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Centre rises from ashes



Mini golf back on track after tragic fire

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BALLARAT'S newest tourist attraction is back on track less than a month after being partly destroyed by fire.

The Gold Rush Golf owners expect to have the outdoor 18-hole course of the mini-golf theme park open before Christmas.

Two nine-hole courses were inside the shed which burned to the ground on October 31.

The majority of props, including a four-metre high King Kong statue, were also lost.

Co-owner Wayne Johnston said he hoped to have that section open by Easter.

Sparks from a welder have been blamed for the fire at the \$1.7 million development on the Western Hwy at Warrenheip, which was originally due to open in early December.

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FASHION FRENZY: Marckenson Brown will have the unenviable task tomorrow of helping to judge fashions on the field at the 2006 Ballarat Cup. Yesterday he had an opportunity to look at the track before the big day. **Full reports page 2** Picture: **Narelle White** 211106NW1A

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