



The postponed 2021 Australian Historic Road Race Championships was held at McNamara Raceway, Mount Gambier in April 2022

Ben Liebig

**Australian
Champion**



**Period 4
Lightweight**

Yamaha TD2 250

Ben riding Yamaha TD2 conquers the P4 250 Australian Championship



* **Qualified on Pole**

* **4 Class Wins**

* **New Lap Record 1m 24.431s**

Ben remarked "I could place the TD2 anywhere on track as I wanted"

It does not get any better than that!



Job Done



Ben acknowledging his Championship Win with Neil Collins Owner, Builder and Tuner



Ben was presented with a Motorcycling Australia Australian Championship Winner's Medallion and the Australian Champions Winner's Trophy for Historic Road Racing Period 4 lightweight



Yamaha TD2 250 proudly displaying the Winner's Trophy



Some of the Period 3 500's and
Period 4 Lightweights in the Warmup-area





Ben (green) Qualified in position 5 near the front of the Grid



The Grid (top)

Let's go racing (bottom)



A few seconds after the start of the race

75 Darren TROTTER (SA) Matchless 500, 7 Garth FRANCIS (VIC) Norton ESO 500

174 Adam DONOVAN (VIC) Norton 500, 15 Ben LIEBIG (SA) Yamaha 250

35 Peter HELES (SA) CZ 250, 11 Lyell WILLIAMSON (VIC) Matchless 500





15 Ben LIEBIG (SA) Yamaha 250

7 Garth FRANCIS (VIC) Norton ESO 500

106 Christian CARLSON (VIC) Matchless 500



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41 Bob ROSENTHAL (VIC) Matchless 496



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Mac Park, Mount Gambier Track layout

The event race program mixed the P3 500's with the P4 250's Lightweight classes to be run concurrently with points awarded to each class.

Events 10, 26, 42, 58 Period 3 350 - 500cc and Period 4 132 - 250cc

Legs 1, 2, 3 and 4

5	LANG	Tom	Atujara	BSA	500	P3
6	ROBERTS	Brendan	HMCRRSA	Matchless	500	P3
7	FRANCIS	Garth	Newport Baysbrook	Norton	500	P3
11	WILLIAMSON	Lyell	Albury-Wodonga	Matchless	500	P3
14	WAIN	David	HMRAV	BSA	500	P3
41	ROSENTHAL	Bob	HMRAV	Matchless	496	P3
48	NEASON	Michael	PCRANSW	Norton	500	P3
75	TROTTER	Darren	Mt Gambier	Matchless	500	P3
86	LIDDICOAT	Robert	HMRAV	BSA	500	P3
92	COPS	Norman	HMRAV	BSA	500	P3
106	CARLSON	Christian	Sandringham	ESO	500	P3
150	O'NEILL	Peter	HMRAV	McIntire	500	P3
174	DONOVAN	Adam	HMRAV	Norton	500	P3
310	KELLY	Geoff	HMCRRSA	Norton	500	P3
327	AHERN	Danny	HMCRRSA	Matchless	500	P3
14	MORRIS	Terry	Tasmanian MCC	Yamaha	250	P4
15	LIEBIG	Ben	Phoenix	Yamaha	250	P4
17	DAY	Robert	Mt Gambier	Suzuki	250	P4
31	RUSSELL	Lindsay	Preston	Suzuki	247	P4
35	HELES	Peter	Mt Gambier	CZ	250	P4
41	METCALF	Richard	Atujara	Bultaco	250	P4
46	MURRAY	Allan	PCRANSW	Suzuki	250	P4
71	PETERS	Ross	Mt Gambier	Suzuki	250	P4
74	JONES	Hunter	PCRANSW	Yamaha	250	P4
80	BAILEY	Darrell	Hartwell	Ducati	250	P4
120	TAYLOR	Nathan	PCRANSW	Yamaha	250	P4

Ben and the TD2 achieved:

5th overall and Fastest in class at the end of Qualifying

2nd overall and a Win in class in race One

5th overall and a class Win in race Two along with a new lap record for the P4 250cc class at 1m 24.431s

Ben broke his previous lap record by 1 second (set riding the TD2 back in October 2021)

5th overall and a class Win in race Three

4th overall and a class Win in race Four

The overall points that Ben could have achieved (69) would have resulted in 3rd place overall in the 500 Australian Championship. A very good result indeed

P4 Lightweight Class result:

1st	15 Ben LIEBIG (SA) Yamaha 250	100 points	Australian Champion
2nd	14 Terry MORRIS (TAS) Yamaha 250	75 points	
3rd	35 Peter HELES (SA) CZ 250	72 points	

Period 3 500cc result:

1st	174 Adam DONOVAN (VIC) Norton 500	81 points	Australian Champion
2nd	75 Darren TROTTER (SA) Matchless 500	75 points	
3rd	41 Bob ROSENTHAL (VIC) Matchless 496	65 points	





2nd place Terry MORRIS (TAS) Yamaha 250 (left)
1st place Ben LIEBIG (SA) Yamaha 250 (centre)
with Neil Collins Owner, Builder, Tuner, Spectator (right)
outside the clubrooms Mac Park April 2022



2nd place

14 Terry MORRIS (TAS) Yamaha 250



3rd place

35 Peter HELES (SA) CZ 250

The McNamara Park Raceway Historic Period 4 Lightweight 250cc lap record set by Gavin Cosway of 1 m 26.603 s in 2011 has proved to be difficult to equal or lower by many riders; especially, when you consider that there are usually 3 Historic Race meetings per year held at Mac Park. His record has stood the test of time and it is certainly impressive.

Ben is the only rider who has broken Gavin's Lap Record

Up to now 14 times

Ben is the current Lap Record holder 1 m 24.431 s

It's seeming to be a perfect combination of Ben's riding skill coupled with the Yamaha TD2 250 on track performance and reliability.



McNamara Park Raceway
Mount Gambier

Period 4 Lightweight
250cc

Lap Record

Gavin Cosway	South Australian Historic Road Race Championships		1/1/2011	1 m 26.603 s
Ben Liebig	Master of Mac	Historic Leg 2	2/10/2021	1 m 26.085 s
				1 m 25.444 s
				1 m 26.312 s
	Australian Historic Road Race Championships	Qualifying 1	1/4/2022	1 m 26.166 s
				1 m 26.255 s
		Race 1	2/4/2022	1 m 25.612 s
				1 m 26.433 s
				1 m 25.925 s
		Race 2	2/4/2022	1 m 24.431 s
				1 m 25.701 s
		Race 3	3/4/2022	1 m 25.167 s
				1 m 25.076 s
				1 m 26.545 s
		Race 4	3/4/2022	1 m 25.724 s

2022 AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

Motorcycling SA would like to congratulate the following SA riders who have been crowned Australian Champion in 2020/21 – such a great honour and well done to you all, especially in the COVID times of trying to get Championship events to run!

BEN LIEBIG



HISTORIC ROAD RACE (2021)



Motorcycling South Australia (MSA) recognition of Ben's performance riding the Yamaha TD2 250 is appreciated.

Remember 2021

Liebig breaks 10 year old lap record



Ben Liebig broke the long-standing Mac Park Historic Period 4 250cc lap record 3 times during his 5 lap race riding Neil Collins 1969 Yamaha TD2 on 2nd October 2021