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ADVANCING THE SPORT OF MOTORCYCLING



Hi everyone!

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International Supercross Stars headed to Mt Smart Stadium

We are sure that by now you will have heard the exciting announcement that MNZ, through FIM Oceania, has been able to team up with Motorcycling Australia and their partners to bring you an event of massive international proportions.

The 2018 FIM Oceania International Supercross Championship promises to be a New Zealand first, with an incredible line up of stars from all around the world. You do not want to miss this! This morning we announced that Monster Energy Supercross 2018 450SX Daytona winner Justin Brayton will be making his way to NZ for the first time, and he will compete alongside our very own Ben Townley who will make his way out of retirement!

Tickets go on sale via Ticketmaster on the 16th August, but you can sign up for the pre-sale by clicking on the photo above. Make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page for further updates.

In Memory of Bryan Davidson

As I'm sure most of you are aware, we recently lost a valued member of our motorcycling community. Former MNZ Motocross Commissioner Bryan Davidson passed away following a tragic road accident, aged just 56. Bryan and his wife Carmen, herself a former MNZ Board Member, have made a huge contribution to our sport, dedicating many years to developing riders and club operations and improving the standard of competition, from grassroots to international level. A stalwart of the Manawatu-Orion Motorcycle Club, Bryan served as President, Committee Member, and was made a Life Member of the club in recognition of his service. Our thoughts are with Carmen and all of Bryan's family and friends at this time.

MNZ Coaching Pathway

High Performance Alignment and Delivery is one of the key pillars in our strategic plan and the development of pathways for both riders and coaches is a crucial part of this. We've identified key success factors and developed a plan composed of four modules to start delivering on them.

In line with feedback from last year's member survey, the first two modules focus on rider development, both on and off the bike.

1. PRESENTATION SKILLS (a seminar with Neil Ritchie) - for all riders

- How to present yourself to sponsors
- How to become an effective speaker
- How to create a C.V that stands out
- How to obtain and retain sponsors

The first Presentation Skills workshop, led by Neil 'Turbo Tonsils' Ritchie, launches in September. This promises to be an invaluable day, whatever level you're riding at. It's limited to 20 places, so get in quick if you're keen to attend. [See the flyer here](#) for more details.

2. DREAM BIG (a seminar with Ben Townley, Josh Coppins) - for riders aiming for the top

- Basic technique
- Bike set up
- Goal setting/planning
- Personal challenges
- Value of sponsors
- How to find speed

Dream Big is designed to inspire and educate those with ambitions for the world stage, delivering valuable advice about the bigger picture and helping riders develop a strategy to achieve their goals. The first workshop is schedule for October - [see the flyer here](#) for more details.

The other two modules below are in development and will be tailored for the coaches themselves, and for clubs and officials. We'll keep you updated as these future modules are activated too.

3. COACH THE COACHES PATHWAY - for Coaches

4. KEEPING OUR SPORT FUN, FAIR AND SAFE - for MNZ Clubs and Officials

2018 Grant Funding

We've had so many worthy applications for grant funding already this year that unfortunately all available funds have been allocated already. We hope to be able to share updates with you from the riders on how their campaigns went, or are progressing, over the coming months. Please keep an eye on the website and Facebook for the stories. Visit the website for [the list of successful applicants](#).

Riding in Australia

A note to clarify that recognition of the partnership of Motorcycling Australia and MNZ licenses is specifically noted as recognition for competition only. The spirit of the dual recognition allows for MNZ riders to compete at MA championships only and does not extend to recreational ride days (track days).

Race Numbers

- Road racers - we encourage everyone competing at championship level to reserve their race numbers as soon as possible to avoid any doubling up of numbers and last minute stickering or painting on your bikes. You need to complete [the form here](#) to do so.
- Motocross - if you want your national ranked number from the last season, please contact the office (admin@mnz.co.nz or 07 828 7852).

Communications

One of the key take-outs from the member's survey conducted last year was a desire for better, clearer, more timely information. We've built strategies to improve communications between all parties - members, clubs, officials, commissioners, the board and the office - and while it's a work in progress, we hope change is becoming evident. As always, we're keen for your feedback. If there's something specific you'd like to hear about or things you think we could start doing, please do let us know - give us a call, drop us an email or message, or pop in to the office if you're passing by Huntly.

Upcoming Events

Check out what's happening near you on the [MNZ Event Calendar](#).

Till next time, safe riding everyone

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