to work with.

Drivers briefing was held and again presented professionally with each driver getting a driver's pack which included their grid positions for the three heats.

The three series of heats were run intermixed with quad racing (run and controlled separately by their own marshals and management).

The two feature races were based on putting the classes together with the nearest lap times which was easy to achieve with Mx Timing.

No criticism to the club but it is disappointing to see fields running small fields at times with one competitor in the class running. The club joined the classes together to get the smaller fields through in time but still keeping a spectator interest.

Kenneth and I were a little intrigued that the club weren't running their RT's to help with communications. At times it would have taken any confusion away and the respective marshals would have been in the communication loop. May have saved a little point to point running to pass a message.

All in all, a good well run event, very little dust, great venue, good control and weather as close to perfect as we can ask for wet winter months.

We were unable to attend the prize giving due to pre-booked flights.

Yours sincerely

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