

Greymouth Motorcycle Street Race Inc.

July 2023 Rider Newsletter



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GREYMOUTH MOTORCYCLE STREET RACE 2023

LABOUR
WEEKEND
21ST – 22ND
OCTOBER
2023

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SATURDAY 21st: ¼ MILE SPRINTS

**SUNDAY 22nd: A FULL DAY OF
MOTORCYCLE STREET RACING
AROUND THE CBD OF GREYMOUTH**
MITRE 10 MEGA MOTORCYCLE STREET RACES FROM 9AM
KART CLUB DEMONSTRATION LAPS
9AM START WET OR FINE

ADMISSION:

ADULTS \$20 INCLUDES PROGRAMME
FAMILY \$40 INCLUDES PROGRAMME
(2 ADULTS 2 CHILDREN)
CHILD UNDER 16YRS \$5
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Well, it's hard to believe we are in June already and with only 4 months until we go racing again, we thought it was time we filled you in on what's been happening behind the scenes in preparation for 2023.

In May we all heard the news that the Southland Motorcycle Club will drop the Invercargill Street Race from its list of events at the Burt Munro Challenge. Although we can now claim to being the South Island's only street race, it leaves us wondering how it will affect the New Zealand Street Race landscape and highlights the need for us to keep improving our event to ensure its long term viability. We won't know for sure how one less street race will affect our own spectator or racer numbers, but we hope that you all come and support us to ensure that 2023 is another great success.

MORE AIR FENCES

We are pleased to announce that we have purchased another lot of Air Fence sections to extend our Air Fence coverage to include turns 2 and 3. The Air Fence system is so simple to deploy and is a huge step forward in improving our circuit safety. We hope to expand again in 2024 with turns 4 and 5 so that all our high impact corners have Air Fence coverage. We have also invested significantly in containers for their storage and purchased a number of "pole pads" which will be used as higher protection on some of the many un-removable poles around the circuit.

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RACE CLASSES FOR 2023

Bears	Super Motard Open
Formula 1	Post Classic Pre72
Formula 2	Post Classic Pre82
Formula 3	Post Classic Pre89
Formula Greymouth	Classic Pre 63
Kart Demonstrations	

Every year we review our classes and try keep up with current trends to better serve the majority of riders while also giving our spectators something different. This year we have decided to drop our bucket class to run Post Classic Pre89, this is a toe in the water to see if this class is well supported enough to become a mainstay of our event going forward. We have seen a recent decline in Super Motard and all Post Classic Classes over the last few years, but perhaps some of those riders from the north and south that have made the pilgrimage to Invercargill in recent years will now find their way to Greymouth this Labour Weekend.

BUCKETS

As mentioned, for the first time since 1989 we will not be running a bucket class. We decided in June last year that we would stand down one of the least supported classes and trial another class that we can run standalone for 2023. Buckets numbers seem to be on the rise again and we hope to have them back for 2024. We are also looking at the possibility of becoming a round of a wider series for buckets.

PRE 89 – WE WANT YOU!

In 2021 we tried running Pre89 within Formula 2 which proved a challenge and created a lot of negative feedback. We didn't run Pre89 last year so this year we will have a go at running them as a standalone class. Final numbers at entry closure may see some of the Post Classic classes combined but hopefully we can get enough to fill a decent grid.



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Aaron Staples
Photography

TRACK SURFACE

Turn 6 underwent a facelift last year with the addition of air fences on the outside of the corner. This made the transition onto the start finish straight a lot wider and faster. Fortunately for us, recent roading maintenance within the CBD has provided a new surface of hot mix around the roundabout, eliminating many of the bumps that existed in recent years. We also hope to have a feedback session with council in the coming weeks to ensure the road surface is in good shape for race day.



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TIMED SPRINTS

We will again run the ¼ mile timed sprints on the Greymouth Aerodrome on the Saturday morning before Bike check, this is a fun event for MNZ licence holders and Joe public to bring along their pride and joy and see what they can do. Conditions apply and will be posted on our website once confirmed.

CLOTHING & MERCHANDISE

The team at Sign-link graphics are working on a design well ahead of schedule for this year’s T-shirts which we hope to have available at the time of rider entry. We will keep you posted as the various designs are finalised.



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