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Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit – The Legacy Continues.

Extensive construction at the Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit, which includes a complete refurbishment of the iconic track, as well as changes to the layout, commenced in May 2015. Work at Kyalami (meaning 'my home' in Zulu) continues on the pit building which now incorporates the new International Convention Centre. Outdoor exhibition platforms, a dynamic driving area as well as the handling track are also undergoing construction. Project completion is scheduled for mid-May 2016.

The significantly improved 4.522 kilometre circuit now boasts a longer straight, ending in a new complex of challenging corners that aim to recreate the excitement of the original Kyalami. The width of the circuit has been increased in certain areas, runoffs improved and safety systems completely overhauled in line with FIA regulations. Kyalami retains a section of the original layout built in 1961 and iconic corner names such as Crowthorne, Jukskei, Barbeque and Leeukop make a welcome return. The Crocodiles, Cheetah and Ingwe (the Zulu word for leopard), debut as new corner names.

Following its construction in 1961, the original Kyalami soon became an international destination, hosting 18 Formula 1 Grand Prix from 1967 to 1985. The annual 9 Hour endurance race, held in November of each year, attracted international teams and drivers, providing a thrilling spectacle for local race fans. Great drivers such as Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart, Niki Lauda, Nigel Mansell, Jacky Ickx and Alain Prost raced and won at Kyalami. After various changes to the circuit layout and the final 2 Grand Prix in 1992 and 1993, Kyalami slowly slipped from international focus.

At an auction in July 2014 Kyalami was purchased by well-known Porsche entrepreneur and racing driver, Toby Venter. Plans for major upgrades were announced in May 2015.

What emerged was an extensive redevelopment plan for Kyalami, representing the single largest upgrade in the 55 year history of the facility. Alterations include changes to the layout, a complete resurfacing of the circuit, upgrade of all circuit safety to comply with FIA requirements, improvement of all spectator areas and facilities, as well as major refurbishments to the pit building, which now includes a world class conference and exhibition centre. Kyalami is ideally situated in the growing metropolis between Johannesburg and Pretoria. The International Convention Centre offers ample parking, ease of access and spectacular views, adding to the appeal of Kyalami as the preferred destination for premier events. Focus has also been placed on providing excellent event support services to ensure a premium visitor experience.

The new driving dynamic area which includes a multi-functional platform, skidpan and 1.1 kilometre handling circuit will provide a unique facility for advanced driver training. A challenging off-road training facility will also be available, adding to the variety of activities available at Kyalami.

The venue is proud to announce that the SA Festival of Motoring organised by South African Shows Messe Frankfurt in partnership with NAAMSA will be hosted at Kyalami from the 31st August until the 4th September 2016. The South Africa Bike Festival organised by Clarion Events UK will be staged from the 27th May to the 29th May 2016. A date for the opening race meeting is yet to be finalised and will be announced in due course.

The Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit has once again taken its place as the premier motoring and motorsport facility in Africa, as well as a leading conference and event venue.

A new chapter in the Kyalami legend has begun.

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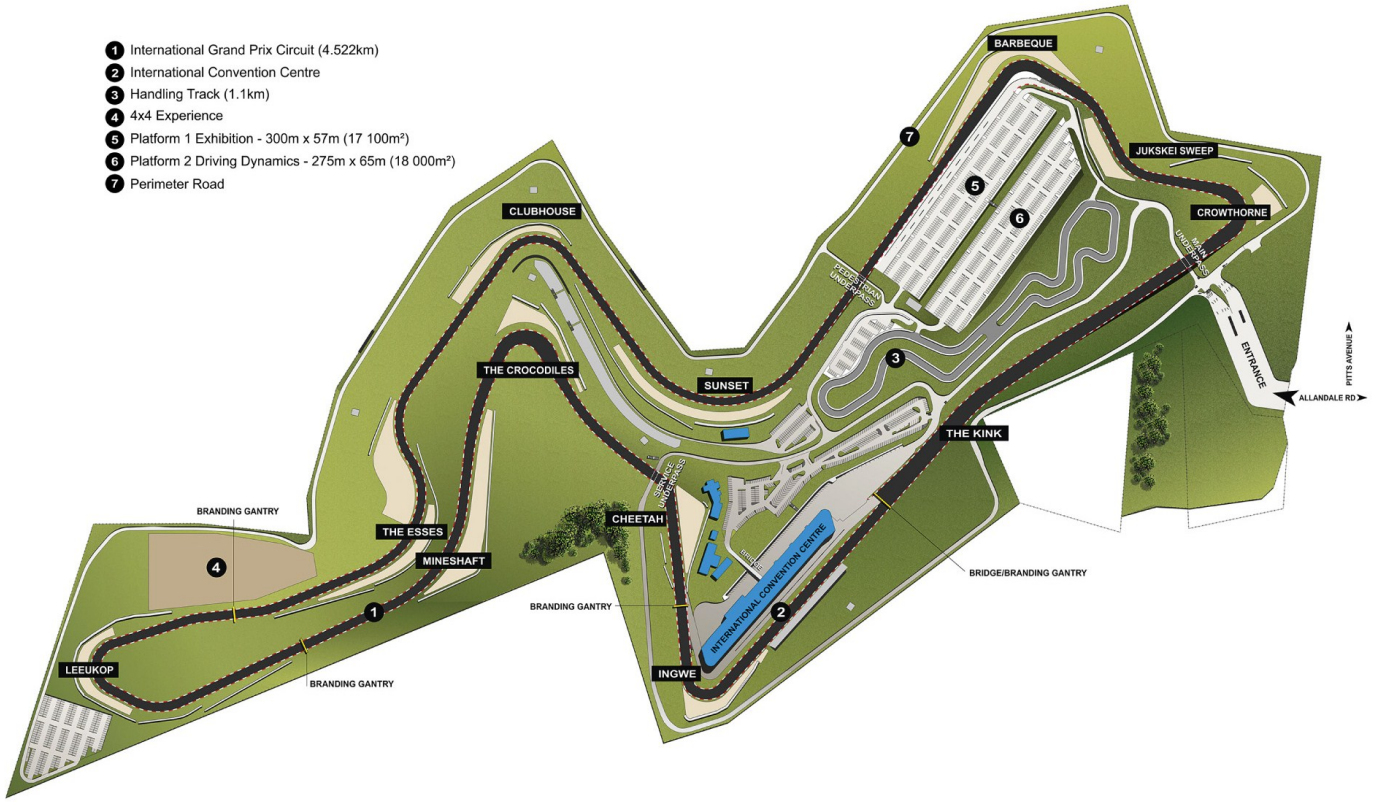
Refined circuit. Revived legacy.
The new Kyalami Grand Prix Circuit.



Ingwe corner with the new Kyalami Pit Building and International Convention Centre (under construction) in the background.

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Main straight into Crowthorne corner with the South African Flag painted onto the asphalt run-off area.

Aerial image of Ingwe corner and the impressive new Kyalami Pit Building and International Convention Centre that is still under construction.

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View of the circuit with Crowthorne, Jukskei and Barbeque in the foreground. Platforms and Handling Track under construction.

Exit of Crowthorne into Jukskei and Barbeque corners. South African flag painted on ashalt run-off area.

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Woody Rodseth - Final Image

Jochen Mass driving a Porsche 962C winner of the final major race (second last race meeting) on the original Kyalami layout. Leeukop corner, 8th November 1987 Yellow Pages 500 km race.

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Jacky Ickx and Jochen Mass (Porsche 956) winners of the final 9 Hour race held at Kyalami on the 6th November 1982

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