



Nelson Mandela Bay Motorsport Development (NPC)

Report for August & September

September has been rather an exciting month for motorsport and the development side of things with a visit to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro from Carte Blanche and the filming of the Daniel Pienaar Technical High School motorsport program. A big thank you must go out to MSA for putting this all together and Cathy Jackson for her hard work coordinating the whole program.

The showing of the production took place on Sunday the 24th September 2023 on M-Nets Carte Blanch and has received some amazing following from around the World not just South Africa.

The training of young students has continued both at events and back in the workshop with Ashley Pape continuing her timekeeping duties and joining the students back in the workshop preparing Rally cars.

Back to the racetracks, now and we start with Karting, where Aashay Nagura finished his national season on the 23rd September 2023 at Vereeniging at the final round of the ROK CUP SA NATIONALS.

Nagura finished the season with a fine top 10 position in the championship and is eager to put all he learned this year to good work in 2024. The Mini Rok class is arguably one of the most competitive classes in Karting that saw twenty-nine competitors score points in the championship.



Aashay Nagura at work behind the wheel of hi Mini Rok



Moving on to two wheels and the 150 Motorcycle class where the two NMBMD riders, Lonwabo Ngcanga and Anikilitha Nambana have been hard at work.

At the event held on the 16th September 2023 at the Aldo Scribante Raceway, Ngcanga finished on the podium in a fantastic 3rd place in the 150 Junior class and Nambana 4th. A big thank you must go out to Glen Elliot for keeping these motorcycles on form.



Lonwabo Ngcanga leading way to podium finish.



Anikilitha Nambana mixing it up with the opposition.



In the 150 Clubmans class Emma Oberholzer has shown consistent improvement and has been setting personal best lap times every time she goes out on circuit. Emma turned this now found pace into results by finishing 2nd overall on the day.



Emma Oberholzer charging on her Yamaha

Back to four wheels and Xolela Njumbuxa, better known as Mr. X has had a very busy time.

Njumbuxa traveled to East London to compete in the GT SUPERCUP 7-hour Endurance race in the TEAM QHUBANI Cobra. The team had an excellent race finishing 2nd Overall, and 1st in class with .

Back at home Njumbuxa again carried out duties in the AMSC Endurance series on the 16th September alongside Ashwin Harri in the Opel Astra and won the Index of Performance at the event. This now gives Njumbuxa the lead in the Index of Performance Championship and he also is in second place for the Overall Championship.



Xolela Njumbuxa taking over driver duties from Ashwin Harri