



SATELLITE CITY BMX CLUB

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Spanlift Stadium continues to grow. Whilst the final lift was supposed to have occurred by this date and the track builders were supposed to commence on 3 October 2016, the size of the structure presents many challenges. Consequently, on 29 September, Spanlift advised that the anticipated full lift date would not proceed as planned. Both sections A and B are complete; Section C being the only portion of the roof to be constructed. It is anticipated that Section C will take two to three weeks. To that end, it is anticipated that the final lift will be on 21 October 2016.

The start hills are expected to be delivered to the site as of week commencing 24 October. The start hills are anticipated to take two weeks to build.

The start hills wouldn't be complete without the start gates; the Satellite City BMX Club already has one Bensink 8 person start gate stored safely away and, as previously reported, there is a second en-route from the Netherlands. Just this week, confirmation has been received that the second Bensink 8 person start gate is expected to arrive on 7 October; three days before the expected delivery date.

As a result of the delay in completion, the track builders will also commence later; the new scheduled commencement date for the track build is 7 November 2016.

This week is an important week in the NT BMX calendar; it is the NT titles time. It is pleasing to see so many Satellite City riders making the journey to Alice Springs for the titles. Throughout the course of the year, there has been much discussion amongst the Satellite City BMX Club Committee about the titles in 2017. The NT BMX Board has it recorded tentatively (that is, in draft) at Nhulunbuy. Given the committees desire to bid for a national event in 2018, holding the NT Titles in 2017 would be an excellent prelude to any national event. To that end, a submission has been put in to the NT BMX Board for consideration at the next Board meeting on 7 October 2016. You'll be advised in due course of the outcome.

Best wishes to all those participating in the 2016 NT Titles at Alice Springs. The weather this week in Alice Springs is nice and cool (compared to the build up that is in 'full swing' in Darwin); the cool weather should make for enjoyable racing and spectator conditions. For those that travelled to the 'Red Centre', make sure you get out and experience some of the wonderful attractions that the Alice has to offer; and enjoy the titles.

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