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The women are clamouring for more!

The Australian Women's Motorsport Network Inc's hugely successful Women's Speedway Day was held at Brisbane International Speedway on Sunday 30th May.

In the morning session, fifteen nervous but excited women were trained in all aspects of speedway safety and fire training, with the help of NASR Qld and Motor Sports Australia Pty Ltd.

Kathy Kelly, ex-sprintcar driver and co-promoter of Brisbane International Speedway (BIS) was guest speaker. Kathy talked about her racing background, and challenges she's faced and overcome. At the end of her talk, Kathy said she wants to encourage women into speedway, and that if competitor numbers grow sufficiently at Brisbane International Speedway they will run a ladies class.

Then the afternoon session, the time everyone had been hanging out for track time! Ballina Club Sedan Drivers Association towed 3 cars up from NSW, and Tanya Blacker, a regular competitor at BIS, brought her pink Commodore 'Wilma' along.

After a track walk to familiarise everyone with flag and gate positions and to check the state of the track, Rhonda McAdoo (member of BCSDA, AWMN and recent winner of the NSW State Titles in Club Sedans), Daniel Kingston and Andrew Masirik, also members of BCSDA, along with Tanya Blacker, a regular Queensland competitor, took the women for hot laps.

Then it was time for the ladies to have a drive. Rhonda's 6cyl commodore 'Rent-A-Race Car' was used for this part of the session. With an instructor alongside, everyone managed to get a few laps.... enough to get some of them really hooked and give them a taste for more!

"We will be developing this type of hands-on mentoring a lot further, as we had a fantastic response to our first Women's Speedway Day," said Sue Corbett, one of the AWMN's National Directors. "The women really appreciated a day that was held in a non-threatening and supportive atmosphere, and where the women actually outnumbered the men at the track!"

"We've had a lot of requests for more speedway days along with similar days in other motorsports... drag racing proving a popular choice too."