

Tailem Bend abuzz as Supercars come to town

Dylan Hogarth

Local News



Revving up: Red Bull Holden Racing Team's Shane van Gisbergen and Jamie Whincup with Coorong District Council Mayor Paul Simmons ahead of the Super Street Party in Tailem Bend on Thursday, August 22.

TAILEM Bend is abuzz as the OTR SuperSprint festivities kick off today (Thursday, August 22) ahead of round 10 of the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship at The Bend Motorsport Park from Friday, August 23 til Sunday, August 25.

Stars of the V8 Supercars circuit Red Bull Holden Racing Team's Jamie Whincup and Shane van Gisbergen - who both enjoyed wins The Bend last year - were at launch of the Super Street Party as Tailem Bend geared up for a big weekend of motorsport.

Whincup said he was excited to be back in Tailem Bend.

"(The Bend) one of the best tracks in the world to be honest, we had a great run here last year, the cars were quick we are expecting our opposition to really step up again this year and really challenge us," he said.

"(The circuit) is very unique, the guys who built this circuit went all over the world and piece together some of the best corners on race tracks all over the world and made a unique circuit right here in Tailem Bend."

(It's a) fantastic place, really high quality."

The Bend Motorsport Park is a project of The Peregrine Corporation and the driving force behind the creation of The Bend Peregrine's Sam Shahin said he was excited with how the region embraced the venue and the big events it hosts.

"The entire facility has evolved, we are so incredibly happy with the entire town which has got behind The Bend," he said.

"I'm proud - this has been a long, long, term project - we are now sitting on top of a facility that has now matured - we as an organisation have matured, the entire region is getting behind the event which is incredibly pleasing.

Shahin said Tailem Bend was abuzz and he was excited to showcase the venue and the region to everyone in South Australia and across the country.

"Tickets have been very, very good again; last year was the foray into these big events, so far the support has been exceptional ... our campsites are full, we've had tremendous support," he said.

"Look at it, there is a street party in Tailem Bend - how cool is that.

"I'm so happy for the people of Tailem Bend that are coming out to support it and hopefully that will also reap the reward of these big circuits coming to their backyard."

The street party starts at 3pm today, Thursday, August 22, on Railway Terrace, in Tailem Bend.

Murray Valley Standard, 22/8/19