

MEDIA STATEMENT



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BMX Australia National Championships come to Bunbury in 2018

BMX Australia will hold their national championships in Bunbury next year after formalising a partnership with the City of Bunbury and the WA State Government, through Tourism WA.

The championships will be held over six days at the Bunbury BMX track from March 20-25, 2018. Through its annual Grant Funding Program, the City will provide \$30,000 towards the event.

The 2018 event will be the first time the BMXA nationals have taken place in Western Australia since being held in Perth in 1999.

More than 2000 interstate competitors and supporters are expected to attend, making a significant contribution to Bunbury's economy.

BMX is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia, with the country attracting the second biggest number of participants in the world behind the USA, many of whom are from Western Australia.

BMXA President Neil Cameron said the partnership with the City of Bunbury and Tourism WA was a win-win for all parties.

"The board of BMXA and I are thrilled to have entered into a partnership with Tourism WA and the City of Bunbury that will help grow BMX in Western Australia and further nationalise our sport," Mr Cameron said.

"Our BMX family has the ability to contribute a considerable amount to the West Australian economy and Tourism WA and the City of Bunbury will help us maintain the standard of event that our members expect and deserve.

"As a sport, we'd like to extend our thanks to the WA Government, Tourism WA and the City of Bunbury for their support and look forward to a long and healthy relationship through the period of this agreement and beyond."

Bunbury BMX Club is a growing club with over 200 members and is the home of dual Olympian Lauren Reynolds.

Reynolds said Bunbury would be a welcoming venue for such a prestigious event.

"Bringing the BMXA Nationals to Bunbury is wonderful news for BMX riders from all over Australia," Reynolds said.

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"It's a beautiful part of Western Australia and Bunbury BMX track has been such a special part of my life.

"I hope the rest of the BMXA family can make the trip and take home some precious memories too."

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan was thrilled that Bunbury would be hosting such a prestigious and exciting event in 2018.

"The Bunbury BMX track is one of the best in Western Australia and with the support of the Bunbury BMX Club and the City of Bunbury, we are expecting a sensational event," Mayor Brennan said.

"With over 2000 people set to compete in and attend the event over a five-day period, it will also be a fantastic boon for our local accommodation, hospitality and retail industries."

The City of Bunbury and BMXA will have more information about the event as it becomes available.

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