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Press Release re

CENTRAL COAST CUP THIS WEEKEND

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Officials and motorcycle competitors are hoping for fine weather this weekend for the second attempt to stage the 2010 Elliotts Landscape Supplies Central Coast Cup meeting.

Some of the Australia's best dirt track riders in both the junior and senior ranks will be back at the Central Coast Junior Motorcycle Club Inc. complex at Debenham Road North, Somersby this Saturday and Sunday (August 28 and 29) after the original May staging fell foul to the weather.

On Saturday (August 28) practice will start at 9.30 am with the first round of races starting immediately after practice. On Sunday (August 29) racing gets underway at 10.00am and culminates in the finals for all classes as well as the Central Coast Cup events on Sunday afternoon.

The Central Coast club, as suggested by its name, concentrates most of its activities on juniors but the Central Coast Cup meeting is the one occasion during the year when the seniors are also showcased.

The big entry list for this weekend is another appropriate recognition by the riders that the Central Coast Cup is now established as one of the major non-championship dirt track meetings in Australia.

Club President David Smith said that the club is pleased that on this occasion a number of riders have re-arranged their racing calendars to ensure they do not miss this "must do" meeting.

Although the meeting has only been staged since 2005, the list of winners of both the junior and senior divisions read like a "Who's Who" of the sport.

Dirt track racing continues to be the foundation for many highly successful performers in a variety of disciplines in the sport as evidenced by the list of winners of the Central Coast Cup over the past five years.

In the juniors it has been won by won by Glenn Scott (2005), a ten time Australian and countless State and Open Champion who is now performing creditably in road racing, Todd Kurtz (2006), a multi national title winning rider currently riding speedway in the UK, promising Queensland

speedway prospect Tyson Nelson (2007), and Grant Charnock (2008) and Josh Bunt (2009), with the latter duo both winning plenty of titles in the juniors before stepping up in to the senior ranks.

Favoritism for the Junior Cup is probably shared between three riders from the host club – Michael Blair, Thomas Lewis and Sean McLellan.

If the junior honours are to go to an outsider then Josh McDonald of Kurri Kurri and Gold Coast rider Robbie Menzies-Sargeant loom as major contenders.

The Central Coast Cup for seniors has an equally impressive honour roll of previous winners. Luke Gough, who won the inaugural staging in 2005, is currently racing in the AM Flat Track series in the USA, while Paul Caslick (2006) and Rohan Tungate (2007) are both multiple national champions in long track and dirt track racing. Reigning World Under 21 Speedway champion Darcy Ward was successful in 2008 before newly installed senior Jackson Jeffrey won in 2009.

The entry list for the Senior Cup this weekend creates several interesting scenarios as both Caslick and Jeffrey strive to be the first dual winner, while Charnock and Bunt have the opportunity to become the first rider to win in both the junior and senior division.

Standing in their way is an equally imposing line-up with North Brisbane rider Jace Castles, Alan Macdonald of Kurri Kurri, Koby Wooderson of Macleay, Alex Giffin of Tamworth and Ian Hamilton of the ACT likely to feature prominently.

Spectators are asked to pay a \$5 entry per car payable at the gate for the meeting.

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