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Motorplex gears up for upgrade

The Collie Motorplex's growing reputation as a major motorsport venue was further enhanced yesterday with the Federal Government's announcement of an additional \$764,000 towards Stage 2 upgrades at the Motorplex under Building Better Regions Fund.

The funding will be used to resurface the existing 1.7km section of track and to improve pedestrian movements to and from the venue. The funding will also resolve power issues in the pit areas which have limited the functionality for some events.

"This is a fantastic outcome for the Collie region. Stage 2 will complement the current track extension works which are nearing completion and further improve the Collie Motorplex venue to ensure the facility is capable of hosting significant national events." Shire Chief Executive Officer David Blurton said.

The Collie Motorplex is recognised by the community as an important economic driver for the Collie area as track users and spectators converge nearly every weekend to use the facility. This in turn provides jobs for Collie people in areas of accommodation, food vendors and other retail areas of our economy.

A number of national events are already scheduled for 2019 at the Collie Motorplex, which puts the facility onto the national stage.

Shire President Sarah Stanley is encouraging local businesses to consider how they can tailor their offerings to take advantage of the opportunities that the track improvements in Stage 2 will bring.

"There are opportunities for local businesses to take advantage of the crowds and the interests of the various motoring communities that visit Collie as it cements its place as the home for motorsports in regional Western Australia," Cr Stanley said.

Federal funding is matched with other funding commitments giving a total project value of \$1.528m.

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