

It has been three months since the commencement of the extensive upgrades to the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit. Progress on the project has been impressive as the detailed plans unfold with progress evident on a daily basis. A complete refurbishment of the Kyalami pit and conference building was announced on the 24th of July, which also marked the first anniversary of the purchase of the property by Toby Venter at the well publicised public auction.

The new circuit layout at Crowthorne, Jukskei, Barbeque and The Crocodiles is now clearly visible and there is no doubt that these changes, along with the new main straight, will offer a spectacular and exciting challenge to race drivers. Race fans will not be disappointed as great views of the circuit are unfolding in these new areas. The removal of the bomas is once again opening up views of the circuit last seen at the original iconic circuit. Work on safety upgrades, the new underpass, service roads and parking areas is progressing according to plan.



An impressive view of The Crocodiles from the platform that was the foundation of the bomas on boma road.



The "Pecker" and a Palm tree at Sunset. Boma 1 (the old Vodacom Boma for many years) is almost demolished. The last of 23 bomas to be demolished.



Last load of tyres to be removed from the circuit. The Kyalami team take a short break to celebrate.



Progress on the new ring road around the back of Leeukop corner.



The amazing view from the outside of Clubhouse of The Crocodiles. Boma 10 having been demolished.



Concrete kerbs being laid, moulded and trimmed in the Mineshaft.



Impressive new kerb under construction on the inside of Clubhouse corner.



Final preparation of the surface prior to tarring of the main straight leading up to the new underpass.



The main parking area undergoing a long overdue resurface.





## THE KYALAMI UNDERPASS UPDATE



100 ton crane in place alongside the underpass.



First load of beams delivered on site. The 100 ton crane in place to offload the beams alongside the underpass.

The new Kyalami underpass reached a major milestone in August. With the preparation commencing in May the 40 prefabricated beams were finally delivered to site and successfully placed on the 28th of July. Each 9 ton beam was carefully put in place with the assistance of a 100 ton crane. Congratulations to Victor and his team from Lonerock Construction with the tremendous on-site support and design from the WSP Engineering team.



The first beam is slowly placed into position. 39 more to follow.



Steel reinforcing placed on top of the beams of the underpass



The first load of concrete is poured, 39 truck loads to follow.



The new underpass with all the beams in place.



Concrete poured over the beams and reinforcing above the underpass.



## THE KYALAMI PIT BUILDING PROJECT



The Kyalami pit building on the morning of the commencement of the project.



An artist impression of the new Kyalami pit building and conference centre.

The project for the complete refurbishment of the Kyalami pit building was announced on the 24th of July. The new building which will be completed in early 2016 will house state of the art motorsport pits, conferencing and expo facilities as well as new ablution and kitchen areas. The building was constructed in 1991 for the hosting of the 1992 and 1993 South African Grand Prix. Over the years the pit building hosted various other international events including WSBK and A1GP race meetings. Many national and regional race meetings were housed in the pits up until the circuit's closure in May of this year. The building also played host to hundreds of other motoring events, exhibitions and conferences over the years. The new Kyalami pit building is set to be a landmark facility and together with the circuit upgrades will place Kyalami back on the local and international scene. The exciting project commenced on the 3rd of August led by Empowered Spaces Architects with Gothic Construction having been appointed as the main contractor.



The current Kyalami pit building under construction in 1991.



Five days after the commencement of the project. The old is stripped away to make way for the new.



South African Grand Prix 1992. The new pit building, Prost and Senna front row