



**Kai Angel  
takes home  
the win!**



**2013 Nerang  
Internationals  
Wrap-up**



Mick Young clocking the fast lap time in Friday's round 1 Champbikx



Jacob Dunne flying high during day 2



Rachel Bracken Chillen



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The 2013 Nerang Internationals lived up to being one of the biggest events on the Australia BMX calendar this year. The 3 day event attracted around 900 riders this year, the largest amount of riders the event has had since it started. With high profile riders such as Anthony Dean, Brian Kirkham and Melinda McCloud all riding over the three days. The track itself was very fast with weather over the entire event being sunny and hot with only some light scattered showers, pretty much perfect racing conditions!!

CycleCraft Australia made a strong presence this year at the event. With its team tent and the majority of its team riders that traveled from different parts of Australia to join it's Queensland based riders for the event. Friday saw Round 1 of the Probikx and Champbikx taking to the track with time trials starting early in the afternoon and racing underway around 4pm. Michael Young, Joey Graham and Jacob

Dunne took to the track in their selected classes. Michael Young riding in 17-24 men looked fast winning the time trial with a time of 32.122. Going into the moto's Mick chalked up two wins and a 3rd transferring straight to the final choosing lane 7. After a lengthy delay due to a serious crash in the previous race Mick crossed the line in 4th, not what he was after but happy overall. WA rider Joey Graham also liking the track speed rode in the Probikx Jr Elite Mens class with a 31.146 in the time trial and doing some nice work in the moto's with 2nds. Unfortunately the semi didn't go all his way missing the cut for the final but showing the crowd what a skilled rider he is. Jacob Dunne riding in the 15 Boys Challenge class clocking a respectable time of 34.839 had trouble finding his speed in the moto's sitting just outside the top 4 positions and was disappointed not to be able to move into the semi.

Overall a great night of racing, looking forward to round 2 in the morning.

Joey Graham dialing the track



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Joey Graham getting peoples attention

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Saturday morning started early for the Champbikx and Probikx with riders doing time trails, Mick Young setting 3rd fastest time in 17-24 Men with a 32.899, Joey Graham determined to better his places today after his bad luck last night in Jr Elite setting a time 31.600. Jacob Dunne also wanting a better outcome than friday night setting a time of 35.106 slightly slower than his previous race time. Straight into the moto's with Mick Young again showing the others some fast pace with two wins and a 2nd place and went into the final confident for a great result crossing the line in 2nd behind Brendan Able, nice work!! Joey also going into the moto's confident with a 4th, 2nd and a 1st but bad luck struck again being caught up in a accident, getting back on the bike to finish in 6th place. Jacob Dunne had some better luck in his moto's today with a 3rd and 4ths getting him through to the semi but finishing outside the top 4 still showing some better track speed.



Cam Small at the pointy end

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Maddie Janssen flying the CC colours

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Jason May flying through the last straight

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After Round 2 of the Champbikx and Probikx was completed it was time for the age classes to have a turn at racing with a short practice session then 3 motos and another 2 moto's, semi's and finals on Sunday. 11 Boys home track favourite Kai Angel had some tough competition with 23 riders in his class. Kai making easy work in his moto's with all wins on Saturday and Sunday. 1st and 2nd in his motos, transferred Kai to the semi with a win and crossing the line in the final in 1st place. Definitely a talented rider with a big future in BMX! WA 40-44 mens rider Jason May had a busy weekend not only riding for CycleCraft but also being WA State assistant coach for a group of riders for most of the weekend. Jason had a recent operation towards the end of last year which made it hard to get the training hours on the bike but made a great showing for CycleCraft. With some quick riders in his class Jason placed consistent 3rds in all his moto's with a 3rd in his final. Jason will fly back to WA on the Monday to contest the WA Super Series. Team Manager Cam Small moved into the 45-49 mens class this year with some fast competition from Cairns and NT riders. Cam had some decent moto results over the two days with some 2nd's, 3rd and a 1st going into the final with 1st lane choice. In the final Cam got a great start crossing the line in 2nd place behind Dean Nash from Cairns.



A Pro Jake Thaler making it look easy

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Sunday also saw AA Pro racing with Mick Young, Joey Graham taking to the track and A Pro and new team rider Jake Thaler making the trip up to Nerang for the first time. Also Pro Women Female rider Maddie Jansen racing as well. AA Pro had 45 riders ready to race with Mick and Joey getting mixed bag of results in the moto's with both riders succumbing to bad luck in the quarters, Mick having a first corner incident and Joey also crashing out.



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Maddie Janssen out in front in moto 1 of Pro Women

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Both riders had the speed to be final contenders but they will have to wait till next time. A Pro Jake Thaler looked super fast in his moto's with a 3rd and two wins but just missed the cut in his quarter final. It was a pleasure to watch Jake ride and to have hang out with the rest of the team! Pro Women saw Maddie Janssen take to the track for the first time with 30 riders in the class. Maddie's 1st heat look to be the hardest out of the 3 with Maddie winning comfortably. The 2nd and 3rd moto's didn't go all her way and to her disappointment saw Maddie finish her run early on Sunday.

Overall the team had a great weekend and showed the BMX public that we have a broad professional group of riders for 2013 with a few more new riders to come and join the ranks. With this meet only the beginning of big year ahead with the Australian Titles in Brisbane, World Titles in New Zealand and Nerang also hosting the Qld State Titles later in the year, it will be pretty much no stop from now on. Thanks to all the team riders for making it a great weekend of racing. Great to meet in person some of the newer riders and families too, thankyou all for your hard work. To the team riders that couldn't race Rachel Bracken, Brando McQueen, Dean Conlin and Cheryl Pointon, thanks for coming out to support the team. Thanks to Nerang BMX Club for putting on a well organised meet, looking for to the state titles later in the year!! And thanks to everyone that help set up and pull down the team tent, with special thanks to Wayne Angel!



Most of the team

Riders not pictured, Rachel Bracken, Brandon McQueen, Dean Conlin and Cheryl Pointon

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