



Sept 2021 Newsletter- Goulburn Motor Cycle Club reach new milestone in the construction of its facility.

Club House Construction

The Goulburn Motor Cycle Club has reached another milestone in the construction of its facility at its site at 135 Speedway Road. The completion of the exterior of the club house has been a combined effort with a significant financial contribution from the Veolia Trust Gants Program and the hard work and dedication of the club members and local trades.

Without the support from the Veolia Trust and the in-kind contribution from a large number of local trades and members, this facility would have been compromised by lack of funding and resources. The club are grateful for the financial help and continued dedication of its members and the larger Goulburn community.



Permanent signage on the club house showing support from Veolia and the NSW Govt

Once fully completed, the combined 200m2 of the two-storey club house will serve as the meeting place for the members for regular monthly meeting, provide canteen facilities for

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riders and spectators, have an area for medic's and provide upstairs viewing for members and their family.



The club house is two storeys with a footprint 100m2 downstairs and the same upstairs



Internal fit out has started in parallel with the external construction of the building

Work has started on the internal fit out of the building which will be funded by the NSW Govt - Stronger Country Communities Fund. Once again, the work in-kind from club members and other local trades will be a significant contribution to the completion of the

club house. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions since last March 2020 and the more recent regional NSW lockdown has made it difficult for the club to keep to our original construction timelines. These events have also put pressure on local resources who have needed to prioritise their own businesses and employees in these difficult times. Wetter than usual weather over the past year has also been a contributor, a number of working bee's were abandoned due unsuitable working conditions.

The club would like to thank Fairdinkum Sheds Goulburn for providing a great building at a discounted rate, and a big thank you to all that have worked on the building construction and supplied labour, materials and equipment at no cost or at discounted rates;

- Sam White Quality Constructions
- Ganter Constructions
- JR & RK Cunningham
- Ben & Denis Hogan
- Charlie White
- Mitch Croker Building
- Wilson Plumbing
- Divalls
- Concrete for Goulburn
- Innovative Concrete
- Millennium Windows
- James Picker Concreting
- Toby White Electrical
- Reece Plumbing
- Tutt Bryant Hire
- Kennards Hire
- Jai's Concreting

Track Work and Amenities



In parallel to the club house construction, the members have been extremely busy over the past 6 months on track work, drainage, water runoff, building a toilet block and septic system, front entrance, washdown bays, pits and parking, utility shed, sign-on shed, marshal points, sunk a bore and installation of a high-tech Toro watering system.



Amenities and washdown bays



Pit area and car park construction



Drainage and water runoff works



Track material being loaded



Irrigation system in operation

The watering system has been our biggest single cost to date and the funding for this has been provided by the NSW Govt Stronger Country Communities Fund. The watering system was purchased through GloulPro Power & Pumps and installed by Water Boys, the club would like to thank them for their great work and contribution. This fund has also allowed us to purchase hydraulically operated start gates from Race Gates who make some of the best in the business.

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Front entrance



Start gates

There has also been some road working leading up to the front gate from Speedway Road including earthworks, drainage, and asphaltting, all thanks to Divalls who continue to support our club with in-kind work and hire of plant and equipment. Ray Baxter has done a great job of the brick work on the front gate, once we get some gates made this area will be complete.



Tom Toparis helping install drainage pipes



Septic system being installed

We have purchased a 200hp tractor and tiller for track preparation, the tiller will enable the club to provide the best riding surface possible for recreational riding and racing events. The plant and equipment is now stored under a shelter constructed by Mitch Croker Building and Gary Corby Homes.



Machinery shelter



Tractor and tiller

We have installed a generator to run the irrigation system, the amenities block and club house while we are getting the permanent power designed and built.



Covered marshall points



Temporary generator to power the site

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Tripple set-up jump



Track surface after tiller prep



Sand section on the finishline straight

The track itself has been reworked a number of times over the past 12 months as we learn how to manage the drainage after some of the heaviest and most consistent rainfall we have had for a very long time. The track has an elevation change of 80m and therefore managing run-off has been an ongoing process. Thankfully we have now sorted out the worst of the issues, the drainage is working very well, this coupled with grass seeding has addressed most of our water concerns and will only get better throughout spring and summer.

The track has been an enormous project over the past few years. The track was first pre-cut into the existing terrain, then over 10,000m³ of locally sourced clean fill was dumped on site, then reloaded onto articulated tippers to traverse the steep terrain to top dress the track surface. This work has been carried out by a small number of club members and assisted by a number of working bees. However, despite the work-in-kind effort, none of this would have been achieved only for the outstanding generosity of the Divall family who have not only provided a lot of the plant and equipment, but also their own personal time and that of their employees. Tutt Bryant have also been a great supporter of the club and have loaned the club, among other things, a number of articulated dumpers during the track build.

A big thank you goes to Sam White who has been the driving force behind everything to do with this project, without his continued enthusiasm, vision, and hard work it would not be the facility we set out to build. A big credit also goes to Mal Cash for the track design. This track will be something special when it is up and running and will rival most tracks, its elevation change, the variety of jumps and challenging features over a 2,000m long motocross track, will have something for every level of rider. Harrison Corbett has been instrumental in helping reform and maintaining the track over the past year as we worked to keep on top of the challenges in drainage and track modifications.

There are numerous people who have contributed their time to building the track, amenities and the other facilities, too many to mention. The club appreciates all the help it can get and would love to see some more new faces once we get past our current restrictions to help maintain the track and run events.

The club is very lucky to have a solid committee who have been involved in the facility from day one. They are;

Richard Toparis – Club President

Andrew Rowlands – Club Vice President

Sam White – Club Secretary

Michael Jackson – Club Treasurer

Antionette Mercuri – Assistant Club Treasurer

Despite interruptions from Covid, we have persisted with having monthly meetings in any form we can to ensure we keep to the commitments we have made to the funding partners of the Viola Trust, NSW Govt, MNSW and also to those that have generously given of their time and equipment to assist the club.

Junior Ride Days

Over the past year the club has also built a junior track thanks to the ongoing work of Sam & Charlie White and Mat Kehlet. The club held a number of successful twilight ride days but unfortunately due work commitments on the main track and then Covid lockdowns there have not been as many as we had planned. This is great initiative to encourage young boys and girls who mostly have not competed to come and try riding in a safe environment on deskilled motocross track. Each event has attracted families from all over our region and most times there are 20+ participants turn up. Once our restrictions are eased, we will resume these events especially now as the days get longer we will look to have twilight rides again which seem to be the most popular.



Junior training track

New Developments

Track Opening – we have had a few false starts to getting opened due to a variety of legislative, weather related and the more recent restrictions. However, all going well, we are looking at opening for limited numbers of recreational riders in late Oct and slowly ramp up as restrictions are lifted and we are comfortable with the operation of the facility. We are looking forward to this day, it's been a very long and challenging project to get up and

running and it will be great to have a local facility for our town and the wider motorcycling community.

Racing will come later next year once we set up the start gates and see how the track performs during the early recreational riding days.

Purchase of Land – The club are now in a position to finalise the purchase of an additional 80 acres (32ha) of land adjoining the existing site from our neighbour Ross Griggs. Ross has been a great neighbour and friend to the club and has allowed us to use some of this site for our existing facilities which has been a great benefit to the club. It will be great to have the extra land and the club looks forward to working with the Heaven Vintage Motocross club who plan to build a Vintage MX track on a portion of the site. This will further enhance the variety of riding that will be on offer at the complex.

Our long-term strategic plan for this site is to have a grass track, supercross facility, dirt track and enduro loop. We also need a home for our yearly Amcross events which up until recently have been held at Divall & Herfoss farms. These facilities will evolve once the club becomes financial from recreational riding entries and new club memberships.

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