Media Release

Nathan Barrett
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Budget funding is fuel injection for Territory motor sports

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Territorians’ love affair with motorsport will be further fuelled with an allocation of almost $11 million in Budget 2016.

The funding will be split between essential upgrades at the Hidden Valley Motorsports Complex and infrastructure improvements to the many valuable motorsport venues across the Northern Territory. These upgrades include:

- $8.99 million for utility infrastructure upgrades at Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex
- $2 million grant to Motorsports NT to upgrade various facilities across the Territory

Minister for Sport and Recreation Nathan Barrett said the 2016-17 Budget reaffirmed the Country Liberals Government’s commitment to providing pathways for locals to access international sport through vital infrastructure and exposure to world class competition.

“Territorians love motor sport. Hidden Valley is a world class raceway and thousands of interstate and international visitors flock to Darwin every year to witness the V8 Supercars Championships.” Mr Barrett said.

“Hidden Valley is the heart and soul of motor racing in the Northern Territory and this Budget funding is essential to upgrading and further developing this world-class asset.

“The eyes of hundreds of thousands of people across Australia and the world are on Darwin for the V8 Supercars Championships every year and that, combined with the huge cash windfall secured for the hospitality and tourism industries through visitors coming to Darwin is an invaluable return on this funding.

“But it’s not all about the V8 Supercars Championships. Grass roots participants in motor sport are the ones that keep the motor ticking week in, week out and that is why the Country Liberals Government has allocated funding to continue the highly successful Red Centre NATS, the Australian National Drag Racing Series and for the first time the Desert Nationals to feature as a round of the Summit Sportsman Racing Series and the Top Door Slammer in Alice Springs.”

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