



Tailem Bend Motorsport Park

MID JUNE EVENT INFORMATION

Super Motard

Two and Four wheel action hits the skid pan and dirt areas of the Tailem Bend Motorsport Park. May 16th saw the first Super Motard practice day held at the Park. Fantastic weather and a fantastic group of guys tuned up with their modified dirt bikes and took on the bitumen skidpan and lead roads.



The back lead road was transformed into pits for the day and it was great to see this kind of motorsport activity at the Park. Riders ranged from beginners through to the experienced and we privileged to host riders that travelled from Mildura that morning. One particular rider was awesome to watch with his riding style resembling drift but on two wheels. He really has a unique riding style and ability.



The riders were separated into groups for the first part of the day to provide them with enough time to get used to the track layout before it was reversed. This provided a challenge to the guys initially but they soon got the feel of the layout and were having a blast while providing us with some awesome entertainment.

Even though it was a practice day there were two riders who showed some serious ability. At one stage there was no-one else on the track as everyone stood to watch these guys at work. It was very entertaining and showed that there is room for some serious competition in the future. Well done to everyone that supported the first practice, it was an awesome day.



'AusSolo' Test Day

The 5th of June was also a first for this news style of motorsport at Tailem Bend Motorsport Park. The heavens opened and it was freezing but this did not stop the guys from having a lot of fun on the skidpan and linking roads while testing the venue and testing their regulations for this new event. AusSolo is exciting to participate in and equally exciting to watch. It is designed to let you hone your driving skills and control with a variety of driving task. This is an entry level sport that is a bitumen equivalent of the dirt based Khanacross

which has been a favorite for local amateur motorsport families for many years. It is opened to anyone from complete novices through to experienced drivers, and from totally stock road registered cars to dedicated race cars. In total we had 12 participants who all had a great day.



Gawler Motor Cycle Club – Pony Express

Sunday the 6th of June was a fantastic day and Tailem Bend Motorsport Park played host to two events on the same day. The Gawler Motorcycle Club ran a Pony Express (Enduro Event) which saw 95 riders, 12 of which were juniors, take to the dirt sections of the park – another first. The early rain did not dampen the spirits of the Enduro riders but did keep any dust under control. The Gawler Club organisers created 7.3km loop through the natural terrain for the riders to enjoy.

We will look forward to more Pony Express and Enduro events in the future.





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TBMP Drift Practice

While the Pony Express riders were preparing for their ride day, we were busy with sign on for the first Tailem Bend Drift Practice. In total we had 36 drivers participate in the practice day who ranged from Beginners to Experienced Drifters. The main straight was transformed into the pits for the day and was a hub of activity. The local tyre dealer, Smedley Tyres provided the tyre changing services on the day and did not appear to stop all day. All of the drivers were fantastic on the day and skills were honed at the new drifting facility with parts of the layout being a little technical. The display of drifting was not only exciting it was an awesome to watch. There were a few driving errors on the day but this just made it even more exciting.



Thankyou

Tailem Bend Motorsport Park would like to acknowledge all those who assist in bring these events to the Park.

Coorong District Council – Without their support and willingness to proceed with a motorsport park at the former testing site, none of our activities would be possible.

Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Inc. – again, without their continued support none of this would have been possible. This organisation has been responsible for many fantastic developments in the region and we are very grateful to have their assistance and support to build and develop a facility to suit the needs of motorsport enthusiasts.

The Local Community – Everyone we have spoken to are very supportive of this project and we would like to acknowledge that while it may seem to take a long time to achieve our common goals, we are working towards not only an exciting motorsport venue but to the common goal of assisting develop the town and the region.

The CFS & St Johns – These guys and gals have been great and made themselves available to be present at TBMP activities in a stand by capacity to assist if the need arose. Thankfully to date they have only had to watch the motorsport activities of the day.

You the participants – We are passionate about motorsport, we are committed to developing a world class facility for you to enjoy your sport. We have been overwhelmed with your support, encouragement, offers of assistance and feedback. The past few months have been not more than a test for us to establish what we need to make the park better. Some things are obvious, and others will come through more activity and feedback. We appreciate that you have given Tailem Bend Motorsport Park a try and we are now endeavoring to have more events. We appreciate your patience with hosting some of the requested private days and are happy to inform you that we will commence taking more bookings for private hire days soon.

If you would like to discuss the hire of the facility for private days, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We will advise of further dates very soon and we always welcome your thoughts. Please feel free to contact us.

Adrian Flynn – Responsible for organising the AusSolo activity and also came in at the very last minute to assist us as Clerk of the Course at the Drift Practice.

Call for Volunteers Officials

Would you like to get up close to the motorsport action? Tailem Bend requires the services of volunteer officials. There are any many areas that you can assist in, such as event/activity organisation, clerk of course, scrutineering of vehicles, operational officials, and flag marshals, maybe you have your senior first aid certificate or fire training certificate and could assist in standby services. These volunteer roles are available across all areas of Tailem Bend Motorsport Park for both two and four wheel motorsport. Tailem Bend Motorsport Park will assist you in gaining accreditation which will be recognised through volunteer associations. Depending on how involved you would like to become, this accreditation could take you to some of the major motorsport events throughout Australia.

Tailem Bend Motorsport Park is your Motorsport Park, if you would like to become involved please contact us.

Jo Malloy

Tailem Bend Motorsport Park – History in the Making

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