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Inaugural Port Adelaide Carrera ready to rally this weekend

A section of docklands at Port Adelaide will be transformed into an urban sprint way this Sunday as 125 sports and grand touring cars take part in the first ever Port Adelaide Carrera.

Teams from around South Australia and the country will race their rare and exciting modern and classic cars around the 1.5 kilometre track, offering plenty of action and entertainment for fans.

Event Director Stuart Benson from Benson Motorsports said the event was partly inspired by the Singapore Rally Championship.

"There are plenty of people in Singapore with a passion for tarmac rallying but, given the lack of usable roads in the country, they create tracks in open public spaces instead," Benson said.

"Our intention for this event was to bring the excitement of tarmac rallying right into the city so that it's easily accessible for spectators and, thanks to the support of The City of Port Adelaide Enfield, the State Government through Renewal SA and some local enthusiasts, we're very pleased to have achieved this.

"We have drivers with a wealth of national championship experience and very impressive skill sets who will be tested by the tight turns of this compact course, all of which should make for great viewing."

Participant enthusiasm for the event has been high since its announcement, with the initial field of 100 cars being oversubscribed within just three days.

"It seems the people of South Australia are great tarmac rally fans so the intention of Benson Motorsports is to add a second summer event at Adelaide International Raceway in 2015," Benson said.

"Meantime, this Sunday offers perfect weather plus we have food vans on site to keep everyone energised and spectators are encouraged to also check out the City of Adelaide clipper ship which is in dry dock right next to the track."

Mayor Gary Johansen from The City of Port Adelaide Enfield Council said he's completely behind the event.

"The Port Adelaide Carrera is another event that will really bring The Port to life and we are extremely pleased that we've been able to find a facility that suits so well," Johansen said.



"I certainly look forward to growing the event's scale in years to come and welcoming thousands of motoring enthusiasts to Port Adelaide."

The Port Adelaide Carrera is sanctioned by the Confederation of Australia Motor Sport and is being delivered by Benson Motorsports.

Action commences at 9:30 and runs to 4:00 this Sunday 14 December at Port Adelaide Dock 2.

Visit <u>bensonmotorsports.com</u> for results, event videos and a downloadable spectator guide.

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