

# Levi Day #57 RACING

## Victorian Interclub Race Meeting, Winton Raceway 17 April 2011

Now in the big winter break for the Australian Superbike Championship, with the final round not being until October, Levi and the team are making the most of this time to get in state titles, club meetings and practice days to develop the 2011 Suzuki GSX-R and help further Levi's adaptation to the 600cc machine. The 17<sup>th</sup> of April was spent at Winton Raceway for the Victorian Interclub Championships with a few Australian championship regulars in both 600 Supersport and 600 Superstock also making use of this meeting for some extra track time.

Winton is well known for its inconsistent track grip and slippery when wet conditions, with this weekend being no exception. Winton is a favourite of Levi's although he has not ridden there since 2008 in the 125cc Australian Championship round where he finished 6<sup>th</sup>.

Only having qualifying in the dry, where he managed 3<sup>rd</sup> on the grid, it remained wet for the rest of the day.

The first race was wet, and this race was taken with caution to get a feeling of the grip of the track. With a big crash from a Ducati in front of Levi on lap one, he rode a smart but safe race in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The bike felt really grippy in the wet and we were having no issues with the front end, but a little bit of movement from the rear on the exit of the turns. Levi further improved with a win and two seconds to Aussie Superstock regular Mark Wilkinson in the following three races. With people dropping all the time due to the wet conditions, Levi was riding fast but also with brains to prove he could keep at a fast pace but not ride crazy and come unstuck. In the final race of the day Levi and Mark battled hard leaving the rest of the field behind. Unfortunately pushing too hard, Wilkinson lost the front in an attempt to pass Levi. This left Levi to win comfortably with 2<sup>nd</sup> place being 12 seconds behind.

It was a confident boosting weekend for the team with some necessary track time, and also being wet giving Levi the opportunity to further hone his wet weather riding skills.



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