

The Bend Motorsport Park General Manager, Mark Warren, at Mallala Motorsport Park.

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THE company behind the state's leading motorsport park, the global Peregrine Corporation, has outlined plans to revitalise Mallala's iconic race track and grow grassroots racing in the process.

Speaking at a business event organised by the Adelaide Plains Business Advisory Group (APBAG) at Mallala Motorsport park last month, The Bend Motorsport Park's general manager, Mark Warren, shared future plans for the track,

## **Bec O'Brien reports:**

which could see the site once again become a focus for motor sports in South Australia.

Following the passing of Mallala local?? Clem Smith, The Peregrine Corporation bought the Mallala Motorsport Park in 2017.

Mr Warren said while 'The Bend' at Tailem Bend had now become the

home of motorsport in the state, the track at Mallala had a wealth of history in the industry and the owners were looking to preserve and build upon that.

This year, he said, the track would celebrate its 60th anniversary, with the first race being held on August 19, 1961.

In October of that same year the Australian Grand Prix was held at Mallala.

For those rev heads out there, Lex

Davidson was the winner.

"Mallala holds a very special place in a lot of people's hearts," Mr Warren said.

"Mallala is the spiritual home of motorsport in South Australia, but also for Australia.

"It's something that we need to celebrate and preserve.

"Mallala was a very special place for a lot of drivers over the years (and) there's actually a lot of history behind what happened here

in Mallala in motorsport."

The decade of 1961-1971 saw the track host a raft of championships and undergo some track modifications before racing was shut down in 1971 when new interstate owners purchased the property and focused their attention on developing the Adelaide International Raceway at Virginia.

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