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# Press Release

## Valerie Thompson coming to Australia

For immediate release

It's OFFICIAL! Team 7 Racing and I are heading to Australia to continue our quest to become the world's fastest motorcycle at the 28th Annual Speed Week competition at Lake Gairdner in Southern Australia March 12 – 19, 2018.



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Valerie Thompson and the Team 7 motorcycle streamliner will be competing at DLRA Speed Week 2018 (March 12 to 16) and the World Speed Trials (March 17 to 19) held at Lake Gairdner South Australia.

For more information go to; [www.dlra.org.au/2018.htm](http://www.dlra.org.au/2018.htm) or [www.worldspeedtrials.com](http://www.worldspeedtrials.com)

### **About Valerie Thompson**

7-time Land Speed Record holder has become the world's fastest female motorcycle rider reaching a speed 304.263 (489.663 km/h) on the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, on September 1, 2016. Valerie and Team 7 Racing are in preparation for a world record attempt for the overall motorcycle land speed record in 2018. Current record is 376.363 mph.

Thompson is often referred to as "America's Queen of Speed", she has earned the famed "Red Hat" in the Bonneville 200 MPH Club, and is a member of the prestigious Bonneville BUB Speed Trial 201 MPH Club. Valerie has also earned her place in the Mojave Magnum 200 MPH Club, the ECTA 200 MPH Club, the Texas Mile 200 MPH Club and the Colorado Mile, including a personal best of 217.7 MPH (350.53 KM/H) on a BMW S 1000 RR at the Texas Mile in 2014

### **About the Dry Lakes Racers Australia Inc**

The Dry Lakes Racers Australia are the official sanctioning body for dry lakes racing in Australia. We conduct an annual event called Speed Week at Lake Gairdner in South Australia, Australia. Where cars, motorbikes and trucks that comply to the DLRA rules and regulations run for one-way speed records. Speed Week attracts competitors from all over Australia and around the world to this amazing and unique location to try and go as fast as they can.

Land Speed Racing is one of the earliest and purest forms of motorsport. It has a long and very illustrious history, with many famous and decorated people recognized for their association and endeavors to go faster than any man has before. The rules have basically remained unchanged since the very first event. As a sport, in the main, it does not attract a lot of corporate sponsorship, due in the main to the lack of recognition and coverage by the general media.

Many of the vehicles are specifically designed and constructed for Land Speed Racing. All vehicles undergo detailed inspection prior to an event to ensure they comply with the class rules and have all the required safety equipment installed. Competitors are attempting to achieve the highest possible speed with their particular class of vehicle over the measured mile. They are attempting to better the speed attained by a previous competitor and to have it recognized as a record.

The enormous salt lakes found in the outback of Australia have produced the ideal surface for land speed racing and are unquestionably the best in the world and there have been many World records set by special attempts by individuals. However, it is only since 1990 that regular organized meeting have been held for clubs to participate in Land Speed Racing. Speed Week is similar to the events held at Bonneville, El Mirage and Muroc in the USA.