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AUSTRALIAN SUPERCROSS CHAMPION TESTS NEW TRACK

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Defending Australian Supercross Champion Jay Marmont made his first ever visit to Darwin today to test the just completed, purpose-built 900m Supercross track at Hidden Valley Raceway.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the test run is an exciting preview ahead of next month’s Australian Superbike and Supercross Championship in Darwin.

“It is fantastic to see four time Australian Supercross Champion Jay Marmont testing out our brand new track today,” Mr Giles said.

“The Supercross Championship next month marks the first ever Supercross venture in the NT, so it is great to see big names like Jay getting involved and supporting the event.”

Monster Energy Kawasaki rider Jay Marmont flew into Darwin after competing at an event in Queensland, to cut the first official laps of the track.

“I am really excited to be here in Darwin seeing the track for the first time,” Mr Marmont said.

“The track builders have gone to great lengths to screen the soil and make sure it is perfect for the event.

“I really liked the layout. It is great to be racing on a full size Supercross track.

“The biggest challenge for the riders is going to be the heat as it is something you can’t prepare for. We are going to have to adjust when we are here and rely on our physical fitness.”

Over 10,000 tonnes of dirt was brought in to sculpt the 900m track that includes two whoop sections and an uphill and downhill triple created due to the unique undulation of the area.

The Australian Supercross Championship will run simultaneously alongside the QBE Australian Superbike Championship in a historic weekend of extreme motorsport at Hidden Valley Raceway on September 14-15.

Tickets are on sale now from www.ntmajorevents.com.au or at the gate.

A thriller pass, which provides admission to both Championships over the weekend is $20 per day, with children 8-13 years $10 per day.

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