



Growing up in the shadow of an off road racing legend has not only instilled a love of off road racing in Dale Martin but a healthy respect for man and machinery.

Although the Martin name is well entrenched in the archives of Australian off road racing with Dad Craig racking up multiple Australian Championships in his reign, the second generation of brothers Dale and Brent are relatively recent additions to the scene with Dale debuting at Sea Lake in June 2014 and Brent a few years later.

Fast forward to August 2019 and, in trying conditions, Dale with navigator Leigh Wells added another podium finish to their credentials, taking second outright at the Hindmarsh Shire Rainbow Enduro over the weekend.



Due to the flexible format of the event where teams could take one or two 20 minute fuel breaks, Dale and Leigh had the kudos of being the first to cross the finish line and salute the checkered flag; ultimately claiming second outright on adjusted time when the fuel breaks were factored in.

Dale had this to say in our post race interview... “Today would be one of the most rewarding races I’ve ever done.”



But there is more to the story than just finishing the five laps. Dale went on to explain “we’re a family team; we all work on the cars together, we prepare them together, we fix them together, we pack together, and more often when Brent and I run out of time, Dad steps in and just gets it all done.”

“Well this time Dad and Brent are away and Hope [Dale’s wife] and I thought we’d give Rainbow a go by ourselves, with our own family. We entered only a couple of weeks ago, so every night after the kids were in bed I’d go out into the workshop and get stuck into prepping the buggy. I reckon I’ve put in well over 60 hours in the last two weeks to get ready, and for the first time I did it all myself; from prepping the buggy to getting the fuel, to packing the truck and caravan; no one to pass the buck, no one to blame but me.”







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