

Media Release



Tyrepower Sydney Speedway to host 2012 National Late Model title



Current Australian Champion Brad Blake will defend his title on the fast clay at Tyrepower Sydney Speedway. Photo by Gary Reid.

Tyrepower Sydney Speedway has reached agreement with Late Models Australia (LMA) to host next season's National Championship on January 27 and 28, 2012.

The national title has been signed off by all parties after several weeks of negotiations.

The decision by LMA to conduct their Australian title in the eastern part of the nation continues a trend to move the title around Australia and out of its former Perth base.

The Australian Championship was held for eight consecutive seasons at Perth Motorplex before the 2010 championship was allocated to Manjimup Speedway, WA.

The biggest swing then occurred in 2011 after LMA accepted the tender from Mildura's Timmis Speedway for hosting rights.

Next season the eastern move continues when Sydney conducts the event.

"I think it is fantastic," Late Models Australia spokesman Michael Holmes said from WA in relation to the Sydney allocation.

"I was right behind the Sydney bid from the start. We have Late Model representation in every mainland state of Australia, so it is only a natural progression we take it out of WA".

"We want the national title to visit as many premier venues as possible. Tyrepower Sydney Speedway is certainly one of the most prominent venues not only on the east coast but in Australia," he added.

Tyrepower Sydney Speedway deserves its opportunity to conduct the Australian Late Model Championship.

The venue has programmed Late Models almost since their inception in Australia and has played a major role in the establishment of the division on the east coast.

LMA are confident the management and promotional/media personnel will put together a very successful fixture next January.

Tyrepower Sydney Speedway General Manager David Lander said that the acquisition of the Australian Late Model Championship will add plenty of interest to what already looks an attractive 2011/12 season.

"The Late Models have increased in numbers right around the country, so to bring it to our venue will continue that momentum and add great interest in Late Model circles right across the country," Lander said.

"I already have been assured of a very strong car count so everything is now in place for what has plenty of promise to be a great event with the best from right across the country on hand," he added.

NSW Late Models will be the host club and Ross Nicastris is delighted the deal has been struck.

"This is tremendous news," Nicastris enthused.

"With the deal completed and everything now signed off, we have plenty of time to plan the title with a solid build up."

A field of 40 cars is anticipated including four times National Champion Brad Blake from Bunbury.

The programme format for the two nights of action will consist of time trials, heats and preliminary feature, while the second and concluding evening will feature a final round of heats, B-Main and Australian Championship final.

Sunday, January 29 has been set aside as the rain date.

LMA will be issuing several Media Releases closer to the event. For event updates visit www.sydneyspeedway.com.au

Australian Late Model Championship Honour Roll

Perth Motorplex 13th April 2002

1. Allan Butcher (QLD), 2. Brad Blake (WA), 3. Brad Ludlow (WA)

Perth Motorplex 15th February 2003

1. Ryan Halliday (WA), 2. Brad Blake (WA), 3. Brad Ludlow (WA)

Perth Motorplex 27th March 2004

1. Brad Blake (WA), 2. Marc Giancola (WA), 3. Jaron Crane (WA)

Perth Motorplex 22nd January 2005

1. Bruce Trenaman (WA), 2. Michael Hebditch (NSW), 3. Brad Ludlow (WA)

Perth Motorplex 21st January 2006

1. Brad Blake (WA), 2. Ryan Halliday (WA), 3. Ben Ludlow (WA)

Perth Motorplex 27th January 2007

1. Brad Blake (WA), 2. Warren Oldfield (WA), 3. Ben Ludlow (WA)

Perth Motorplex 28th January 2008

1. Brad Ludlow (WA), 2. Ben Ludlow (WA), 3. Ron Miller (USA)

Perth Motorplex 14th March 2009

1. Marc Giancola (WA), 2. Brad Blake (WA), 3. Ben Ludlow (WA)

Manjimup Speedway 2nd January 2010

1. Marc Giancola (WA), 2. Bert Vosbergen (WA), 3. Jac Dolmans (WA)

Timmis Speedway Mildura 23rd January 2011

1. Brad Blake (WA), 2. Blair Granger (QLD), 3. Mat Crimmins (SA)

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