

Rosie Lalonde

Race Report

Rosie finishes her first ever Australian Four Day Enduro on the podium

If ever she was asked about racing an Australian Four Day Enduro, Rosie's common response was "Are you insane?" Having assisted her sister, Leigh, at the 2003 and 2004 A4DE's, as well as supporting the Australian team at the 2004 & 2006 ISDE's, Rosie was, up until now, content with being on the sidelines. Things changed however, as a chance opened 2 weeks before the start of the 2007 A4DE and Rosie took it. Support from family and friends helped her get through the long, gruelling days and at the end of it all she found herself atop the podium in 3rd place.

"I really didn't think that I could do this! My main objective was to finish and that was all I was really focusing on. It is such a big event, and I didn't really know what to expect. Since I didn't have much time to prepare, I hadn't even thought about getting on the podium!"

For the first time in history, the Australian Four Day Enduro boasted a Women's class, so therefore Rosie's third place is nationally recognized. Five other women competed in the event, and with Rosie filling in the 6th spot at the last minute, the Women's class was placed alongside all other classes as an Australian Championship. This is a major step for Women's racing in Australia, and Rosie was extremely happy to be a part of it.

"The fact that the class was recognized by Motorcycling Australia as a Championship is a massive step forward for Women's racing. There aren't as many girls in Enduro as Motocross yet, however the exposure that having our own class will generate is awesome for the sport. Also the fact that 6 girls raced and 6 girls finished is promotion for the sport in itself. There was some hard stuff out there and we showed everyone that even though it may have taken us longer than the boys, we still got through!"



Rosie would like to thank all of her sponsors, as without their dedication and support, she would not have finished!

The next race for Rosie will be the Wonthaggi round of the National Off Road Championships.

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