

The Master of Mac Park Road Race Meeting

29th & 30th September 2012

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SET for Saturday and Sunday after Friday practice, the annual Master of McNamara Park road race meeting has all the ingredients for a top class event with more than 150 riders to take part in a big 40 plus event program.

As well as the feature race of the weekend and all the usual bike capacity classes, historic machine events and sidecars, the meeting will see the return of BEARS (British, European and American Race Series) racing with some 30 riders from many parts of Australia as well as new categories, a Junior Master of McNamara Park and a Supermotard Feature with 19 entries.

All classes will have three lead up races with excellent fields while the final line up for the solo Master of Mac Park will be chosen from the most eligible qualifiers from the many nominations with a consolation race for the remainder.

Other non title events with races on both days include the Formula Mac Park for machines that do not readily fit in other classes and the 20th Century category for bikes made prior to the year 2000 while the sidecars will complete their contests with a handicap, always popular with spectators.

While there are far too many visiting top line competitors to name apart from 08-09 Mac Park Master Graham Snaith, 2011 third Steve Leach and previous lap record holder Steve Tozer, locals on whom to keep an eye include lap record holder David Trotter on a 1000cc machine, Levi Day and Darren Trotter with 600s, 2006 sidecar Master and sidecar lap record holder Stephen Jones with father David as passenger, Ryan Ritchie in the 125 juniors, Adrian van Uiter and John Bartlett in the sidecars and Jock Manser in the 85cc juniors.

Action will get under way on Saturday from around 9am with practice and qualifying prior to the first events while on Sunday there will only be some short practice sessions before racing continues.

As usual full catering will be available from the clubroom canteen on both days to complete the entertainment for spectators.

Continuing the Mount Gambier Motor Cycle Club's improvements to amenities, the addition of more pit sheds since the previous race meeting will without doubt be much appreciated by the large number of competitors, a fact confirmed by all being booked well before the event.