



## 2010

The fun just keeps on coming, and WOW!!!!

**\$31,000 +** raised for the RBMA to help achieve OUR objectives over the next 12 months.

The Function & Event Centre at the Tennis Centre, Olympic Park opened up its doors for pre-dinner drinks & canapés at 7.00 pm to another vast array of motorcycling memorabilia, ladies indulgence pack, weekend away in the Hunter Valley, Moto GP paddock passes, and lots, lots more. It was great to see 150 guests on the night, which included previous scholarship winners Chris Casella, Rick Olson and the inaugural winner Gareth Jones.

The Silent auction included more than 50 items, which ranged from a slow cooker through to race school days to wine and chocolates packs. Even the children were not forgotten with a child's activity centre up for grabs. Amy OMara donated one of her helmets along with a pack of pink t-shirts and stickers (Breast cancer awareness).



A very surprised Mike Jones was the lucky recipient of the 2011 Reece Bancell Scholarship. The trophy presented by David Bancell and Dennis Roberts (National sales manager, YMA). Mike is now looking forward to a successful year ahead. All the Best for 2011 Mike.

Prior to the main auction Gary Wells sang a couple of songs to keep all entertained. Mark Bracks was M.C. for the night with radio presenter Brendan Jones (Jonesy) taking over from our very dear friend and auctioneer extraordinaire, Bill Wellwood, (who will be sadly missed). Jonesy started the auction with one of Bill's favourite auction items - absolutely **nothing** – thanks Richard Parry for purchasing this unique item (hope you got your moneys worth). The Live auction raised just under \$26,000



As most of you will be aware, Bill Wellwood lost his life earlier this year. The RBMA decided to donate 10% of the Live auction funds raised on the night to "**Tattersalls Palliative Care**" in Bill's memory of the hundreds of thousands of dollars this great man raised for charities all over Australia. Bill you will be remembered every day. **Special people stay in our heart forever.**



Bill Wellwood at the RBMA 2009 charity auction/dinner

## SA Gala Dinner Cruise

Priya Moyle, Scott Christie and Jessica Peake from SA have assisted with fundraising at various rounds in SA and on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October organised a gala dinner cruise which raised \$5,000. A fun night was had by all, entertainment ranged from Fashion show to dancing to llicious one of the local bands. This will be the first of many more to come.



Congratulations to Duncan Lynch (photographed below) winning the Sonnex / Reece Bancell Trophy series SA, thanks Cafe Racer for your continued support. This trophy series is highly contested every year.



Our journey still continues with lots more to do to assist both Race Safe & Team Medical along with the Race Tracks around Australia to make this wonderful, exhilarating sport as safe as possible with the medical teams being as well equipped as we can make them.

My personal thanks goes out to you all - for your support whether it be attending these events, donating auction items or purchasing the items, or just by saying a positive word or giving a smile, you have all contributed in helping the association along through some pretty tough times.

Also, thank you to the committee who work tirelessly through the year. We are just a group of eight, Mick Lye and Sarah Dowd (friends of Reece) who have been involved since 2004 how can I ever thank you both, Lesley Hardiman who joined because we worked together and she had an interest in bikes, Tony Ketteridge who is a friend of the family, Tony Fox whose wife is my beautician, Robert Crocker who went to school with Reece and Chrissy Maher who joined only just year. I thank you for being there for me, and your tireless support.

**Good on You Guys.**

**Thanks Keith (Muir) for all the great photos.**

I also thank everyone who has supported the Reece Bancell Memorial Association. We will continue to assist in making motorcycling as safe as possible and to assist families and friends who have experienced trauma due to a motorcycle incident. I look forward to another successful year in 2011.

For more information on Reece or the Reece Bancell Association go to: <http://reecebancell.com/memorial/index.html>

Have a great Christmas break and be safe and may 2011 bring you good health and happiness.

Jill Bancell  
President RBMA

***Remember NO ONE HAS TO GO IT ALONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***