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Post Event Report: Dimboola Human Powered Vehicle 'expo'

A third successful Dimboola Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Expo was held last Sunday 4 August 2019 attracting 9 teams and around 20 HPVs.

Teams travelled as far as Ballarat and Hamilton to participate in the expo to challenge their vehicles and drivers against the dips and bends of the Dimboola Recreation Reserve road circuit. Around four hundred spectators and participants enjoyed the calm and dry conditions throughout the day.

This year's event was streamed live to Facebook as part of a Wimmera Mallee Tourism 'live streaming' project funded by the Victorian Government *Regional Events Innovation Fund*. This attracted over one and a half thousand views during the six hour event, along with giving the team managers and pit crews the opportunity to keep an eye on how their drivers were handling the hair-pin bend at the Lloyd Street end of the track which is at opposite ends of the pit lane. This live stream technology will be used again this weekend at the Rainbow Desert Enduro.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "It is great see continued support of the Dimboola HPV Expo. As with previous years we have received very positive feedback from teams and spectators".

Another highlight of the day was a visit from *Trump Trikes Team Relentless* who had won the Casey HPV Event the day before. Taking a break in their drive back to South Australia, they tested one of their HPVs around the Dimboola Circuit for around one hour, clearly out-running everyone else! The team members spoke highly of the circuit layout and Dimboola Recreation Reserve as a HPV event venue. This particular HPV was lapping the 1.2km circuit at an average of just under 50kph.

Cr Ismay continued “The Dimboola Recreation Reserve is a perfect location for HPV racing and we hope in future to continue developing this event to become a race rather than just an expo.”

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