

AUDAX AUSTRALIA 2021 SEASON BREVET REPORT

Making up for the lost of rides in 2020 during to Covid-19, the Audax Australia calendar was program in a way that there were more events and rides during 2021, these numbers are the highest in the club's history. But looking at the count of riders and kilometres, we only improved marginally from 2020. Completed kilometres average is still down since 2005 (940,000 kms) and so is the average for the number of riders. These numbers are like this because there were 269 rides with no riders at all and 218 rides which were cancelled. The rides under 199 kms were popular this year. Distances complete between 1-49 kms had 71 riders (before that there were only 6 in total), 50-99 kms had 912 riders (Most ever, previous 733 in 2020), 100-149 kms had 1,516 riders (most since 2018), 150-199 kms had 324 riders (most since 2018).

THE STAT'S

Completed Brevets

Calendar BRM's: 200's – 888; 300's – 112; 400's – 83; 600's – 76 and 1000's – 13.

Calendar LRM's: 1200's – 30.

Calendar BA's: 50's – 352; 100's – 626 and 150's – 90.

Calendar FLECHE's: Fleches – 106 and Petit – 94.

Calendar GRAVEL's: 40's – 71; 50's – 284; 100's – 353; 150's – 159 and 200's – 19.

Calendar DIRT'S: 35's – 340, 70's – 14 and 100's – 8.

Calendar UAF's: 100's – 24 and 200's – 10.

Calendar RAID's: Two Days Raids – 7.

PERMANENTS: 50's – 276, 100's – 505, 150's – 75, 200's – 352, 300's – 32, 400's – 8, 600's – 5, 1000's – 1, BPD 35's – 4, BPD 70's – 6, BPD 100's – 13, BPG 50's – 16, BPG 100's – 41, BPG 150's – 15, BPG 200's – 13, BPG 300's – 3, BPG 400's – 2, BPG 1000's – 1, SR's – 1.

Riders Completed Brevets

For the 4th consecutive year, Jeff Franklin (QLD) has finished with the most completed kilometres and again breaking his own record of starting brevets, now sits at 229. And again, Raoul Dover goes pass 10,000 for the 4th consecutive year. We had 8 riders passing 10,000 kms in 2021, there were: Jeff Franklin (QLD) 27,379 kms, Raoul Dover (QLD) 14,200 kms, Thomas Price (VIC) 13,038 kms, Kendall Trembearth (WA) 11,941 kms, Chris Rogers (VIC) 11,401 kms, Perry Raison (WA) 11,532 kms, Leigh Paterson (VIC) 10,401 kms and Nicholas Mandoki (WA) 10,312 kms.

A special note goes to Andrew Johnson (ACT) for completing 5,700 kms while riding only 5 brevets! And Mack El Noshoukaty (WA) only ride was 'The Mammoth 2000' in February from Perth.

Two riders finished in the 8000's, four riders in the 7000's, 6 in the 6000's, 7 in the 5000's, 12 in the 4000's, 19 in the 3000's, 34 in the 2000's, 65 in the 1000's, 104 between 500 – 999, 166 between 300 – 499, 232 in the 200's, 472 in the 100's and 327 between 1 – 99.

Les Randonneur Mondiaux

I have put together a complete list of Audax Australia LRM rides. The first LRM was in the west, 'Audax In The West 1200 and 1500 kms', from York (WA) on the 29th March 1991. Since then, 121 LRM have been organised (up to date 30th Oct 2021). ACT have organised 27, NSW – 21, QLD – 4, SA – 3, TAS – 6, VIC – 40 and WA – 20. The 3 most successful LRM's are: 'Perth-Albany-Perth 1200', Oct

2014 with 94,800 completed kilometres; 'Great Southern Randonnee 1000/ 1200', Nov 2016 with 69,900 kms and 'Perth-Albany-Perth 1200', Oct 2010 with 64,800 kms. This year LRM rides passed 1000 riders to start (723 riders have finished). Clocked over 900,000 kms of completed LRM's.

Attendance on Rides

The Queenslanders have done it again! In the past 6 years (2016 – 2021) they surpassed their previous total each year. 2016 – 82 riders on Rudolph's Revenge (BA 110 kms), 2017 – 92 on Rudolph's Revenge (BA 73), 2018 – 103 on Rudolph's Revenge (BA 53), 2019 – 140 on Colt 45 (BD 52), 2020 - 151 on Wet and Wild Wondecla (BD 42) and 151 on Colt 50 (BG 53) and this year 182 on FNQ Phoenix by Dirt (BG 51).

The Opperman

This years Opperman was a lot more successful than Covid-19 hit 2020 edition, going back over a total of 40,000 kms from last years 17,000 kms. The 'winners' for the 2021 Fleche edition is team 'SUVELO' 485 kms from NSW and for the Petit are 'In The Fleche' 229 kms from Queensland (all female team). SUVELO total is the lowest 'winning' distance since 2007 (439 kms - We Are Gunna Get About also from NSW). Funny enough this is the last time an NSW team has 'won' the Oppy Shield! (An NSW team also 'won' in 1999, 1995, 1990 and 1987).

Audax Australia Oppy had 22 Petit teams, which is a record (previous 14 in 2017). With that a record 94 Petit riders completed their distances (previous 50 also in 2017).

Each Region Stat's

Last year I reported that most regions stat's were down than the usual, but gladly most are up in 2021. VIC went up by 60,000 kms and 600 riders; NSW went up by 30,000 kms, but only up by 30 riders; QLD went up by 90,000 kms and 700 riders; WA went up by 36,000 kms (double from last year) and 120 riders; TAS went up by 6,000 kms and 45 riders. But ACT drop 4,000 kms and drop 40 riders and SA has its lowest attendance and kilometre count since 2009 (dropping 15,000 kms and 35 riders, Audax SA only average 2.7 riders per ride!).

Centenary of the BRM 200

On the 11 September 2021 was the 100th Anniversary of the first brevet held in France on 11 September 1921).

Covid cancelled NSW and Melbourne region events, but the other regions had good turn outs: ACT had 11 riders, Southeast Queensland had 42 riders, Far North Queensland had 20 riders, SA had 15 riders, WA had 18 riders, Ballarat (VIC) had 7 riders, Wangaratta (VIC) had 10 riders and Tasmania had 4 riders.

Under the radar a bit this year was Audax Australia 40th Anniversary, the records I have tell me we passed that milestone during around the 18/ 19th of April.

Permanent's

Jeff Franklin continues to lead the kilometres count by a wide margin. Chris Rogers became the 3rd rider to pass 400 Permanent Brevets (Jeff and Kevin Ware). Two new rides became the most popular rides this year, 'Brooklyn and Back 50' and 'Koo Wee Rup Bakery 100'

Permanent were also on the way up again this year (910 in 2020 to 1,266 in 2021), in fact it turns out be the largest number of riders doing Permanent (previous 1,129 in 2017).

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