

KIMMY'S GOT HER MOJO BACK!

After a disappointing result in the 12hr Mtb event recently, Aunty Kim was firing on all cylinders in the recent Dirt Fest Weekend organised by In2Adventure.

Being asked to compete in the Invitational Dirt Crit on the Saturday afternoon, she was a bit anxious and nervous on the drive down to Slickers just north of Brisbane. The course was short and not too technical with one long uphill – which suited Aunty Kim just nicely! 20 mins + 3 laps was the distance and at the gun the elite field shot off to a frantic start down the hill. With AR legend Narelle Ash and MTBO champ Anna Sheldon as her competitors,



Kimmy was hoping 'just not to get dropped'... and she rode conservatively on the first lap to see how it all panned out. The uphill on lap 2 saw her take the lead and never look back. Her dedication and persistence to improving her Mtb ability has definitely paid off – this Aunty has come a long way in the last few years! After leaving her competitors eating dust she cruised to a comfortable win (well it looked that way from the sidelines!)....even beating some of the boys (you go girl!)....

The victory was also very sweet when you consider Kimmy is a veteran female in the sport now – that is 'over 40' and still well and truly able to mix it up with those younger girls.

We were hoping she would recover a little bit overnight – as the TRE-X Championships – also being touted as the Qld Off-road Triathlon Champs were on the next morning – and she was backing up! So... we celebrated with a nice bottle of red – just to calm the nerves and help us sleep – and filled up on a hearty steak before hitting the mattress for a (not so comfortable) night in the tent at the race venue...

Sunday morning saw athletes arriving early for the finale of the TRE-X series which had lead up events growing in distance since October last year. This final event was close to the classic X-Terra distance and consisted of a 1km swim, 25km Mtb, and 10km trail run. The course was fast and interesting and comprised a few loops on the Mtb and run for spectator friendliness....

Aunty Kim – racing in the Open women's category took the lead in the swim – and, once again, never looked back! She was right up there with the Open men in the swim and took the fastest Mtb and run splits for the women as well!

With temperatures soaring to over 30 degrees on the run course the water stations were very much appreciated and the friendly volunteers were great at getting us nice and wet just when we needed it! The whole weekend of races was relaxed and exciting as most off-road events seem to be..... and the good folks at In2Adventure do a fantastic job of promoting and growing this style of adventure.....and next year the promise of longer events is very enticing.....

See you out there!
Aunty Jan ☺