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## JUNE JOHNSTON'S MONTH OF NATIONAL CHALLENGES

ASHER JOHNSTON will return to national duties in June as he contests two rounds of competitive Formula Vee racing with the Shannons Nationals.

This weekend Asher will race at his home track, Mallala, whilst later in June the AJR team will make the trip to Winton, three hours outside of Melbourne, to race a host of top interstate competitors at the tight circuit near Benalla.

The two meetings will be a test of the hard work developing the new British GAC chassis that Johnston is racing this season.

Entering the Australian Formula Vee competition untested on local soil, the Asher Johnston Racing team has spent the past six months developing the chassis – a car that has had great success in the UK.

After a tough round at Bathurst in February, Johnston returned to the winners rostrum at Mallala recently in a State Championship round and further developments since has given the #18 team added optimism for this weekends' event.

A completely rebuilt engine and more development on the chassis are, the team hopes, two factors that will boost them to the front of a national level grid.

"I'm looking forward to getting out there Friday and seeing how the latest developments with the car go," Johnston said today.

"As has been the case for the last six months we have made more improvements in the engine and chassis departments. It's been a slow process but we've stuck to our development plan with the new GAC and this could be the weekend it all comes together for us.

"We went backwards at the last round at Mallala but we are confident that we have learnt from that and that's given me the confidence in the direction we are taking the car now."

Johnston said he was particularly looking forward to returning to Winton in Victoria, where he will again be able to benchmark himself against the best Formula Vee pilots in Australia.

"It will be a great opportunity to pace ourselves with Porter, Kincella and the other top guys from Victoria and New South Wales. I know we've made big improvements since Bathurst when we last raced them so I'm already pretty confident."

This weekend's action gets underway at Mallala with practice on Friday before three races over the June 6 – 7 weekend.



**Photo:** Johnston will look for big National-level results over the month of June

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