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ANOTHER WORLD RECORD ALL IN A DAY'S WORK FOR SCOOTER MAN



Julio Languiller – the Victorian man who has set two world records in recent times - was successful at establishing yet another endurance record this past weekend aboard a Honda @125 scooter.

The 49 year old self described 'motorcycle fan' successfully departed last Friday afternoon and rode around Melbourne for 24 hours on a 42 km route encompassing the Eastern freeway. He completed 1566 kms in total, stopping only for refuelling and refreshment.

The Uruguayan-born children's book author, artist and bus driver who also set the record for 50cc endurance riding aboard a Honda Today50 last April, said the weather proved extremely difficult. This time around, however, he was fully prepared.

"I learned from the last ride when that it is vital to have the right clothing. I had insulated boots and gloves, and some fantastic gear provided by Joe Rocket that really helped."

"The headwinds were shocking," he continued. "But the scooter was absolutely perfect throughout the ride, even when running it at 100 kms an hour for the majority of the time. I would be happy riding to Sydney and back on the @125. The suspension was great and it was extremely comfortable."

Whilst Honda Australia supported Julio with the provision of a motorcycle, the company's franchise in Melbourne, Scootermarket, provided invaluable assistance throughout the event.

"The guys from Scootermarket were great. I really could not have done this without them. I also wanted to thank a chap named Neil who came out on his own scooter and rode the last hour with me. It was nice to have some company," he said smiling.

To keep the momentum going, Julio and Scootermarket are now in the process of organising a rally in August to bring scooter riders from across the country together.

Honda's Managing Director, Stuart Strickland who attended the event to show his support noted that Julio is a "wonderful ambassador for scooter riding."

"It has been a very positive experience to be involved with his efforts over these past few months and Honda looks forward to an ongoing relationship with him and the scootering community as a whole."



With the assistance of Honda Australia, Julio will now submit the necessary documentation to be recognised for the "24 Hour 125cc Endurance" World Record.

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