

16<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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## **BMX Monster Come & Try Day**

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BMX Sports Western Australia held its first Monster Come & Try day on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011, at Westside BMX Club, Balcatta.

Westside BMX Club had agreed to host the inaugural event, with metro clubs attending to show support for the event.

The Come & Try day team kept a close eye on the weather in the days prior to the event, things were heating up. With a forecast of 35 degrees this was going to be a very hot day indeed.

The weatherman on the Saturday night still said temperature was going to be 35 degrees, but as they say (who can trust a weather man, they usually get it wrong)

Arriving on the morning, setup for the day's activities was challenging with the strong easterly wind not helping with tents, and balloons at all.

The proposed Clubs Hills, Wanneroo, Westside, and Southern Districts had all turned up and started to set up as well. Club flags were flying, along with members in their club colours.

With about 10 minutes to go Come & Try Participants started rolling in.

Bikes and helmets in hand, they must have read the flyers, as we had nearly all that attended bring the required gear for the day.

Coaching/Assistants for the day Catherine Hopkins, Jason May, Tony Hancox, did a fantastic job, helping (most of them) the children down the big start ramp at Westside.

Paul Thorpe, Reg Ralph and helpers attended to the Bike Checking station.

We also had Blake Schofield and his merry group of Elite Riders, signing posters and giving away stickers for the participants. The strong winds did not help the production line of autograph hunters, but they managed to push through. It was fantastic to see them there.

They also completed an organised race lap for the participants on the new Pro Section at Westside. Again the wind played a factor in them not performing their biggest and best jumps as they would have liked.

With numbers steady throughout the morning, fingers were crossed we would have a good turnout.

A total of 54 participants attended the day, and are anticipating a big percentage of these will join as full members. We will keep a track of this in the coming weeks.

So a HUGE thankyou goes out to ALL that attended and helped on the day, and hope we can make it bigger and better next year.

Thanks again

Come & Try Day Team