

FNQ ZONE HISTORY TRIVIA

30th October 1980 Northern Zone Association was established the Honary Secretary was Gloria Quinn (Cns).

NQ BMX Association first edition newsletter was published in 1980.

Janice West (Mt Isa) was the Qld Licence Registrar from 1985-1986
Returning Officers were L. Cullen (Tve) and Karl Gniatkiewicz 1992-1993
Year Book Cordinator 1992 & 2001 Elizabeth Cullen (Tve) 1989 Don French (Cns)
Zone Chief Steward –John Rissman 1992-1993
Zone Coach – Ray Stanley 1989
Regional Coaching Director- Allan Cullen 1992

Malanda & District BMX Club Secretary Rita Williams – Hoping to be affiliatd with the NQ BMX Assoc. (No date for this)
Mareeba BMX Club

1983- Australian Titles - Ashmore

1984 – Two (2) FNQ's were held this year to grade riders 30th June & 1st July Mt Isa and again in November. No FNQ's to be held for 1985.

1984 – Burdekin 5th & 6th May Official Opening
Kirwan 21st & 22nd April NQ Games
Weipa 15th & 16th Sept Open Trophy Meeting

1985 – FNQ's Cairns 22nd & 23rd June
(Clubs represented Cairns, Mt Isa, Atherton, Innsfail, Burdekin, Kirwan, Malanda)

1/1/85 Affiliation Fee Club having 40+ members \$100, 20-40 \$50, 19 & less \$25

1986 – Cairns - State Titles June/July School Holidays
Mt Isa – N Q Games (Easter)
S.A. – Australian Titles
Kirwan – FNQ Titles

1987- Cairns – State Titles ?

1988 Burdekin- FNQ's ?
Townsville – QC's 10th & 11th Sept

1988 Worlds – Chile

1989 FNQ Calendar Dates
Feb 17/18 Pioneer-Mackay
Mar Townsville
Moranbah
Innisfail
April Innisfail

1989

14/15	Aussie/NQ Games Mackay Walkerston
May	Mt Isa Cairns
Jun 9/10	FNQ's Cairns
23/24	Qld's Rockhampton
Jul	Burdekin
Aug	Sarina Middlemount
15/16 Sept	QC's Bundaberg

1989

	Innisfail
Oct	Townsville
Nov 17/18	Burdekin (Zone Sponsored Pro-Am)
Dec	Cairns

1989 11/12 June FNQ's Innisfail
Cairns Club nominating for the 1992 Australian Titles

1/11/1989 Affiliation Fee
Clubs in excess 60 members \$200 + raffles
Less than 60 members \$150 + raffles
+ .50¢ rider levy paid each month

1989 Worlds were held in Brisbane 5th & 6th August Chandler Track
17 Countries, 1225 Nominations
561 Australian, USA 114, NZ 286, Holland 63, Other 40

The Far North had a team of 6 riders attend the Worlds in Brisbane
14 yr Bronwyn Thygesen A8, Q3, FNQ2, QC2 (Cairns)
12 yr Glendon Stroud Previous A6 1988 (Cairns)
8 yr Brant Moisel QC6 (Cairns)

13 yr Natasha Williams Previous W5 1987, A7, Q2, FNQ1, QC1 (Inn)
9 yr Krishana Williams Q1, FNQ1, QC2 (Inn)
14 yr Jascin Wahlin Q1, FNQ1 (Inn)

On Wednesday 26th July 1989 a team of Canadian riders aged 7yr-18yrs joined the Cairns Club for a social meet. They also travelled to Innisfail to race on Sunday 23rd July.

1990 Worlds – Paris
State Titles – Rockhampton 23rd & 24th June
QC's to be held in Biloela not Bundaberg

Townsville nominating for the 1992 State Titles
Innisfail applying for QC's

4/03/1990 Innisfail brought a proposal to the Zone to create a memorial trophy for the outstanding 14 yr old boy Jascin Wahlin.

4/4/1990 The Wahlin Family outlined a proposal for a memorial trophy to be donated to the Zone to be offered to a fourteen year old rider each year. Each Club would be asked to nominate a rider for this award based on Sportsmanship, Clubmanship and success at both home & away meetings particularly withn the Zone. A motion was moved that The Jascin Wahlin Perpetual Memorial Shield be awarded to a fourteen year old rider in the Far North Zone in accordance with the wishes of the Wahlin Family futher that the rider be nominated by his/her Club to be selected by the Zone Executive Committee after nominations close for the Zone Titles each year. The trophy is to be awarded at the Zone Title Meeting. A replica trophy is to be supplied by the Zone to the recipient of the award. The Perpetual to be stopped and displayed by the rider's Club. Carried.

JASCIN WAHLIN Memorial Trophy

(extract from 2001 FNQ Yearbook)

The Jascin Wahlin Memorial Trophy is given out each year to the rider considered as the best 14 year old in the Far North. Jascin Wahlin raced BMX since he was 6 years of age. He belonged to the Innisfail BMX Club.

During his racing career he represented his Club, Zone, State and Australia. His last major meeting before his death was the World Titles held in Brisbane in 1989, where he was narrowly beaten to a berth in the semi finals.

He always strived to be a better rider. Unfortunately he was taken from us all on January 24th, 1990. He is still sadly missed but his memory and his love for BMX lives on in this trophy.

The previous recipients of the Jascin Wahlin Memorial Trophy are listed below.

1990	Natasha Williams	Inn
1991	Gavin Gniatkiewicz	Tvle
1992	Michael Colson	Tvle
1993	Scott Stanley	Tvle
1994	John Johnson	Tvle
1995	Brant Moisel	Cns
1996	Louise Stanley	Tvle
1997	Patrick O'Brien	Isa
1998	Graham Haren	Inn
1999	Shane Pulman	Isa
2000	Kate Haren	Inn
2001	Roger Hastie	Cns
2002	Todd Pascoe	Tvle
2003	Dean Phillips	Ath
2004	Ashley Pemberton	Tvle
2005	Kurt Nicholls	Cns
2006	Joshua Nash	Cns

1991 - Coastal Team Event to be run 4 times a year , Margaret Williams suggested the team event. All riders names to be placed in a hat and 4 riders to be chosen from each Club.

Clubs were invoiced \$20 nomination fee, the overall winner was awarded the perpetual trophy at the Cairns Dec Meeting.

4/3/1991- Clubs to nominate 14 yr boy or girl for Jascin Wahlin Memorial Coastal Team Event each Club to nominate an event coordinator.
Qld Country Championships held in Mt Isa 21st & 22nd September

1991- The first Accreditation Seminar was held at the QBMXA, AGM by Brian Nauman

FNQ Zone Jacket cost \$30 was a light poly cotton jacket, navy & white with ribbing on the arms waist & neck with a zip up front. The new FNQ Zone Logo on the pocket (the new logo was designed by Mr Leaney from Cairns). Far North Qld BMX screened in red on the back.

Zone introduced \$100 raffle levy + raffle at trophy meetings.
Each Club to organize raffle for FNQ's
Each Club to appoint event co-ordinator for team event.

24/01/1991 Letter from Innisfail Club to FNQ Secretary
CLUBS 2 Carnivals per Club per year plus any Major events.

1992 – The Zone purchased a Chinon Camera \$299 for the purpose of taking photos for the year book. Clubs could use this camera to take the photos.

6/12/1992 FNQ Delegates be reimbursed for travel at .15¢ per klm to all Zone meetings minus FNQ's. (The aggregate milage per year of all delegates be divided by 5 and be reviewed next meeting).

Roster for Zone meeting

	March	FNQ June	September	AGM Nov
1993	Burdekin	Burdekin	Innisfail	Townsville
1994	Innisfail	Innisfail	Cairns	Townsville
1995	Cairns	Cairns	Townsville	Townsville
1996	Townsville	Townsville	Mt Isa	Townsville
1997	Mt Isa	Mt Isa	Burdekin	Townsville

1993 – Burdekin FNQ's 12th & 13th June

Format of Titles 6 Moto's + Final

JACKPOT TEAMS

PRO-AM FOR TITLES (Investigating)

2001 Rotational Roster for the FNQ's as follows:-

2001	Cairns	2005	Townsville	2009	Burdekin
2002	Mt Isa	2006	Cairns	2010	Innisfail
2003	Burdekin	2007	Atherton	2011	Townsville
2004	Innisfail	2008	Mt Isa	2012	Cairns
				2013	Atherton

2001 – FNQ's Cairns

18/03/2001 – Ordinary Member Fee for FNQ Zone – Fees suggested by clubs were \$1.00 – Townsville, \$1-\$10- Cairns, \$25 – Innisfail, \$10-\$15 Burdekin, a vote to be taken at next meeting on \$15.

2002 –Pat Johnson moved a motion that Zone Registrar to be a 2 yr position. Carried.

State Titles Innisfail

2004- FNQ's Innisfail

2005- FNQ's Townsville

2006- States Townsville

FNQ's Cairns

2007 FNQ's Atherton

State Titles Gladstone

2008 State Titles Cairns

FNQ's Mt Isa

Q.C's Proserpine

2009 FNQ's Burdekin

Q.C's Townsville

Nationals Perth

Worlds Adelaide

State Titles Ashmore

Extract from 2001 FNQ Yearbook)

ATHERTON BMX CLUB

Atherton BMX Club was established following a public meeting by Robert van Riet and Jon Forrest on 14 June 2000.

On that very cold night approximately 20 interested people attended and formed a basic executive committee of President, Vice President and Secretary. A Treasurer was appointed on 28th June. The Atherton Shire Council has been extremely supportive of the initiative and offered a site off Grove Street for the track development. The site is bounded by Mazlin Creek and Prior's Creek. Club executive members presented a conceptual plan of the proposed development to a council meeting in 3rd August which was endorsed.

The club is incorporated in the state of QLD and also affiliated with BMX Qld. Track work commenced in late July and through the valuable assistance of the Council and a successful RLIP grant application, considerable progress was made in the first few months until the wet season intervened. Work resumed after the wet and progress of late has been rapid.

Today earthworks are substantially complete and there are temporary toilet facilities and a large undercover area. A clubhouse is soon to be erected on site. Work has commenced on construction of the start gate and perimeter security fencing is substantially complete. The site has reticulated water and power is being connected in the next two weeks.

Our first open day/sign on is being planned for 17 June 2001.

Whilst the club has no rider members at this stage due to the non-existence of the track there is a large number of regular riders who travel to Cairns for Friday night racing. Most of these and many more will join the Atherton Club on or following our open day.

Regular riders include Ben van Riet, Leigh Jeffries, Dean Phillips, Nathan Day, Corey Law, Josh Kelly, Hayden Griffiths, Ryan Haydon, Bradley Haydon and many other unnamed riders.

The Club will serve the whole of the Tablelands area which includes the towns of Ravenshoe, Millaa Millaa, Herberton, Malanda, Yungaburra, Tolga, Kairi, Walkamin and Mareeba.

President:	Robert van Reiet	Ph 0418 910501
Treasurer:	John Wadley	Ph 4091 1027
Secretary:	Dot Kelly	Ph 4091 7959
Address:	P O Box 950 Atherton	

Planning has commenced on our first 2-day carnival to be held on 4-5 August 2001.

(Extract from 2001 FNQ Yearbook)

BURDEKIN BMX CLUB

1984 – Burdekin 5th & 6th May Official Opening

The Burdekin BMX Club is set on idyllic park like grounds on the edge of the township of Ayr. The nice lawns and shady trees provide excellent camping area right to the verges of the track. We have a modern brick canteen with a large spectator area directly front of the finish line and full view of the start hill. Our staging areas provide excellent shade for the competitors. We have more than ample parking and on large meetings we have use of the large tropical parkland adjacent. Visitors are always welcome at our club meets on Sunday afternoons at 5.00 p.m. or on our 2-day weekends Friday nights at 7.00 p.m.

Although we are a small club we are able to offer some of the best prize money in Queensland due to our very strong sponsor support.

Come visit us soon and you will be guaranteed an enjoyable stay and race meeting.

Some Burdekin riders

Johnny Lee, Max Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Colin (Speedy) Minuzzo, Andrew Laing, James Male, Annie Greenwood, Ben Johannes, Philip Zvaigzne, Kristy O'Shea, Sam Johannes, Michael O'Shea, James Bills, Mike (The Senator) Coleman, Anthony Ehrlich

(Extract from Zone Newsletter Jan-Mar 2008)

BURDEKIN BMX CLUB.

We profile the Burdekin BMX Club, in this, our first issue of the Far North Zone Newsletter. The Burdekin Club holds two of the best competitions in the Zone and we recommend you all give it a go. Here Kym Giarrusso tells us about this wonderful Club.

Burdekin BMX Club was formed in 1984 with the help of the APEX Club. The land was acquired through an application to the Burdekin Shire Council. Our track is located in Kennedy Street, Ayr. Situated one hour south of Townsville, Ayr is in the heart of the Burdekin cane growing country.

The club is well kept by a group of dedicated workers attending to various ongoing tasks around the facility. Our caretaker, who resides on site, does an excellent job of keeping the grounds lusciously green on a day to day basis.

We hold two local carnivals a year, one in March and one in November.

Riders, including their families from all over the state, are invited to attend.

Camping is available with toilets and showers. The canteen is very popular with everyone for dinner and breakfast on Sunday on two-day carnivals. Our green, well kept lawns, big shady trees, excellent canteen and facilities, makes racing and just being a spectator always a well worth trip to Ayr.

The present committee consists of Vito Giarrusso as President, our Vice President is Chris Hart, Tracy Andersen is our Secretary and Treasurer is Peter Benato.

Burdekin BMX races every Sunday (except school holidays). During winter, race time is 4.00pm

with registration between 3.00pm & 3.30pm. In summer, the race time changes to 5.00pm with registration between 4.00pm & 4.30pm. Racing consists of 3 motos, break, 3 motos. There is a \$5.00 nomination fee for club racing.

Goals for the future

Install a new commentary tower

Track changes

Looking at upgrading club's lighting system

Acquiring some extra land around the outskirts of the club to provide extra parking for larger carnivals.

– 10th February 2008

March Two-day Carnival

– 15th & 16th March 2008

Members when the club first opened

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Members at present

– 45 members

Working Bees

– Xmas holidays for track work and the installation of the new commentary tower.

– Further working bees in preparation for the racing calendar and Track Active Day, as well as the March carnival.

Club training

– Tuesdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm

(over 9 years / coaches: Vito Giarrusso, Merv Milburn & Mike Coleman)

– Wednesdays 5:00pm – 6:30pm

(under 9 years sprockets / coaches: Esther Milburn & Dave Ehrlich)

– Thursday nights 7:00pm – 8:00pm

(all ages / coaches: Mike Coleman & Vito Giarrusso)

For any further information please contact the Secretary, Tracy Andersen on

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WEIPA

(extract from BMX National Newspaper 1992)

Weipa BMX started in the mid 1970's with a rough track in and around trees beside the town dam and behind the present track. This was under the guidance of a Trevor was Raynor who was heavily involved in gymnastics here for many years. The track was moved to an area mid way between the football oval and the Mission River, when the other area was cleared to build a gym and Scout Hall but to my knowledge the track wasn't there for too long because of the sandy nature of the area. The track was then moved to an area near where the present speedway track is today. It was too far out of town. Around '79 -80 a group of parents got together and decided to form an official club, they also approached the company (Comalco) for an area to build a track and was given an area next to the football oval. The track was constructed with an ironstone base, this track was used until 1989, when it was decided to suspend racing on the track because no matter how much maintenance was carried out it was unsafe for racing. Racing was suspended in 1990 to concentrate on the building of the new track, after we finally got the okay to remove the pine trees from the area, which were not native to this part of the Cape. It took about 8 months, practically every second weekend with volunteer help and earth moving equipment from Comalco. By the end of the year the track finally took shape. The first couple of months of 1991 we cemented the starting gate and ramp and bitumen from the bottom of the ramp to the first jump. We started racing on the new track about May of 1991 on a Saturday afternoon, fortnightly in October 1991, in between race meetings, we erected the lights for our track which Comalco helped out with finance, mainly with the lights. For the last five weeks of our racing calendar, the club raced under lights on a Friday night. This year the club races every second Friday night except in the school holidays. There are 35 members in the club, ages range from 4 years to 13 years and in that number there are only five girls, who are just as competitive as the boys. During the year we run two enduros similar to motor bike endures, which is open to any child who has a BMX bike. Between the years of 1981 and 1983 the club affiliated with the Nth. Queensland and Queensland BMX Associations and a couple of our senior riders were licensed and did compete with clubs outside, but with rising costs and wanting lights for the old track, we are no longer members of outside associations.



