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Well, it's September already and less than 6 weeks until we turn our town into a race circuit. Entry's have been flowing in faster than ever before, and we were astonished to see the F4 bucket class full within a week of entries being open. Most classes are seeing higher than usual numbers for this time of year which is pleasing to see.



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GRID POSITION CHANGE

As per MNZ rule 14.9L, we are no longer permitted to run the "rolling grid" format we have used for many years. This now means that we will follow the conventional format where your time set in Practice/Qualifying will determine your start position for all races, regardless of your finishing position in the previous race. This will be discussed further at riders briefing.

TIMED SPRINTS

This year, it has been decided to <u>not run</u> the Timed Sprints at the Greymouth Aerodrome.

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Circuit Walk Around

Heath Botica (renowned rider) will be conducting a circuit walk around for both first-time and experienced riders on Saturday afternoon, approx. 5pm at the Start/Finish on Mackay Street. **First Timers are encouraged to attend**.

Track access on race day morning.

Those of you who have visited Greymouth lately will have noticed our fantastic new library situated on the river side of the roundabout. The library is still very much in a construction phase and some of the access roads around it will be blocked on race weekend. This may leave the only open access point to riders on race day via the roundabout from Gresson street via Preston road, however we will provide more details at sign in, once we know more.



We say goodbye! - We say Hello!

Last year we said goodbye to committee members Barry "Bazza" Morland and Philip "Russie" Russ.

Bazza has been a big part of our committee for over 20 years and spends days upon days in the lead up to the event, preparing many of the foundation items required around the circuit prior to the rollout of barriers and fencing on race day. Bazza looked after our various equipment storage yards for many years and helped control the roll out of materials. Bazza has stood down from the committee but hopes to be around race weekends to help when he can.

Phil is a foundation member of the street race and has been part of the event for the last 35 years. If there is a story to be told or a laugh to be had from the Greymouth Street race, then Phil's your man. Phil has performed a number of roles over the years, from track build in the early days, to assistant COC and has been a generous sponsor through the Blackball salami company. Although he's moved off the coast after retirement, I'm sure we will see him back over on the bike at Labour weekend.

And with that, we welcome aboard Scott Green. Scott is a motorcycle enthusiast originally from the UK, who after moving to the coast and watching as a spectator, decided he would like to help out. Scott will take on a role alongside John O'Callagan on the track build team.

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Russie & Bazza ©

West Coast Classic Motorcycle club

We also say goodbye to the members of the West Coast classic motorcycle club who have manned our radios alongside our flag marshals over the years. This group in one form or another have been a key part of our event since day one, and after 34 years they have decided it's time to pass the job onto the next generation. Thanks guys and we hope you enjoy spectating this year from other corners.

Timing tech - thank you!

Hard to believe that it was May 2014 that we requested a quote from Timing tech to electronic lap-score our event. This year will be Noel and Adele's last year at Greymouth before they move out of the track timing business and into a life of work free weekends. The committee would just like to take the opportunity to thank them both for their amazing and professional service over the last 12 years. We thank you for the many trips to Greymouth outside of the race weekend to oversee the fitment of the timing loop, and the incredible amount of time spent by Adele behind the scenes setting up our online entry form and collating the entry's. Track timing was a game changer for us and Noel and Adele have always gone above and beyond, if you see them about Labour weekend, be sure to thank them for being a big part of our event.



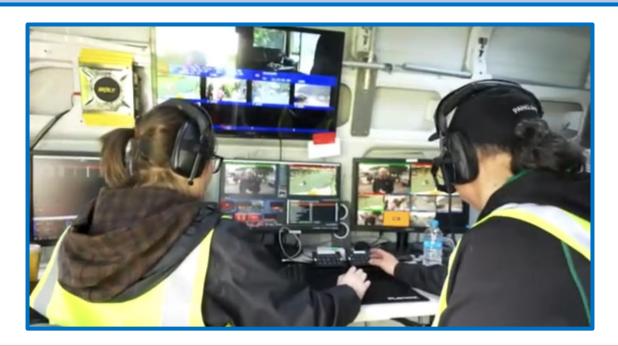
Adele at sign-in 2023

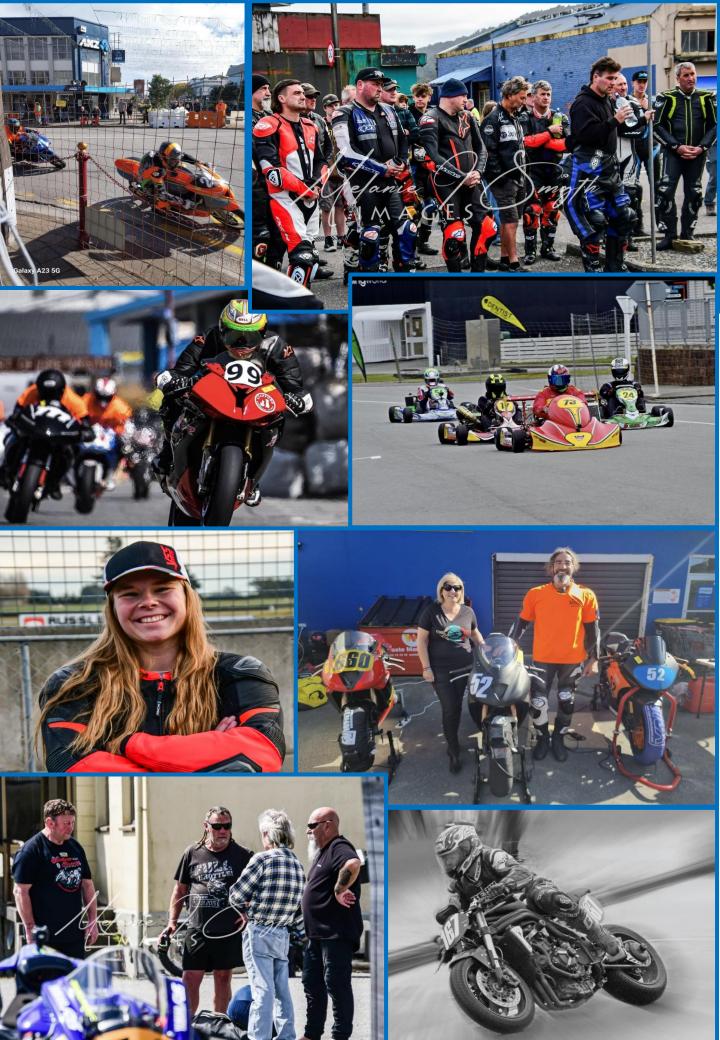
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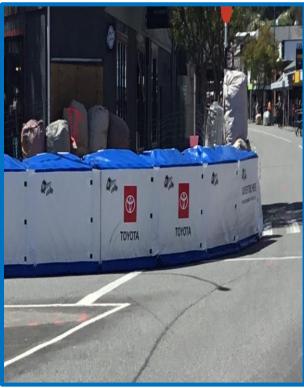
Live streaming

New to our event last year was the live stream which gave massive exposure to our event and our sponsors. We have plans underway with Paho Films and our marketing team to do this again. Paho were up against it last year with the weather bomb hindering their setup and the oil spill limiting their on track content but they still pulled off an amazing production. Having cut their teeth last year, we are excited to see how this will look for 2025.









And yes....More air fences! - Do you want to advertise?

As part of our ongoing investment in track safety, we have purchased another lot of air fences to increase coverage. We had air fences on every corner last year and this new lot will help extend those areas.

Anyone looking to advertise on these air fences with your logo, contact Kelly 021 296 4871.

