



Media Release

Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Carrera Cup returns to Hidden Valley raceway

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Fans of the Darwin Triple Crown V8 Supercars will be spoilt for racing choice in 2016 with the return of the Porsche Carrera Cup Australia racing series.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said the inclusion of the Carrera Cup was a huge win for motorsports fans in the Territory.

“The Porsche Carrera Cup championship is Australia's fastest and most entertaining one-make series and we are thrilled to have it return to Darwin for the first time since 2007,” he said.

“We warmly welcome the near-200 strong Porsche Carrera Cup community to Darwin and look forward to their return to the Darwin Triple Crown.”

Mr Giles said the Northern Territory was building a reputation as a haven for motorsports.

“The Country Liberals Government’s \$17 million investment to upgrade the Hidden Valley race track, the development of a master plan and a constantly refreshed racing program will help ensure events like the V8 Supercars are here to stay,” he said.

After over 10 years of racing at Hidden Valley, the V8 Utes series will make way for the inclusion of the Carrera Cup.

After a record breaking year on track in 2015, the Porsche 911 GT3 cup cars will be perfectly suited to the newly resurfaced Hidden Valley track.

The one-make Porsche formula with over 1.2 million fans in Australia alone has proven success, with Carrera Cup championships successfully racing in eight regions around the globe – Australia, Asia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and Scandinavia.

“Racing in Darwin is truly amazing, the entire region throws its support behind the Hidden Valley event,” said Porsche Cars Australia Motorsports Manager Kurt Sakzewski.

“The Northern Territory capital lights up with the arrival of the V8 Supercar circus every year and will provide not only enjoyable circuit racing, but also an incredible northern Australian experience for

our teams and drivers,” Mr Sakzewski said.

The Carrera Cup joins the likes of Touring Cars Masters, Aussie Racing Cars and Improved Production, Commodore Cup & HQ’s in the support category racing program.

The Darwin Triple Crown will be held at Hidden Valley Raceway from 17 - 19 June 2016.

The Northern Territory Government has secured the V8 Supercars event in Darwin until 2018.

Mr Giles said the Country Liberals Government was working hard to develop a confident culture that celebrated the Territory’s outdoor lifestyle with world class events, festivals, sports and arts.

“By reducing Labor’s debt and getting the finances in order, we’re able to afford to invest in sporting and community events that celebrate the Territory’s unique way of life,” he said.

“The world class events we have in the Territory are attracting visitors from intrastate, interstate and overseas, which means more money spent at local businesses and more job opportunities for Territorians.

“It’s all part of the Country Liberals’ plan to drive the development of Northern Australia and build a \$2.2 billion visitor economy by 2020.”

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