



The riders broke through a banner celebrating the milestone

BIRTHDAY BASH

As the dust settles from the 2011 season opener of the Superbike World Championship at the picturesque Phillip Island Circuit, it was a weekend of celebrations both on and off the track.

The 25-27 March event marked the 21st anniversary of the Superbike World Championship at the Victorian circuit, which has remained unchanged since the inaugural running of the Australian event in 1990.

The circuit celebrated with an official birthday cake, which the circuit owner's son Andrew Fox and series promoter Infront Motorsport's Paulo Fiammini cut together.

Circuit manager Peter Mitchell told AMCN that Fox threw a massive after party following the event, where teams, riders, major sponsors and series promoters celebrated under a marquee on the circuit property, with a grand fireworks display the climax of the evening.

As well as a record five Australian riders in the world superbike class and two Aussies in world supersport, both winners of the 1990 Australian round races were also present – but not simply as celebration guests. Peter Goddard as a member of Troy Corser's BMW pit crew, while Robbie Phillis was still pulling on his leathers, finishing second overall in the Historics support class.

"I cannot believe that race happened so long ago, but it was a great race then; I was young and on the gas," Goddard said. "Robbie and I had a great race and there have been some good races here over the years."

"I like the WSBK paddock, it is very friendly and it is a paddock I grew into later, and the series overall is good. It is much more friendly and open than MotoGP. I enjoy working with BMW and hopefully we can get some results for Troy this year as well."



Phillip Island celebrates 21 years of WSBK with a cake



Goddard on the other side of the box 21 years later



TURN UP, TURN DOWN

The number of spectators at this year's Australian round of the World Superbike Championship was down compared to previous years, despite the weather remaining clear for Sunday's World Superbike and Supersport races.

There were 63,200 people through the gates over the three-day event, and it was Sunday's entry numbers that let the overall figure down.

It was the eight hours of rain

overnight on Saturday evening that event organisers are touting as the reason behind the deflated attendance.

"It was the people that hadn't pre-purchased their tickets, who woke up in the morning and looked out their window and decided against coming," Phillip Island Circuit manager Peter Mitchell said. "In the end, of course, the day was dry and there was beautiful racing."

RISE DRY
Buy a CF Moto 150cc Leader starting from \$1990 before May this year, and nab a free DriRider jacket worth \$299.

TRI SCHEMS
Honda's 2011 CBR1000RR will be available in red, white and blue livery for \$17,990 or \$18,990 with ABS.

PRO WIN
Procycles Hornsby in NSW has won the BMW National Metropolitan Motorrad Dealer of the Year Award.

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RETAIL READY

Pricing has been announced ahead of the release of BMW's new inline six-cylinder K Series tourers. The K1600GT will retail for \$34,990, while the more touring-orientated GTL version will retail for \$36,990 when they land in Australian dealerships in a few month's time.

VINTAGE FUN

The Tamworth District Antique Motor Club is holding its second annual rally over 1-3 July, at the town's Paradise Caravan Park. A vintage-machine only rally will take place on Saturday, 2 July, while a shorter ride will take place on Friday, 1 July, reserved only for bikes 50 years or older. Entry forms and an accommodation guide can be gained from Gary Groat, phone (02) 6769 6149.

RIDE TIMOR

An Australian-owned company Timor Adventures is now offering guided motorcycle tours throughout East Timor. David and Shirley Carlos have ties to the area and, according to Dave, "wanted to share our love for the country and do our bit to help grow the economy". Tours depart between June and October with a women's tour departing 29 July. The cost of the tour is \$3400 and covers all land costs including bikes and back-up support. For more info go to timoradventures.com.au or call Carlos on 0448 514 333.

UP TRUMPS

To celebrate the launch of its new Tiger 800XC, Triumph is launching a worldwide adventure tour program from June this year. Five tours will be available ranging from 11 to 16 days and will be run in conjunction with Edelweiss Bike Travel. For more information, go to www.edelweissbike.com.