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## \$1 Million work at Hidden Valley

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In the run up to this years V8 Supercar races, a further \$1 million to be spent on remedial work at the Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex was announced today by sports minister John Ah Kit. The funding is part of \$3 million over 3-5 years announced last October to ensure safety at the Complex.

“The funding is part of our commitment to restore safety to Hidden Valley after it was discovered last year many of the facilities at the Complex were dangerously degraded, and follows \$500,000 allocated last year.

“While the facilities for the Supercars event were safe, many of the other centres at the Complex were not up to scratch—indeed we had to demolish a number of structures that were beyond repair.

“The Raceway has never looked better—existing structures for the V8s have been upgraded, with additional new toilet facilities,” said Mr Ah Kit.

“I understand this year there will be corporate facilities for over 4,000 people, compared to only 750 for the first V8 event.

“We are expecting over 40,000 people to attend this year's event.

“Upgrade work has been carried out at the Mudracing circuit with a new toilet block and sign on facilities, and the Speedway season began last week with upgraded kiosks, toilet facilities and control tower.

“In conjunction with users of the Complex, we are in the process of developing a masterplan for the entire complex which will provide a framework and identify priorities and costs for other remedial works required.”

The work follows the release last October of a four-volume report, “Hidden Valley Motor Sports Complex—Status and Condition Report”, which revealed serious neglect throughout most of the complex. It discussed the dangerous and ruinous state of many of the structures at Hidden Valley , and recommended urgent moves to ensure the safety of users of the complex.

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