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TRACK FOCUS: MAREEBA MARCHES ON

Located a mere 60km from Cairns, and 1,700km from Brisbane, Mareeba boasts the tagline '300 sunny days a year' for its 11,000 strong population.

In recent times the Mareeba Motor Racing Club has overseen a massive overhaul of its venue, with a subsequent boost in the quality and awareness of its activities

The track is located just minutes from the centre of town and enjoyed by up to 15 Motorsport Clubs in the region for speedway racing and Driver Education purposes, many of which include Youth Training programs.

Club President Cameron Lowe, Secretary Sheree Tichborne and Lorraine Cross have been the driving force behind the venue's success in recent times, each playing an instrumental role in procuring funding from state and federal government for significant works at the venue.

2015 saw the most significant improvement in the venue's history, with a \$150,000 funding grant from local government allowing them to upgrade to a concrete wall and catch fence around the whole facility (pictured), bringing the venue up to 4-star standard – making Mareeba one of the highest star rated venues in all of Queensland.

Improvements haven't stopped there, with the club securing a further \$10,500 grant from the Federal Government late last year to construct new portable grandstands with an increased capacity, together with wheelchair access and a precast concrete viewing platform.

Mareeba club's objective remains to be as self-sufficient as possible, allowing them to turn attention to assisting other local community groups rather than burdening them. With a venue now regarded as one of the state's best in terms of Safety, the next step in their plan is to attract more major events to the region – building on last season's successful Sprintcar event through attempting to bring State and National Titles to the top-end.



RESTRICTIONS AREN'T RESTRICTIVE



With COVID-19 restrictions easing around the country, we're seeing a flurry of activity around venues pushing on with practice days and race meetings – particularly in the north or Australia where the racing season is just getting underway.

Whilst guidelines and government restrictions might appear to hinder the smooth operation of a Speedway meeting, the feedback from venues has been 'business as usual', with very

few noticeable differences in the running of an event. Feedback from venues such as Cullen Bullen in NSW, which last week hosted their first practice day since restrictions took effect in March, praised initiatives such as the online waiver and pit licence, which eliminates the need for queuing at the pit gate, and any issues surrounding handling of pens and paperwork.

If you have an upcoming event planned and are unsure of what is required of your venue to meet COVID restrictions, please don't hesitate to contact Liz Weaver or Ross Kirby using the details listed in the contacts section below.



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