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## **CENTRAL COAST CUP – IT'S ON THIS WEEKEND**

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This year's staging of the 2024 Coastal Motorcycle Centre / Honda Australia / The Construction Team Central Coast Cup long track motorcycle meeting again raises the question as to whether there will be any new names added to the honour roll of winners of the event.

The meeting will be staged this weekend (May 25 and 26) at the Allen Park track at Somersby, near Gosford.

There are two previous winners of the senior cup in the line-up for this weekend, but they will face some tough opposition, while there will be no previous winners of the junior cup for the 13 to Under 16s.

But for a wash-out and later Covid this would have been the 20<sup>th</sup> staging of this event, after first being held in 2005, that has established itself as one of the major non-championship meetings on the dirt track calendar and consequently has many significant names in the sport who have their names on the honour roll of winners in both the senior and junior cups.

Host club member David Smith will not only be defending senior cup holder but he will be out to win for a fifth time.

The 2022 winner Luke Bush and youngsters Cody Lewis and Brayden Gay chased Smith home last year and along with Talon Cardinale and Thoren Openshaw, who has recently moved up from the juniors will all have strong claims.

The Junior Cup will have a new name added to its honour roll and there are some well performed riders coming from all over the state to do battle.

Riders like Hugh Hope-Hodgetts and Oscar Middlebrook from Forbes, Jayden Holder from Kempsey, Bodie Cardinale from Newcastle and Sydney's Alex Adamson are expected to be prominent.

There are big entry lists for a number of other junior classes which will feature a number of riders who have state and national title wins to their credit, including several who are travelling down from Queensland.

There is also a small group of junior girls who appear very evenly matched which should ensure close competition from them.

Many of the riders contesting the Senior Cup are also riding in the MX Open and Pro 450 classes which will culminate prior to the battle for the Cup.

There is also a class for the Over 35s which is always keenly contested.

Action fires up on Saturday morning with practice at 9.30am then straight in to racing.

Sunday action gets underway at 10 am with more rounds and finals of all classes before the 8-lap finals of both the Junior and then Senior Cup will wrap up the program early in the afternoon.

Entry fee for spectators this weekend will be \$5 per vehicle payable at the gate as a tax deductible donation to the St Johns First Aid.

The Allen Park track is situated at Debenham Road North, Somersby.

For more information about the Central Coast Junior Motor Cycle Club check out the club's website [www.ccjuniormotorcycleclub.org.au](http://www.ccjuniormotorcycleclub.org.au) or contact Club President David Smith on 0412 506503 or Col Adams 0422 573923.

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***On behalf of Central Coast Junior Motor Cycle Club***

**Previous Winners of the Central Coast Cup**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>SENIOR</b>	<b>JUNIOR</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>Luke Gough</b>	<b>Glenn Scott</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Paul Caslick</b>	<b>Todd Kurtz</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>Rohan Tungate</b>	<b>Tyson Nelson</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Darcy Ward</b>	<b>Grant Charnock</b>
<b>2009</b>	<b>Jackson Jeffrey</b>	<b>Josh Bunt</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>Jace Castles</b>	<b>Sean McLellan</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>RAINED OUT</b>	<b>RAINED OUT</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>Jace Castles</b>	<b>Bailey James</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>Sean McLellan</b>	<b>Thomas Duggan</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>Jace Castles</b>	<b>Jarred Brook</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Billy van Eerde</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Billy van Eerde</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>Jarred Brook</b>	<b>Jordan Ussher</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Ryan Smith</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>Connor Ryan</b>	<b>Harrison Ryan</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>NOT STAGED - COVID</b>	<b>NOT STAGED - COVID</b>
<b>2021</b>	<b>Harrison Ryan</b>	<b>Tom Drane</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>Luke Bush</b>	<b>Cameron Dunker</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Bodie Paige</b>