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“SA Off-Road Championships set to sprint the Barossa this weekend”

Kapunda will this weekend play host to the fifth round of the 2016 SA Off-Road Championships this weekend under the sprint format of racing, incorporating both the KTM 2016 Junior South Australian Off-Road Championship Series and the Grovescaff 2016 Senior South Australian Off-Road Championship Series. With the points closing up and it being the penultimate event of the season, the battle for the podium is sure to go down to the wire.

A sprint is run on the format of an Enduro special test. Riders leave individually in a seeded order at roughly 30 second intervals, completing the course as fast as possible. The first lap is an un-timed escorted sighting lap of the course prior to the commencement of the event. Times will be cumulative; the rider with the least accumulated elapsed time for each class will be the winner and so on.

The course will consist of two sprint tracks made up of open flowing tracks, tight creek sections and across scrub, rock and open terrain, running a distance of approximately six kilometres. Located between Kapunda and Greenock, the course is sure to test riders as they do battle for crucial points ahead of the final round in Naracoorte in September.

The Gawler Motorcycle club will host the event with the club originally being formed in 1925 to cater for the early 24 Hour Trial Events. Over the years it has produced many elite riders in Motocross, Speedway, Reliability Trials, Enduro and Moto Trials.

Both Junior and Senior riders will compete across the day through multiple individual race classes with riders as young as 9 competing at the event on a slightly shortened course than that of the more experienced competitors. The separate classes also cater for riders of varying experience levels, ranging from those in the Professional and Expert group down to newer riders with dedicated categories also for riders aged over 35 in the Veterans and those over 45 in the Masters class.

Riley Graham enters the event as a favourite in the Professional Class following his victory at the last event in Crystal Brook over Ivan Long. Graham led the overall points heading into that Crystal Brook event and is seen to be one of the riders to beat this weekend. While in the juniors, the battle for the Championships is down to just a few points between the top riders as the business end of the series approaches.

Event Information

When: Sunday 21st August 2016

Where: Kapunda Off-Road Venue, Kroschel Road, Fords approximately 10 minutes from Kapunda

Time: Sighting laps will commence around 8:30am with racing to follow

On-Site Catering: Catering will be available at the venue throughout the day.

Further information regarding the 2016 South Australian Off-Road Championship can be found at the official series website - www.saffroadchampionships.com or through the Motorcycling SA Inc. website - www.motorcyclingsa.org.au

The fifth round of the 2016 South Australian Off-Road Championship is hosted by the Gawler Motorcycle Club and takes place in Fords, near Kapunda on the 21st of August.

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