

SATELLITE CITY BMX CLUB

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The BMX NT Titles were held in Alice Springs between 3 to 8 October. Well done to the Red Centre BMX Club on holding a great event; the Hut Six BMX NT Titles will be memorable for so many of our riders whom did so well. Whilst there some spectacular riding, there was also some spectacular crashes; our very own Michael (Smarty) Smart had a terrible fall on Friday evening resulting in broken bones. Well done to our riders who came home with well earned and deserved trophies; all that training paid off.

It was good to see the number of Satellite City BMX Club members that travelled to Alice Springs for the Hut Six BMX NT Titles. Most drove; the 1,477km can be long and tedious however, the monotony was broken by 'Suzie Satellite'. A photo of 'Suzie Satellite' was put up on Facebook and BMX'ers (both Satellite City BMX Club and Jingili BMX Club members) were encouraged to look for her; those that found her were encouraged to take their photo with her and post it up on Facebook. A number of photos appeared; 'Suzie Satellite' is not only photographed with riders but, in one photo she is enjoying a coffee whilst in another, she is enjoying a cold beer.



The Satellite City BMX Club has also made its mark in the famous Daly Waters Pub. The pub is full of memorabilia and now, one of the best parts of the pub is the Satellite City BMX Club shirt that hangs proudly from the wall.

Spanlift Stadium continues to grow. In the last report, I noted that there were delays consequence of the size of the structure. It is unfortunate that I again report that there will be further delays. The full lift was on 10 October 2016. Ordinarily, when Spanlift lifts the roof structures, they lift the whole roof. To do this, a number of large cranes



are positioned about the structure and the structure is lifted on its columns. The physical location of Spanlift Stadium poses some unique challenges; there is not enough room for the safe operation of the cranes outside of the structure. To that end, the last section, section C was added to the structure and braced however the not clad. This enabled the cranes to safely position themselves to lift. 210t of steel was lifted on 10 October. The structure was lifted to its full height. At its full height, the structure has changed the landscape and is

generating much interest on social media; all of it has been very positive. Consequence of the manner in which the last lift occurred, the completion of Section C was not completed by 21 October as anticipated. All purlins, bracing and bridging is now complete; the roof builders are now completing the cladding.

Dirtz Trax n Trailz are still commencing the track build on 7 November as planned. The footings of the start ramps should be completed this week and the start ramps are expected to be delivered this week. The commencement of the start ramps will coincide nicely with the commencement of the track build. Spanlift and Dirtz Trax n Trailz are working in collaboration to ensure a great final product.

At this stage, we are still tracking for a 30th birthday celebration and opening event on 3 December 2016. It should be noted though, that the size and complexity of the project, commensurate with any adverse weather conditions could result in further delays. Ultimately, we must remember that Spanlift Stadium will be a remarkable achievement for not only our club but Spanlift; to that end, it is important that delays are not viewed pessimistically but rather accepted as the builder ensuring the completed product is 100%.

To keep abreast of what is happening at the Satellite City BMX Club, follow us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/SatelliteCityBMXClub/> Also, Spanlift Australia has regular updates at: <http://www.spanlift.com.au/news/spanlift-stadium-final-and-largest-lift> and, you can watch a video of the final lift at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFYCYD5UAE&feature=youtu.be>

At the BMX NT Board meeting in Alice Springs, there was much deliberation around the topic of the 2017 BMX NT Titles. At the Hut Six 2016 BMX NT Titles, Satellite City BMX Club was announced as the host of for the 2017 BMX NT Titles. The 2017 BMX NT Titles will be held between 4 and 7 October 2107 (pre-meet on October 4 and titles on October 6 and 7). Planning has already commenced; Committee members can expect a busy year next year 😊 .

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