



The last race of the year was the Victorian Road Race Championships at Broadford. As I hadn't been on the bike for a while I needed to do the Friday practise.

The first session I managed to tag onto someone else and put in some good lap times. The second session the same thing happened I tagged onto someone and lowered my lap time again. For the rest of the sessions I pushed hard and managed a 1.09.456, 00.00.100 off my PB.

On Saturday there was two qualifying's. In the first qualifying I went out and treated it as a warm up for a couple of laps then did two laps were I pushed and managed 3rd. The next qualifying I went out and got a tow off of someone and did a 1.08.906.

The first race and the last race for Saturday I started 2nd on the grid. I knew I would have to get a good start. I got a good start and was 3rd into turn one. I stayed with them for two laps but then their bikes started pulling away down the straights and it was a struggle to keep up. I slowly dropped off from the two front runners. I finished in 3rd position with a best lap time of a new PB of a 1.08.960.



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On Sunday the first session was warm up. In warm up I got out the gate first and got the feel of the bike and was ready to race.

The first race of the day on Sunday was the best race of the weekend. The rider on pole crashed out in warm up and was unable to continue racing. I started in second and got a good launch off the line but then the other rider passed me and got the hole shot. I knew that I would have to win both of the races to be the Victorian champion. I stayed close on the back of the leader all race, and was losing a bit down the straights but made it up under brakes. I broke my PB every lap of the race. When the last lap board came out I knew that I would have to make a pass soon. I got a really good run onto the back straight but the other bike still had more speed. I made a lot of ground up through the s bends and the second to last corner. I was right on the back of the other bike but wasn't close enough to make a move in the final corner. I finished the first race in second and smashed by PB by almost two seconds, I did a 1.07.987, 1.5 seconds off the lap record and a quicker lap time than the winner did.

In the last race of the weekend I got a good start but wasn't good enough to get the hole shot. I was right on the back of the leader all race. I made a few mistakes and I started to fall behind. I had to make up ground. Every lap I was making up little ground, but it wasn't enough to get the win. I ended up finishing second and second in the Victorian Road Race Championship 85 class.

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