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## MotoGP superstars shine on Variety in Perth

MotoGP stars Loris Capirossi and Chris Vermeulen will fly to Perth straight after the Australian MotoGP in early October, to headline a fundraiser for Variety WA – the children's charity.

Perth motorsport fans can meet the motorcycle superstars at an evening function where both Capirossi and Vermeulen will sign autographs and mingle with the crowd.

The function is being organised by Fremantle-based company Wellard to raise money for Variety WA. At last year's event more than \$40,000 was raised for the children's charity.

"The Perth motorsport community is both strong and generous, so we hope motorsport fans will grab this rare opportunity to meet these two motorcycle champions and to support Variety," Wellard Managing Director Mauro Balzarini said.

"Loris and Chris are coming to Perth direct from the Phillip Island MotoGP, so will be able to give a lap by lap account of one of the great races on the MotoGP calendar – hopefully ending with a 1-2 finish."

Capirossi, who recently set a new world record for the greatest number of Grand Prix starts (227 races), is highly regarded in the sport, not just for his longevity, but his skill and affable nature.

He was the star attraction at last year's event, and said he was pleased to get back to Perth.

"Perth is such a great city, so I am looking forward to spending some more time there in 2008," he said.

He currently sits in 11<sup>th</sup> position in the 2008 MotoGP championship.

For Chris Vermeulen it will be his first time in Perth to be part of the Variety fundraiser.

Renowned for the time he gives to his fans, Vermeulen has climbed to 6<sup>th</sup> position in the MotoGP standings after a poor start to 2008.

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**Details: Spend an evening with Chris Vermeulen and Loris Capirossi**

Time: 7-10pm

Date: October 7, 2008

Venue: The Pavilion, John XXIII College, Mt Claremont

Cost: \$95 including food and drinks

Tickets available from BOCS

More information: [www.wellardgroup.com.au](http://www.wellardgroup.com.au) or [www.varietywa.org.au](http://www.varietywa.org.au) or 9432 2800

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Wellard has priority access to the most modern fleet of livestock carriers on the ocean through its association with Siba Ships. The company's flagship carrier, the MV Becrux, is a purpose-built livestock carrier capable of carrying 75,000 sheep or 18,000 cattle from Australia to major markets around the globe. She was commissioned in 2002.

Two new vessels, the MV Stella Castor and the MV Stella Pollux, are due for launch in early and late 2009. In August 2008 Wellard and Siba Ships announced a US\$250 million contract to build two new livestock vessels which will be able to carry 17,000 cattle or 70,000 sheep or a combination of the two.

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