



# RACING DOWNUNDER

2019- 2020 VICTORIAN  
DOWNHILL SERIES

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## RESULTS

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Elite Men						
Pos	Name	Time	S Start	Split 1	Split 2	Finish
1st	Aaron Gungl	2:50.65	0:00.00	<b>0:52.94 (1st)</b>	<b>2:03.45 (1st)</b>	<b>2:50.65 (1st)</b>
			0:00.00	<b>0:52.94 (1st)</b>	<b>1:10.51 (1st)</b>	<b>0:47.20 (1st)</b>
2nd	Jackson Frew	2:53.60	0:00.00	0:53.10 (2nd)	2:05.35 (2nd)	2:53.60 (2nd)
			0:00.00	0:53.10 (2nd)	1:12.25 (2nd)	0:48.25 (2nd)
3rd	Lee Ellis	3:05.35	0:00.00	0:59.46 (6th)	2:16.14 (5th)	3:05.35 (3rd)
			0:00.00	0:59.46 (6th)	1:16.68 (4th)	0:49.21 (3rd)
4th	Jackson White	3:05.86	0:00.00	1:00.15 (9th=)	2:15.47 (3rd)	3:05.86 (4th)
			0:00.00	1:00.15 (9th=)	1:15.32 (3rd)	0:50.39 (5th)
5th	Dylan Lombard	3:06.94	0:00.00	0:56.79 (3rd)	2:16.18 (6th)	3:06.94 (5th)
			0:00.00	0:56.79 (3rd)	1:19.39 (9th)	0:50.76 (7th)

Elite Women						
Pos	Name	Time	S Start	Split 1	Split 2	Finish
1st	Sian A'Hern	3:39.05	0:00.00	<b>1:11.40 (1st)</b>	<b>2:42.93 (1st)</b>	<b>3:39.05 (1st)</b>
			0:00.00	<b>1:11.40 (1st)</b>	<b>1:31.53 (1st)</b>	<b>0:56.12 (1st)</b>
2nd	Ashleigh Weinert	3:59.80	0:00.00	1:20.46 (2nd)	3:00.25 (2nd)	3:59.80 (2nd)
			0:00.00	1:20.46 (2nd)	1:39.79 (2nd)	0:59.55 (3rd)
3rd	Elise Empey	4:05.79	0:00.00	1:21.64 (3rd)	3:06.97 (3rd)	4:05.79 (3rd)
			0:00.00	1:21.64 (3rd)	1:45.33 (4th)	0:58.82 (2nd)
4th	Cassie Voysey	4:14.25	0:00.00	1:25.74 (5th)	3:12.69 (4th)	4:14.25 (4th)
			0:00.00	1:25.74 (5th)	1:46.95 (5th)	1:01.56 (4th)
5th	Tess Buckley	4:20.69	0:00.00	1:21.85 (4th)	3:12.86 (5th)	4:20.69 (5th)
			0:00.00	1:21.85 (4th)	1:51.01 (7th)	1:07.83 (7th)

U19 Men						
Pos	Name	Time	S Start	Split 1	Split 2	Finish
1st	Joshua Arcus	3:03.65	0:00.00	<b>0:57.50 (1st)</b>	<b>2:13.99 (1st)</b>	<b>3:03.65 (1st)</b>
			0:00.00	<b>0:57.50 (1st)</b>	<b>1:16.49 (1st)</b>	<b>0:49.66 (2nd)</b>
2nd	Tom Carter	3:04.94	0:00.00	0:58.75 (2nd)	2:15.51 (2nd)	3:04.94 (2nd)
			0:00.00	0:58.75 (2nd)	1:16.76 (2nd)	0:49.43 (1st)
3rd	Riley Williams	3:08.61	0:00.00	0:59.11 (3rd)	2:18.15 (4th)	3:08.61 (3rd)
			0:00.00	0:59.11 (3rd)	1:19.04 (6th)	0:50.46 (5th)
4th	Matthew Empey	3:09.65	0:00.00	0:59.91 (6th)	2:17.75 (3rd)	3:09.65 (4th)
			0:00.00	0:59.91 (6th)	1:17.84 (3rd)	0:51.90 (11th)
5th	Troy Weinert	3:09.90	0:00.00	0:59.80 (4th=)	2:19.51 (6th)	3:09.90 (5th)
			0:00.00	0:59.80 (4th=)	1:19.71 (7th)	0:50.39 (4th)



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## WELL YOU MAY BE ASKING WHERE ARE WE GOING NEXT?

Well after Baw Baw this thing called Covid 19 rolled into Australia and the last round at Mt Beauty had to be canceled.

So then thats it for the 2019 - 2020  
Victorian Downhill Series! Till Next year,  
**CYA**





# BAW BAW ROUND 4

## RACING DOWNUNDER

With Mt Buller canceled due to the bush fires, we are on to Mt Baw Baw. Soooo will we have a race this season with no rain? Definitely not because the heavens opened and dumped over 150mm from Friday to Sunday! The track itself is probably the favorite track of the season! There are 3 key sections to this track! Jeep track (a short section off track that is fast rocky and this time WET). The next is the corners in the middle of the track. There is about 10 corners in a row with big holes, slabs, roots and a couple of old wires from the chairlift that stood there before the track. Up next is the high speed section, jumps, berms and lots of holes! Now lets talk about practice!

Saturday Practice started at 10 am, The first feature of the track is a big left handed wall ride, The riders could hardly see with a thick fog rolling in, also making the wall wet as well in the constant rain! This caught many riders out making them crash but some riders were able to hold it and carry lots of speed into the next section. After a couple of hours of constant riders coming through, the track became a mud pit. Most riders opting to not wear goggles as they were caked in mud and fogging up. As practice kept going on most riders called it a day. After practice the ruts were huge! Nothing like i've ever seen at a downhill race! As the night went on the rain wouldn't stop.

When we got up in the morning we were all glad to see the rain had stopped! As everyone went to practice the track had actually dried up really well for racing! As racing commenced the track was the best we had seen it all weekend.

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# RACING DOWNUNDER



## RACING IN AUSTRALIA ( VICTORIA )

There are lots of Downhill races across Australia but this zine will be focused on the Victorian Downhill Series (VDHS).

### ABOUT THE VICTORIAN DOWNHILL SERIES?

The Victorian Downhill Series is a group of downhill races during Australia summer which are based in Victoria. We'll be taking you through the latest season ( Nov – April ) of the VDHS! The VDHS is run by a group of volunteers who like everything bikes! The VDHS series will normally have up to 5 rounds in it.

This season there were 5 rounds planned.

ENOUGH BORING TALK  
LETS TALK RACING

## RESULTS

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Elite Menen				
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time Behind
1st	16	Dean LUCAS	Scott dh Factory	5:19.60 0
2nd	7	Jackson Frew	Kona Factory	5:23.53 3.9
3rd	3	Darcy Coutss		5:43.73 24.1
4th	9	Chris WHITELOCK		5:46.48 26.8
5th	4	Jackson WHITE		5:48.22 28.6

Elite Women				
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time Behind
1st	205	Jessica SHERIDAN		6:26.14 0
2nd	208	Tess BUCKLEY		7:07.04 40.8
3rd	204	Maddison SMITH		7:11.20 45

U19 Men				
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time Behind
1st	1903	Joshua ARCUS		5:46.51 0
2nd	1904	Matthew EMPEY		6:01.43 14.9
3rd	1902	Tom CARTER		6:02.50 15.9
4th	1928	Mason FENDYK		6:05.27 18.7
5th	1905	Joshua TANZEN		6:05.82 19.3

## ON TO BULLER RIGHT?

WELL IF YOU KEPT UP WITH THE NEWS OVER THE CHRISTMAS TIME YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN PRETTY MUCH ALL OF AUSTRALIA WAS ON FIRE! THERE WERE MANY FIRES NEXT TO MT BULLER SO IT HAD TO BE CANCELED SOOOOOO,

WE'RE ONTO MT BAW BAW THEN



# 8 NARBY ROUND 2

## RACING DOWNUNDER

Now we are on to Narbethong (Narby). This track is Mont Saint-Anne of Victoria with really FFFFAAAASSSTTTT sections minus the rocks! It is the longest track of the season, coming in at 6 to 7 minutes long at race run speed! The ground is pretty much all clay and when it gets wet its is deadly!!!! At this race we had Australia's legend Dean Lukas racing in the Elite Category.

Day 1 of practice everyone loved the track. Most people were easily hitting 50km down the fast sections. The track was holding up well until that night it decided to piss down!

First runs in the morning there were pile ups on pile ups. It was like a completely different track from yesterday. It started to dry up for racing though. We had made it through most the day with out anymore rain. As the U17 Man started to leave the top a huge storm rolled in. The track was insane, it was a river all the way down and you had no visibility for 5 out of 6 minutes of the track. You were now fighting the track not the clock!

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DEAN LUKAS AFTER HIS RACE RUN!



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# WHAT ARE THE ROUNDS FOR THIS YEARS SEASON?





# BARJARG ROUND 1

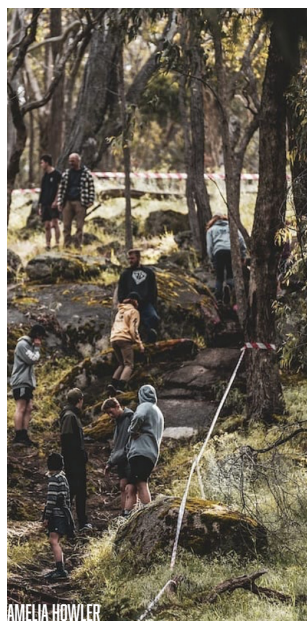
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Finally the time has come for the first round. As most people arrived they headed up to a track walk. As people saw the main features on the course for the first time we all knew we were in for a treat of a race. The track was for sure the gnarliest of the year. Perfect to test out everyone's new race rigs for the season!

Practice went smooth the first day with no rain and no major track closers. The tracks big boulders were gripy but that did not last long because it rained all that night make it very slic in the morning. Because of this there were many crashes on the slabs. As practice went on the track dried up well for racing.

As racing commenced the track was running more and more mint. By the last rider downhill hill Jackson frew, the track had actually became dusty!

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Elite Men								
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time	Start	Split 1	Split 2	F Finish
1st	5	Jackson Frew	Kona Factor Racing	2:38.75	0:00.00	1:12.44 (1st)	2:01.37 (1st)	<b>2:38.75 (1st)</b>
						1:12.44 (1st)	0:48.93 (1st)	<b>0:37.38 (3rd)</b>
2nd	7	Aaron Gungl		2:41.60	0:00.00	1:13.35 (2nd)	2:04.52 (2nd)	2:41.60 (2nd)
						1:13.35 (2nd)	0:51.17 (2nd)	0:37.08 (1st)
3rd	4	Darcy Coutts		2:44.76	0:00.00	1:14.85 (3rd)	2:06.62 (3rd)	2:44.76 (3rd)
						1:14.85 (3rd)	0:51.77 (3rd)	0:38.14 (4th)
4th	2	Jackson White		2:48.50	0:00.00	1:17.21 (5th)	2:11.18 (5th)	2:48.50 (4th)
						0:00.00	0:53.97 (5th)	0:37.32 (2nd)
5th	18	Cooper Downey		2:49.30	0:00.00	1:16.06 (4th)	2:10.25 (4th)	2:49.30 (5th)
						0:00.00	0:54.19 (6th)	0:39.05 (6th)

Elite Women								
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time	Start	Split 1	Split 2	Finish
1st	204	Elise Empey		3:19.04	0:00.00	<b>1:29.29 (1st)</b>	<b>2:36.62 (1st)</b>	<b>3:19.04 (1st)</b>
						<b>1:29.29 (1st)</b>	<b>1:07.33 (1st)</b>	<b>0:42.42 (1st)</b>
2nd	207	Ashleigh Weinert		3:34.35	0:00.00	1:36.54 (2nd)	2:47.41 (2nd)	3:34.35 (2nd)
						1:36.54 (2nd)	1:10.87 (2nd)	0:46.94 (3rd)
3rd	208	Kyleigh Stewart		3:39.95	0:00.00	1:41.06 (3rd)	2:53.83 (3rd)	3:39.95 (3rd)
						1:41.06 (3rd)	1:12.77 (3rd)	0:46.12 (2nd)
4th	210	Maddison Smith		4:06.75	0:00.00	1:49.59 (4th)	3:17.47 (4th)	4:06.75 (4th)
						0:00.00	1:27.88 (5th)	0:49.28 (6th)
5th	202	Jessica Sheridan		4:08.41	0:00.00	1:57.25 (5th)	3:19.21 (5th)	*4:08.41 (5th)
						0:00.00	1:21.96 (4th)	0:49.20 (5th)"

U19 Men								
Pos	No.	Name	Team	Time	Start	Split 1	Split 2	Finish
1st	1915	Tobias Van Oeveren		2:50.71	0:00.00	<b>1:17.60 (1st)</b>	2:11.95 (2nd)	<b>2:50.71 (1st)</b>
						<b>1:17.60 (1st)</b>	0:54.35 (2nd)	<b>0:38.76 (4th)</b>
2nd	1928	Tom Carter		2:50.96	0:00.00	1:18.81 (2nd)	<b>2:11.41 (1st)</b>	2:50.96 (2nd)
						1:18.81 (2nd)	<b>0:52.60 (1st)</b>	0:39.55 (6th)
3rd	1927	Joshua Arcus		2:55.26	0:00.00	1:19.01 (3rd)	2:16.52 (4th)	2:55.26 (3rd)
						0:00.00	0:57.51 (8th)	0:38.74 (2nd)
4th	1920	Matthew Empey		2:56.25	0:00.00	1:19.54 (4th)	2:16.13 (3rd)	2:56.25 (4th)
						0:00.00	0:56.59 (5th)	0:40.12 (8th)
5th	1930	Joshua Tanzen		2:56.61	0:00.00	1:21.85 (6th)	2:17.72 (5th)	2:56.61 (5th)
						0:00.00	0:55.87 (4th)	0:38.89 (5th)

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ON TO  
NARBY!