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Sunday June 27 will see round 2 of the five round WA Steelblue Road Racing Championships run at Barbagallo Raceway. With the onset of winter weather conditions riders could be in for a wet round but this won't deter the 100 plus competitors heating up the track.

Superbike riders Ben Henry (Rilusi Motorcycles Suzuki) and Ben Stronach (DGS Ducati 1098) are so close to breaking the local Superbike lap record of 56.4160 set by fellow A grader Jamie Boland (Joondalup Suzuki) at the Final State Rd last September. Both Henry and Stronach got into the 56 second laps with Stronach setting the faster time in Race 1 - a 56.6650. Boland will be keen to get back to the those record braking times and will be changing to Pirelli tyres in the hope of gaining an extra second or two. Another to watch at Round 2 will be Cameron Keevers who riding with a wrist injury finished 3rd overall on the day. Back to full fitness he will be one to watch.

The 125GP Championship leader will have some stiff competition with Queensland rider Brad Gross set to commute to WA and contest the remaining rounds this season.

Nineteen year old Gross started racing Dirt Track in 2003 and in the following season stepped into road racing on a Moriwaki 80cc. In 2008 he qualified as a Wildcard rider at Phillip Island in the 125 MotoGP within 107% of pole but unfortunately he had mechanical problems. In 2009 he again was accepted as a Wildcard entry and this time finished in 22nd position ahead of many international riders on factory motorcycles out of 34 entries. He will be joining the strong field of fourteen 125GP riders many of whom are teenagers ranging from 14 year old Sam Clarke up to the experienced campaigners, all out to contest the 2010 WA Championship title.

A full grid of 31 Supersport and Superstock riders will front the starter in the Trakday sponsored Championship. Ralph Mammoliti (Causeway Kawasaki 600) took all three race wins last year to lead the Championship from Alan Forde who put in a great effort in 2nd place. Ex New Zealand racer Adam Chambers who was in only his first ever outing at Barbagallo took third overall and has the potential to step up and challenge Mammoliti. Sebastian Montagu who has been

contesting the Australian Supersport Championships returns to WA for round 2 as does Andrew Shand (Suzuki 600). In the Superstock class James Reid is hot on the pace and has a 17 point lead over nearest rival Mason Coote (Hogs Breath Café Joondalup Honda) with Kalgoorlie based Jack Coyle just two points behind.

Three wheeled action will be on with 12 sidecars competing for points in the Armadale Rentals Sidecar Championship. Past State Champion Lindsay Fagan returns with a new passenger who has a long history with sidecar racing in Australia. Ex New South Wales retired passenger, Evelyn Scholz who now resides in WA has decided to return to the track and after a trial run last weekend is buzzing with excitement to return to racing. The Walker brothers have a 12 point lead after round 1 over nearest rivals Paul Pinfold and passenger Juston Winchester with Philip Brown and Doug Jenkins just 6 points behind.

The 18 event programme with support classes of Clubman 1000 and 600cc racing gets underway at 9.00am for practice and non stop racing from 11.45am.

Tickets at the gate (gates open to the public 8.00am) All info at www.mcrcwa.com.au

Barbagallo Raceway Wanneroo is located end of Wattle Ave, off Old Yanchep Road off Joondalup Drive, Neerabup.

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