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Clipsal 500 Adelaide returns to roots to accelerate 2017 race format

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Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism Leon Bignell

Motorsport fans are in for a big treat both on and off the track in 2017.

The return of the original racing format, the Hunters and Collectors rocking the Saturday night concert and top driver Simona De Silvestro joining the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship as the first full-time female driver are sure to get fans revved up.

Last year more than 230,000 people attended the event, with a massive TV audience on top of this watching on as Adelaide local Nick Percat became the Clipsal 500 Adelaide champion.

Nick will today take to Mt Panorama in the Bathurst 1000 in his State-branded supercar, providing a tantalising glimpse of what's to come in the best Clipsal 500 Adelaide yet.

Quotes attributable to Holden Racing Team driver James Courtney

The decision to return to the DNA of the Clipsal 500 Adelaide event is a fantastic one that all teams and drivers will be excited by.

The 2 x 250km race format means drivers and event fans will once again get to see the race in its strongest and most energised form.

The decision by the Clipsal 500 Adelaide team to bring back two 250km races is exciting. It creates much more anticipation and adds a real thrill to the race.

This format encourages drivers to be far more competitive and will bring a real energy to the streets of Adelaide in 2017.

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