

# SPEED READ

MARCH 2020



## A TIME TO CELEBRATE WOMEN

With International Women's Day approaching on 8 March, and all Motorsport Australia awards ceremonies just passed, it's never been a better time to celebrate women in our sport.



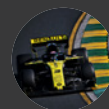
### NATIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Honoring our champions and key performers from every ceremony from this season's Motorsport Australia Awards.



### MARCH UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

Check out upcoming club and state events in March, 2020.

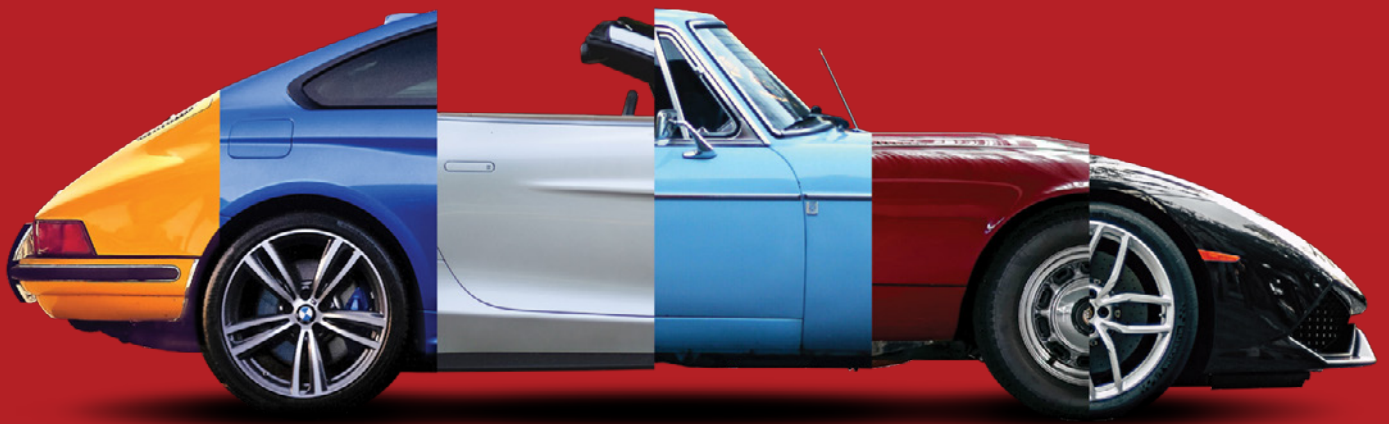


### FORMULA ONE READY TO ROLL

The 71st Formula 1 season gets underway this month with the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix



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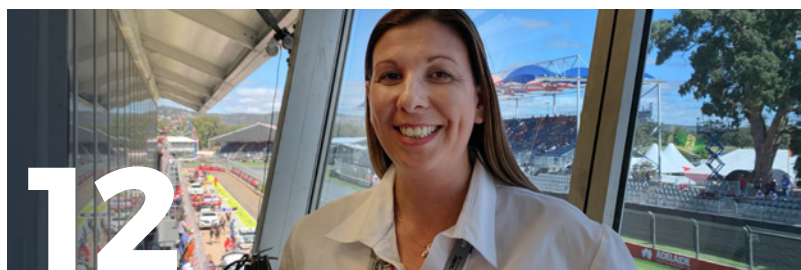
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## COVER PHOTO

NSW/ACT Awards: Australian Rally icon Coral Taylor presenting the award of her namesake to Adriana Pallister, for *Outstanding Achievement by a Female*.

Photo: Dave Oliver

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# WHAT'S ON IN MARCH

## NEW SOUTH WALES AND ACT

**6-8 March:** MRF Tyres Australian Production Cars Series

**7-8 March:** Motorsport Australia NSW Hillclimb Championship

**8 March:** Motorsport Australia NSW Motorkhana Championship

**15 March:** Motorsport Australia NSW Khanacross Series

**15 March:** MGCCN Multiclub Khanacross

**21-22 March:** Netiier National Capital Rally

**21-22 March:** HSRCA 2020 Wakefield Park Autumn Historic Festival

**22 March:** Mt Gladstone Hillclimb

**26-28 March:** Forays in the Snowys

**27-29 March:** Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships R1

**28-29 March:** Awaba Rallsprint

**29 March:** Motorsport Australia NSW Motorkhana Championship

## QUEENSLAND

**27-29 March:** Motorsport Australia Queensland Circuit Racing Championship R1

**20-22 March:** J & A Quality Concrete Sprint Series

**27-29 March:** Qld Circuit Racing State Championship

**28 March:** KCF Short Course Rally

**28-29 March:** HBMSA Khanacross

**29 March:** IWMAC Open Sprint Series

**29 March:** TAG Mount Stuart Hillclimb Series

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY

**8 March:** South Australian Motorkhana Championship

**8 March:** [NT] CARS Khanacross

**22 March:** SCCSA Winter Cup

**22 March:** MSCA Supersprint

**28 March:** Sporting Car Club SA Motorsport Australia Circuit Championship

**28 March:** SEAC Rallycross

**29 March:** Barossa Rally Sprint

**29 March:** [NT] Ross Hanning Memorial

## TASMANIA

**14 March:** NWCC Rallsprint

**15 March:** CMI Baskerville Super Sprint

**21 March:** Baskerville 1000

**22 March:** HSCC Time Attack



Photo: Dave Oliver Photography

**NSW:** The **MRF Tyres Australian Production Cars Series** opens its season with a bang at Sydney Motorsport Park this month with a number of national categories supporting the event.



Photo: Optical Note Productions

**TAS:** The Hobart Sporting Car Club's **Baskerville 1000** is expecting around 200 entries to take part in their first regularity event for the year as teams look to complete around 200 laps on the circuit.

## VICTORIA

**7 March:** SHSCC Come & Try Day/Shepparton Cup Challenge R1

**12-15 March:** Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix

**15 March:** MSCA Super Sprint & Regularity

**22 March:** 2020 WRX Club Championship R2

**28 March:** Eddington Sprints

**28-29 March:** Motorsport Australia Victorian Hill Climb Championship R3

**29 March:** Sandown Autumn Sprint 2020

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**12 March:** Shannons Rallsprint R5

**19 March:** Infinite Time Attack

**22 March:** Motorkhana State Championship

**28 March:** Bakers Hill Sprint

**28 March:** Barbagallo Race Day

**28-29 March:** SSES Collie Sprint and Hillclimb

**29 March:** PCWA and HSVOCWA Point to Point





Photo: Bob Taylor

**SA:** From Hyundai Excels to Improved Production Cars and Formula Fords, the **Motorsport Australia SA Circuit Championship** is back with Mallala having hosting duties for the season opener.



Photo: Tim Nicol Photography

**NT:** While the event has multiple categories competing at Hidden Valley, the **Ross Hanning Memorial** holds a unique trait of the driver who ends with the most points from all races being rewarded with the Ross Hanning Trophy.



Photo: BAGR Photography

**WA:** The **Shannons Rallysprint Series** is well underway with the fifth round to be completed in March. There has been a lot of action and a fair share of drama take place in the tarmac ralliesprint category so far.



Photo: CH Images

**QLD:** Hosted by the **Hervey Bay Motorsport Association**, Round 2 of the club's **Khanacross** series visits the Maryborough Speedway in what is set to be a fun and well fielded event.



Photo: Impreza WRX Club

**VIC:** The **WRX Club Championship** will be held at Sandown Raceway on 22 of March and will be incorporating a Come and Try component for drivers to test their skills on the iconic track.



# FORMULA ONE READY TO ROLL



**FORMULA 1 ROLEX  
AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX**  
2020 12-15 MARCH

Photo: Renault Sport

The 71st Formula 1 season gets underway this month with the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix once again having the honours of launching the new season on 12-15 March at Albert Park.

Ahead of the 25th anniversary of the Australia's biggest race in Melbourne, *Speed Read* looks at some of the key facts for the big race.





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## LAST TIME THEY MET

There was much anticipation behind the 2019 Formula 1 season – especially after Netflix’s highly praised *Drive to Survive* documentary was released in the weeks prior, before a special event at Federation Square officially launched the season on the eve of the event.

A new team for Motorsport Australia ambassador Daniel Ricciardo, the return of fan favourite Robert Kubica and Alfa Romeo back on the roll call were just some of the small stories part of a bigger narrative.

As for the racing, Ricciardo’s first race in Renault colours ended in disaster after his front wing was ripped off before the first turn on the first lap, the team eventually pulling him from the race after just 28 laps.

At the other end of the field, Mercedes begun their dominant season with Valtteri Bottas leading teammate Lewis Hamilton to the win, while Ricciardo’s former Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen rounded out the podium.

## 2019 TOP 10

1. Valtteri Bottas
2. Lewis Hamilton
3. Max Verstappen
4. Sebastian Vettel
5. Charles Leclerc
6. Kevin Magnussen
7. Nico Hulkenberg
8. Kimi Räikkönen
9. Lance Stroll
10. Daniil Kvyat





Esteban Ocon  
Photo: Renault Sport

## THE TEAMS

Despite there being a quieter off-season as opposed to last year, fans will still have to take note of some notable changes.

Only two teams enter the season with a different formation, former Racing Point driver Esteban Ocon joins Daniel Ricciardo at Renault as Nico Hulkenberg's replacement and Williams have switched Robert Kubica with Canadian rookie Nicholas Latifi.

While Toro Rosso's two drivers will be the same in 2020, they won't look the same as the team formally changed to a new name, AlphaTauri.

## THE LINE-UP

### Alfa Romeo Racing Orlen

#7 Kimi Räikkönen  
#99 Antonio Giovinazzi

### AlphaTauri Honda

#10 Pierre Gasly  
#26 Daniil Kvyat

### Ferrari Mission Winnow

#5 Sebastian Vettel  
#16 Charles Leclerc

### Haas F1 Team

#8 Romain Grosjean  
#20 Kevin Magnussen

### McLaren F1 Team

#4 Lando Norris  
#55 Carlos Sainz Jr.

### Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team

#44 Lewis Hamilton  
#77 Valtteri Bottas

### BWT Racing Point F1 Team

#11 Sergio Pérez  
#18 Lance Stroll

### Aston Martin Red Bull Racing

#23 Alexander Albon  
#33 Max Verstappen

### Renault F1 Team

#3 Daniel Ricciardo  
#31 Esteban Ocon

### ROKiT Williams Racing

#6 Nicholas Latifi  
#63 George Russell



Photo: Formula 1 Media

## F1 SCHEDULE

### Friday 13 March

12:00-13:30 Practice One  
16:00-17:30 Practice Two

### Saturday 14 March

14:00-15:00 Practice Three  
17:00-18:00 Qualifying

### Sunday 15 March

14:30-15:00 Drivers Parade  
16:10-18:10 Formula 1 Rolex  
Australian Grand Prix Race





## SUPPORT CATEGORIES

- carsales TCR Asia Pacific Cup
- \$5000 Australia
- Virgin Australia Supercars Championship
- Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup



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Age of the youngest official

**84**

Age of the oldest official

**17**

Countries will be represented

**51**

Officials from Vietnam

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Photo: Revved Photography

# A TIME TO CELEBRATE WOMEN

*“While motorsport sits in a strong position in Australia, there’s still plenty of future work to do... especially attracting more women into careers within the motorsport industry”*

**- Thea Jeanes-Cochrane,  
Motorsport Australia Board Member**

It's been a big summer for women in Australian motorsport with the appointments of Kristen Bailey to the Motorsport Australia board and Jessica Nicholson as the Deputy Race Director for the Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup.

Bailey's appointment saw her become the third female member on the board, joining Thea Jeanes-Cochrane and Margot Foster AM OLY - the latter also being promoted to Vice President recently.

These four individuals represent the growing number of females taking part in the sport both on and off the track and with International Women's Day in March, Motorsport Australia wants to hear about the women who contribute to our sport.

Whether it's as a competitor, an official or even an administrator - Motorsport Australia welcomes all stories about the positive impact of females in motorsport as part of International Women's Day 2020.

Simply email your story to [communications@motorsport.org.au](mailto:communications@motorsport.org.au) with any photos and you could be published on [motorsport.org.au](http://motorsport.org.au) on International Women's Day. ■





**Leanne Tander, carsales TCR Australia**  
Photo: Daniel Kalisz Photographer



**Sue Esselmont, Australian Prototype Series**  
Photo: Street to Screen Media



**Jodie Allen, BFGoodrich Motorsport Australia Off Road Championship**  
Photo: Terry Hill Photography



**Larisa Biggar, Motorsport Australia Rally Championship**  
Photo: Wishart Media



*"It's a magical feeling to be honest.*

*It's something I have been working towards since I started my career."*

# AUSTRALIA'S FIRST FEMALE DEPUTY



**There was much to look forward to for the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship's season opener at the Superloop Adelaide 500, but for one particular individual it was a significant milestone for the sport.**

After more than a decade of being a Clerk of Course in New South Wales, Jessica Nicholson was appointed as the Deputy Race Director for the Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup – the first woman to do so for an Australian category.

The selection was a well-deserved one too, with Nicholson highly regarded amongst the New South Wales community due to her work at Sydney Motorsport Park and Wakefield

Park, including the World Time Attack Challenge and the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships.

Though already highly accomplished and experienced in her field, a thrilled Nicholson was still surprised to be given the opportunity for the position. She will work under the guidance of, another highly respected Motorsport Australia Race Director, David Mori.

"It's a little bit of a surprise to be appointed but fantastic to be accepted. It's a magical feeling to be honest because it's something I have been working towards since I started my career as a Clerk of Course," Nicholson said.

"Over the years, I have been working on building my skill set through exposure at a variety of different events with the goal of getting my knowledge up to a level that is accepted for this kind of role.

"The plan is to stay in this role for a while and eventually move into more of a Race Director role, although it will depend on how I go in this year's Porsche Carrera Cup.

"I'll be assessed at the end of the year on whether I am capable of doing a Race Director role, or whether I will require more training."

While the appointment is the beginning of something special





for Nicholson, her first event in the role in Adelaide was drama free as she focused on soaking up as much information as she could.

"The first weekend was definitely an eye opener," Nicholson added.

"It's different to clerking because it's a different way to think about things, but it's been fantastic and Porsche has been lovely and opened up their arms.

"David Mori has been a fantastic mentor as well. He has been lovely and supportive all weekend and very inclusive."

As for the pressure of being one of the first women to hold a senior position

like this, Nicholson is relishing the chance to pave the way for more women to follow her pathway.

"It's definitely special to be considered for this role as a woman, especially now that the industry is pushing for women involvement," Nicholson said.

"To have a role like this open up to a woman is fantastic because it proves that we can do it. I race myself so I understand on and off track, which is important.

"There is some pressure on me to succeed in this role as I am representing women, although that pressure on me has always been there so I am used to it.

"My advice to other females looking to make their mark in the sport would be to dream big and don't think you can't make it. It's taken me a long time to get here, but you have to be ready. There are paths for women, and it's not a closed shop like some may think."

Nicholson's next round is an equally high-profile event, with Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup running as part of the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix weekend on 12-15 March.





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**MOTORSPORT  
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AWARDS**

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# A YEAR TO CELEBRATE

*We look over all the winners and gridders from what has been another successful awards season*

**The Motorsport Australia awards season has wrapped up for another year as seven events across six states honoured the racing champions and individual winners of 2019.**

Western Australia was the first state to hold an awards night, before a busy weekend in mid-February saw five states hold their own events.

For the second year in a row, the Northern Territory was the final state to celebrate their finest in what was a memorable evening.

The 2019 awards season then wrapped up with the National Gala dinner in Victoria, which highlighted another successful year in Australian motorsport.

From junior officials to experienced veterans and administrators, to clubs being acknowledged for significant milestones – the evenings were a testament to the dedicated volunteers in every state for their contributions to motorsport.

Hundreds of competitors were also acknowledged for their stellar seasons behind the wheel, including dual Australian Touring Car Champion Scott McLaughlin, first time Motorsport Australia Rally Champion Harry Bates and eight time BFGoodrich Motorsport Australia Off Road Champion Mark Burrows.

In this edition of *Speed Read*, we look over all the winners and gridders from what has been another fantastic season.



# MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA NATIONAL AWARDS



MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA AWARDS 2019

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## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Life Membership

Bill Bennett  
Neil Crompton  
John Harnden AM  
Andrew Fraser

### Service Award (Media)

Leigh Diffey  
Colin Young  
Scott Young  
Bruce Williams  
Jeff Whitten  
Peter Whitten  
Geoffrey Harris  
Bruce Newton

### Australian Motorsport Official of the Year

Paul Overell

### Young Driver of the Year

Edan Thornburrow

### Phil Irving Award

Peter Molloy

### Peter Brock Medal

Harry Bates

## Media Awards

### Motorsport Journalist of the Year

Andrew van Leeuwen

### Motorsport Story of the Year (Print/Online)

John Morris

### Motorsport Story of the Year (Radio/Television)

Vanessa Milton

### Motorsport Photograph of the Year

Darin Mandy

### Motorsport Photographer of the Year

Dirk Klynsmith

## International Awards

### 2019 FIA Best Marshal of the Season

Robert Thiry

### 2019 FIA Pacific Rally Cup for Co-Drivers Winner

John McCarthy

### FIA Motorsport Games GT Digital Cup 19

Cody Nikola Latkovski  
Gold Medal Winner for Australia

### FIA Motorsport Games 2019 – GT Cup

Stephen Grove/Brenton Grove  
Bronze Medal Winners for Australia

### FIA Motorsport Games 2019 – Formula 4 Cup

Luis Leeds  
4th Place for Australia

## Motorsport Australia Champions

### Motorsport Australia SXS Champion

Jackson Evans

### Motorsport Australia GT Champion

Geoff Emery

### Motorsport Australia GT Endurance Championship

Geoff Emery and Garth Tander

### Motorsport Australia Formula 4 Champion

Luis Leeds

### Motorsport Australia Touring Car / Virgin Australia Supercars Champion

Scott McLaughlin

### Motorsport Australia Motorkhana Champion

Aaron Wuillemin

### Motorsport Australia Khanacross Champion

Christopher Hranger

### Motorsport Australia Supersprint Champion

Douglas Barry

### Motorsport Australia Hill Climb Champion

Malcolm Oastler





**LEFT: Motorsport Australia President Andrew Papadopolous presenting Life Membership to John Harnden AM**

**LEFT BELOW: 2019 Motorsport Photograph of the Year, taken by Darin Mandy**

**BELOW: Vanessa Milton thanking the audience for the Motorsport Story of the Year Award (Radio/Television)**

Photos: Flash Studio





## Motorsport Australia National Series Winners

**Dunlop Super2 Series Winner**  
Bryce Fullwood

**Porsche PAYCE Carrera Cup  
Australia Series Winner**  
Jordan Love

**carsales TCR Australia Series Winner**  
Will Brown

## Motorsport Australia Off Road Champions

**Outright**  
Mark Burrows (Driver)  
Matthew Burrows (Co-Driver)

**Pro Buggy Class Winners**  
Mark Burrows (Driver)  
Matthew Burrows (Co-Driver)

**Prolite Buggy Class Winners**  
Craig Pankhurst (Driver)  
Penny Pankhurst (Co-Driver)

**Sportlite**  
Steven Graham (Driver)  
Daryl Graham (Co-Driver)

**Production 4WD Class Winners**  
Geoff Pickering (Driver)  
Dylan Watson (Co-Driver)

**SXS Turbo Class Winners**  
Roydn Bailey (Driver)  
Luke Shadbolt (Co-Driver)

**Extreme 2WD Class Winners**  
Jamie Knight (Driver)  
Symon Knight (Co-Driver)

**SXS Sport Class Winners**  
John Wisse (Driver)  
Adrian Weeding (Co-Driver)

**Extreme 4WD Class Winners**  
Joshua Nurrish (Driver)  
Luke Kenyon (Co-Driver)

**Super 1650 Buggy Class Winner**  
Declan Cummins (Driver)  
Karin Ann Barker (Co-Driver)  
Liam Peters (Co-Driver)







**TOP PAGE 14:** The night's host, Greg Rust welcoming motorsport fans to the National Awards ceremony

**ABOVE LEFT:** Motorsport Australia GT Endurance Champions, Geoff Emery and Garth Tander

**LEFT:** Kate Catford, Champion Co-Driver of Motorsport Australia Targa Championship Modern, addressing the awards attendees.

**BELOW:** Newly elected Board Member Kristen Bailey presenting the SXS Championship trophy to Jackson Evans

**BOTTOM PAGE 14:** A star-studded panel, discussing the 2019 season which included (L-R) Harry Bates, Brenton Grove, Will Brown, Jessica Dane and Scott McLaughlin

Photos: Flash Studio



## Motorsport Australia Targa Champions

### **Motorsport Australia Targa Champion Modern**

Paul Stokell (Driver)  
Kate Catford (Co-Driver)

### **Motorsport Australia Targa Champion Classic**

Mick Downey (Driver)  
Jarrod van den Akker (Co-Driver)

## Motorsport Australia Rally Champions

### **Outright**

Harry Bates (Driver)  
John McCarthy (Co-Driver)

### **2WD Rally Winners**

Ethan Pickstock (Driver)  
Lisi Phillips (Co-Driver)

### **Australian Rally Manufacturers' Champion**

Toyota

## Motorsport Australia Tourist Trophy

### **Bathurst 12 Hour**

Earl Bamber Motorsport (Porsche 911 GT3 R)  
Matt Campbell (Australia), Dirk Werner (Germany), Dennis Olsen (Norway)

## Karting Australia Awards

### **KA2 Winner**

Luke Pink

### **KZ2 Winner**

Troy Loeskow

### **Ladies Championship Trophy**

Beck Connell





# NSW/ACT AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Colin Bond Award

Luke King

### Coral Taylor Award

Adriana Pallister

### Kevin Bartlett Award

Steven Lacey

### Event of the Year

Whiteline Tarmac Rallysprint Series,  
North Shore Sporting Car Club

### Burson Future Star Award

Taylor Gill

### Junior Official of the Year

Anna Pallister

### Judith Rae Award

Brett Middleton

### State Official of the Year

Brett Middleton

### Service Award

Philip East  
Howard Grove  
Dianne Mawer  
Peter Harris

## Club Affiliation Recognition

### Established 50 Years

Austin Healey Owners Club (NSW) Inc  
Formula Ford Association Inc  
Volvo Car Club of NSW Incorporated  
Christian Autosports Club of Australia Inc

### 1st Year

Bathurst Feral Utes Cars And Trucks Inc  
Festival Of Speed On Tweed Incorporated  
Highlands Car Enthusiasts Club Inc  
Porsche Club Canberra Inc

## NSW Auto Test Championships

### NSW Motorkhana Champion

Phillip East

### NSW Hill Climb Champion

Malcolm Oastler

## NSW Supersprint Championship

### Unmodified Road Registered Vehicles Champion

Tony Lam

### Road Registered Vehicles with Limited Modifications Champion

Andrie Tan

### Improved Production Cars Champion

Scott McKune

### Group 2F Production Sports Cars Champion

Ian Dunwoodie

### Sports Sedans and Group 2B Prodsports Champion

Matthew Cole



ABOVE LEFT: Ecstatic Motorsport Australia NSW/ACT award winners  
ABOVE: Motorkhana Champion Phillip East and third place getter Corinne East-Johnson  
LEFT: Awards host Emma Notarfrancesco, with NSW rally icon Coral Taylor  
Photos: Dave Oliver

### Time Attack Cars Champion

Nik Kalis

### Clubmans, Racing and Sports

### Racing Cars Champion

Douglas Barry

### Champion Club

Australian Racing Drivers Club

## NSW Rally Championship

### Overall

Richard Shimmon (Driver)  
Jim Gleeson (Co-Driver)

### 2WD Champion

Tony Sullens (Driver)  
Kaylie Newell (Co-Driver)

## NSW Off Road Championship

### Champion Driver

Anthony Abson

### Pro Buggy Driver

Michael Latimore

### Pro-Lite Champion Driver

Brendan Turner

### Sportlite Champion Driver

Anthony Abson

### Super1650 Champion Driver

Warren Barron

### Sportsman Champion Driver

Gregory Barron

### Extreme 2WD Champion Driver

Luke Kenyon

### SXS Turbo Champion Driver

Nathan Chivers

### SXS Sports Champion

Kevin Cant

### Extreme 4WD Champion

Joshua Nurrish

### Production 4WD

Greg Marsh

### Production 4WD

Oliver Coakes

## NSW Motor Race Championship

### Formula Vee 1600 Champion

Aaron Lee

### Supersports Class 1 Champion

Stephen Champion

### Supersports Class 2 Champion

Darren Barlow

### Supersports Champion

Stephen Champion

### Formula Race Cars Champion

Aaron McClintock

### Formula Race Cars Class Champion

Aaron McClintock

### HQ Holden Racing Champion

Brett Osborn

### Improved Production Over 2 Litre Champion

Michael King

### Improved Production Under 2 Litre

Harrison Cooper

### Superkart Group 1 Champion - 250

Tony Moit

### Superkart Group 2 Champion - 125

Aaron Cogger

### Superkart Group 3 Champion - Non-Gearbox

Stuart Robertson

### Formula Ford Champion

Lachlan Ward

### Formula Ford 1600 Champion

Mitch Gatenby

### Production Sports Champion

Brad Schumacher

### Production Touring Champion

Geoff Kite

### Sports Sedan Champion

Steven Lacey





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*Alexander Rossi  
Indy 500 Winner*





# NT AWARDS

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## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Service Awards

Shane Davidson  
Vicki Rice  
Adriaan Gerritson

### Burson Future Star Award

Bryce Fullwood

### Motorsport Event of the Year

Chariots of Thunder

### Motorsport Person of the Year

Jacalin Ekins

### Junior Official of the Year

Jorja Thompson

### Official of the Year

Gavin Thompson

### Club Administrator of the Year

Jacalin Ekins



## Volunteers of the Year

### Acacia Hills Motocross Association

Natasha Langkowski

### Arunga Park Speedway Association

Darren Greening

### Alice Springs Karting Club

Kevin Rawlins

### Alice Springs Off Road Race Club

Nina Kells

### Central Australian Drag Racing Association

Stephen Greenfield

### Central Australian Rally Sports Club

Ben Kittle

### Darwin Karting Association

Tracey Driscoll

### Darwin Motor Cycle Club

Jeff Klein

### Darwin Speedway Riders & Drivers Association

Hannah Bristow

### Hidden Valley Drag Racing Association

John Brown

### Katherine Motor Sports Club

Kade 'Bluey' Robertson

### North Australian Motor Sports Club

Ross Salmon

### Nhulunbuy Speedway

Harry Walker

### Top End Drift Association

Scott Grosskopf

### Top End Dirt Karts

Steve Driver

### Top End Motocross Club

Kylie Verity

### Top End Mud Racing Association

Alex 'Bambi' Ormsby

### Top End Road Racing Association

Alan Tilbrook

### Territory Quad Association

Darren Lavercombe

### Alice Springs Motor Cycle Club

Kery Armstead

## Administrator of the Year

### North Australian Motor Sports Club

David Ling

### Top End Drift Association

Chloe Baehnisch

### Improved Production Racing

Jake Burgess

### Top End Motocross Club

Tania Rice

### Darwin Motorcycle Club

Jeff Klein

### Territory Quad Association

Angie Lavercombe

### Arunga Park Speedway Association

Nicky Jettner

### Darwin Speedway Riders & Drivers Association

Jacalin Ekins

### Burnout Association of Darwin

Rebecca Harris

## Drivers and Riders of the Year

### Speedway

Scott Leonhardt

### Rally

Jamie Lawson

### Road Bike

Peter Troon

### Motorkhana/Khanacross

Jamie Smith



### Karting

Steve Howell

### Quad Bike

Deegan Sherwood

### Motocross

Jayden O'Connor

### Off Road

Alex Heinzl

### Mud Racing

Ted Roderick

### Drag

Steven Ariston

### Circuit

David Ling

### Drift

Mitchell Doyle

### Enduro

Shane Saunders

### Burnout

Chaise Bouchere



ABOVE LEFT: Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocca presenting Vicki Rice with her 2019 Service Award

TOP: Rally Driver of the Year, Jamie Lawson

ABOVE: A mix of all the Territory's racing disciplines met to celebrate 2019

LEFT: NT's Administrators of the Year

Photos: Tim Nicol



# QUEENSLAND AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Queensland Motorsport Official of the Year

Rodney McDonald

### Queensland Event of the Year

CQ Crane Hire Gold Rush Hill Sprint, Annette Benson

### Club Challenge Australia

Simon Harrex  
Piers Harrex  
Alan Moore

### Service Award

Peter Flynn  
Carmel Wilcox

### Ann Thomson Trophy

David Wood

### Will Power Trophy

Harri Jones

## Club Affiliation Recognition

### Established 20 Years

North Queensland Offroad Racing Association Inc  
Queensland Scrutineering Association Inc

### Established 10 Years

BMW Club Queensland Incorporated  
Volkswagen Driver's Club of Queensland Incorporated

## Queensland Auto Test Championships

### Hill Climb Champion

Dean Amos

### Motorkhana Champion

Stewart Bell

## Queensland Off Road Championship

### Overall

Christian Rich (Driver)  
Nathan Mortimer (Co-Driver)

## Queensland Motor Race Championship

### Formula Ford Champion

Tim Hamilton

### Formula Vee Champion

Alexander Hedemann

### Historic Touring Car Champion

Matthew Clift

### HQ Holden Champion

Brandon Madden

### Hyundai Series X3 Champion

Cameron Wilson

### Improved Production Car over 2000cc Champion

Zak Hudson

### Improved Production Car under 2000cc Champion

Matthew Dwyer

### Production Sports Car (Prodsports) Champion

Wayne Hennig

### Racing and Sports Car Champion

Christopher Farrell

### Saloon Car Champion

Brock Mitchell

### Series Production Car Champion

Beric Lynton

### Sports Sedan Champion

Shane Hart

### Superkart Champion

Timothy Weier

### Trans Am Champion

Shane Wilson

### Trans Am (Up to 5 Litre class) Champion

Simon Trapp

### SCMSA Short Circuit Speed Events

#### Series Junior Champion

Scott Ward

### SCMSA Short Circuit Speed

#### Events Series Champion

Paolo Buccini

## Queensland Rally Championship

### Overall

Brayden Wilson (Driver)  
Alan Stean (Co-Driver)

### 2WD Champion

Craig Aggio (Driver)  
Megan Benson (Co-Driver)

### Junior Champion

Blake Wilson (Co-Driver)

RIGHT: Nathan Mortimer and Christian Rich, 2020's Queensland Off Road Champions

BELOW RIGHT: A full house for the Queensland evening of champions

BELOW: Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocca presenting Queensland Service Award to Carmel Wilcox

Photos: Shifting Focus





# SA AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Service Star

Knut Gassmanis  
Michael Clements  
Jeremy Browne

### Service Award

David Castrechini  
Bruce Morriset  
Andrew Admiraal  
Tim Edmonds  
Daryl Warman  
Adrian Flynn  
Clare Williamson  
Pam Tunn  
Cynthia Frost  
Rae Frost  
Robert Frost

### Speed Official of the Year

David Langfield

### Off Road Official of the Year

Jo-Anne Severin

### Circuit Official of the Year

Jack Holding

### Rally Official of the Year

Greta Nason

### Auto Test Official of the Year

Daniel Claridge

### State Official of the Year

Jack Holding

### Junior Official of the Year

Charlotte Smith

### Burson Future Star

Molly Spalding

### SA Peter Wright Memorial

Nicholas Paul

### SA Racing Driver of the Year

Asher Johnston

### State Event of the Year

Legend of the Lakes

## SA Auto Test Championships

### Motorkhana Outright Champion

Tony Wallis  
Craig Williams

### Motorkhana Class A Champion

Craig Williams

### Motorkhana Class B Champion

Wayne Casey

### Motorkhana Class C Champion

Graham Vanderhoek

### Motorkhana Class D Champion

Kym Miller

### Motorkhana Class F Champion

Dave Beames

### Motorkhana Junior Champion

Eddie Wallis

### Hill Climb Outright and Formula Libre 751 - 1300cc Champion

David Mahon

### Hill Climb Road Registered 2WD Under 1600cc Champion

David Hall

### Hill Climb Road Registered 2WD 1601 - 2000cc Champion

Harrison Bishop

### Hill Climb Road Registered 2WD 2001 - 4000cc Champion

Damien Hirst

### Hill Climb Road Registered 2WD 4001cc and Over Champion

Mark Rice

### Hill Climb Road Registered 4WD 2001 - 4000cc Champion

Paul Healey

### Hill Climb Road Registered Clubman 2001 - 4000cc Champion

Peter Fritz

### Hill Climb 2A Sports Cars Open/Closed 2001 - 4000cc Champion

Andrew Keen

### Hill Climb 2A Sports Cars Open/Closed 4001cc & Over Champion

Trevor Pyatt

### Hill Climb Circuit Excel Champion

Scott Stephenson

### Hill Climb 3C Rally Cars 4WD Champion

Gavin Farley

### Khanacross Outright and Class CM Champion

Zayne Admiraal

### Khanacross Junior O16 Champion

Lachlan Tillett

### Khanacross Class DM Champion

Adam Tillett

### Khanacross Class FM Champion

Bradley Clements

### Khanacross Class S Champion

Paul Kennedy

### Khanacross Class D Champion

Wayne Mason

### Khanacross Class BM Champion

Graeme Pound

### Khanacross Class A Champion

Simon Fuller

### Khanacross Junior U16 Champion

Jaxon Rippon

### Khanacross Class F Champion

Shayne Burn

### Khanacross Class E Champion

James Crinson

### Khanacross Class B Champion

Shaiden Jacobs

## SA Rally Championship

### Rally Outright and P5 Champion

Zayne Admiraal (Driver)  
Matthew Heywood (Co-Driver)

### Classic Champion

Michael Nixon (Driver)  
David Langfield (Co-Driver)

### CRC Champion

Mark Povey (Driver)  
Liam Bache (Co-Driver)

### P1 Champion

Glenn Campbell (Driver)  
Darran Ambrose (Co-Driver)

### P2 Champion

Daniel Blakemore (Driver)



TOP: Burson Future Star Award winner, Molly Spalding

ABOVE: SA's Off Road Official of the Year, Jo-Anne Severin

Photos: Bob Cloyne

### P6 Champion

Steve Fisher (Driver)  
Jeremy Browne (Co-Driver)

### 2WD and P4 Champion

Damian Reed (Driver)  
Dale Neighbour (Co-Driver)

### McLeod Medals

Anja Straus (Co-Driver)

### Rallysprint Series Champion

Bradley Clements (Driver)  
Zayne Admiraal (Co-Driver)

## SA Motor Race Championship

### Formula Vee Outright and 1600 Champion

Adam Newton

### Formula Vee 1200 Champion

Matthew Bialek

### Outright Improved Production and up to 2000cc Champion

Adam Trimmer

### Circuit Excel Champion

Asher Johnston

### Sports Cars Champion

Paul Mitolo

### Holden HQ

Darren Jenkins

### Peter Wright Memorial Trophy

Nicholas Paul

## Superkart

### 125cc NGB Rotax Light class Champion

Jim Gorman

### 125cc NGB Rotax Heavy class Champion

Brandon Stillwell

### 125cc Stock Honda class Champion

Jim Gorman

### 250cc International class Champion

Chas Maddern





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# TASMANIAN AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

**Ling Rookie Perpetual Trophy**  
Callum Bishop

**Jeff Ransley Perpetual Trophy**  
Stephen Noble

**Paddy and Enid Baker Perpetual Trophy**  
Christine Potter

**Police Commissioner Perpetual Trophy**  
Michelle Fish

**Peter Bondy Trophy**  
Craig Twining

**Ron and Ivy McDonald Circuit Racing Trophy**  
Joshua Webster

**State Event of the Year**  
Baskerville 1000

**Burson Future Star Award**  
Callum Bishop

**Person of the Year - Rally**  
Ben Newman

**Person of the Year - Off Road**  
Joshua Marshall

**Person of the Year - Circuit**  
Otis Cordwell

## Tasmanian Auto Test Championships

**Motorkhana Championship**  
**Outright Champion**  
Nick Yaxley

**Motorkhana Championship Female**  
Adine Whitcombe

**Motorkhana Championship Junior**  
Nathan Russell

**Hill climb Championship Outright Champion**  
Stephen Mott

## Tasmanian Rally Championship

**Outright**  
Tim Auty (Driver)  
Jon Mitchell (Co-Driver)

**2WD**  
Mark Kyle (Driver)  
Daniel Davies (Co-Driver)

**Class P2**  
Aidan Peterson (Driver)  
Mitch Newton (Co-Driver)

**Class P3**  
Mark Kyle (Driver)  
Daniel Davies (Co-Driver)

**Class P4**  
Ben Sheldrick (Driver)  
Rebecca Sheldrick (Co-Driver)

**Class P5**  
Troy Johnson (Driver)  
Aaron Saunders (Co-Driver)

**Class P6**  
Tim Auty (Driver)  
Jon Mitchell (Co-Driver)

**Classic Car**  
Kade Barrett (Driver)  
David Guest (Co-Driver)

## Tasmanian Off Road State Series

**Outright Champion**  
Michael Stalker

**Pro Buggy Champion**  
Wayne Campbell

**Prolite Buggy Champion**  
Chris Branch

**Super 1650 Champion**  
Kateland Marshall

**UTV Champion**  
Michael Stalker

**Sports Lite Champion**  
Andrew Giffard

**Outright Navigator**  
Sharon Sulzberger

## Tasmanian Circuit Racing Championship

**Formula Vee 1200 Champion**  
Callum Bishop

**Sports GTA Champion**  
Stephen Noble

**Sports GTB Champion**  
Honni Pitt

**Sports GTC Champion**  
Troy Wood

**HQ Holdens Champion**  
Otis Cordwell

**Sports Sedans Champion**  
Brett O'Shea

**Improved Production Champion**  
Matthew Grace

**Historic Touring Cars Champion**  
Scott Cordwell

**Hyundai Excel Champion**  
Joshua Webster

**Historic Regularity Champion**  
Brett Mansfield

**Super 1650 Champion**  
Kateland Marshall



**TOP:** Motorsport Australia Board Member Terry Atkinson presenting the Peter Bondy Trophy to Craig Twining

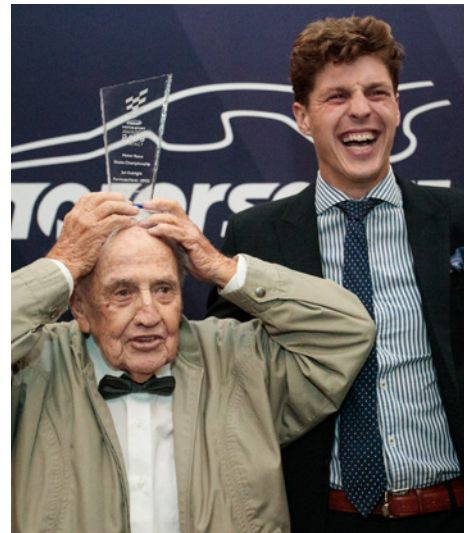
**ABOVE MIDDLE:** A huge haul for youngster Callum Bishop (right) supported proudly by his younger brother

**ABOVE:** Tasmanian Premier Peter Gutwein and Eugene Arocca

**LEFT:** Off Road Super 1650 Champion Kateland Marshall and Outright Navigator Sharon Sulzberger

Photos: Phillip Biggs





**TOP LEFT: SA's Event of the Year, Mt Gambier's Legend of the Lakes** Photo: Bob Gloyn

**TOP MIDDLE: Tasmanian 2020 Motorsport Hall of Fame inductee, Ian Beechey** Photo: Phillip Biggs

**ABOVE: Crowning a champion - NSW Formula Ford 1600 Champion Mitch Gatenby and grandfather** Photo: Dave Oliver

**LEFT: Kelly Thomas, WA's Rally Rookie Driver of the Year** Photo: BeardySnaps



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# VICTORIAN AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

### Service Award

Paul Lummis  
Roger Sinclair  
David Adams  
Robert Graham  
Nicholas Charrett  
Ian McLennan  
Noel Robson

### State Official Of The Year

Matt Balcombe

### Burson Future Star Award

Nicholas Schembri

### State Event Of The Year

Ada River Rally

### Junior State Official Of The Year

Lachlan Griffiths

### Club Challenge First place -

Swinburne University Car Club

## Club Affiliation Recognition

### Established 50 Years

Alfa Romeo Owners' Club Of Australia (Vic)

### Established 20 Years

944 Racing Association

### Established 10 Years

Classic Cars United

## Victorian Auto Test Championships

### Hill climb Championship

Garry Martin

### Victorian SuperSprint Championship

Sally Anne-Hains and Gregory Lynch

### Victorian Motorkhana Championship

Michael Exell

### Victorian Khanacross Championship

Ross Batson

## Victorian Off Road Championship

### Overall

Eric Schlifener (Driver)  
Warren Collins (Co-Driver)



## Victorian Rally Championship

### Overall

Arron Windus (Driver)  
Daniel Brkic (Co-Driver)

### 2WD

Justin Walker (Driver)  
Adam Wright (Co-Driver)



**ABOVE:** Held on the South Wharf Promenade in Melbourne, the Victorian awards was a lively and well-attended evening

**LEFT:** Motorsport Australia Vice President Margot Foster congratulating the Victorian champions and service awards winners

**BELOW:** Service Award recipient Nicholas Charrett surrounded by an entourage of support

**BELOW MIDDLE:** Burson Future Star of 2019, Nicholas Schembri

**BELOW LEFT:** Recognising a magnificent milestone, 50 years as a Victorian Motorsport Australia club - Alfa Romeo Owners' Club Of Australia

Photos: Look at Media

## Victorian Motor Race Championships

### Formula Vee Championship

Jake Rowe

### Sports Sedans Championship

Dean Camm

### Formula Ford 1600 Championship

Brendan Jones

### Improved Production Championship

Luke Grech-Cumbo



### Sports Car Championship

Joseph Ensabella

### HQ Holden Championship

Andrew McLeod

### MGs and Invited British Sports Car Series

Philip Chester

### Historic Touring Car Championship

Darryl Hansen

### Porsche 944 Championship

Cameron Beller

### Formula Ford Championship

Benjamin D'Alia

### Saloon Cars Championship

Travis Lindorff

### Circuit Excel Championship

Benjamin Grice





# WA AWARDS

## Motorsport Australia Awards

### State Event of the Year

Make Smoking History Targa West

### Burson Future Star

Cameron Atkins

### Junior Official of the Year

Sean Beck

### Official of the Year

David Smith

## Club Affiliation Recognition

### Established 10 Years

Fiat Lancia Club of Western Australia

### Established 5 Years

Classic English Ford Club (WA) Inc

## WA Auto Test Championships

### Motorkhana Outright Champion

Scott Bennett

### Motorkhana Lady Driver Champion

Lisa Armstrong

### Motorkhana Junior Driver Champion

Ethan Andersson

### Motorkhana Novice Driver Champion

Anastasia Armstrong

### Motorkhana Class A Champion

David Elliott

### Motorkhana Class B Champion

Peter Bergman

### Motorkhana Class C Champion

Peter Marsh

### Motorkhana Class D Champion

Peter Carrick

### Motorkhana Class F Champion

Scott Bennett

### State Speed Series Champion

Marcel Every

## WA Off Road Championship

### Outright

Darren Agrela (Driver)  
Ryan Barton (Navigator)

### Pro Buggy Champion

Darren Agrela (Driver)  
Ryan Barton (Navigator)

### Pro Lite Buggy Champion

Mal Yeardeley (Driver)  
Alex Cowan (Navigator)

### Super 1650 Champion

Michael Davis (Driver)  
Andrew Kingscott (Navigator)

### Extreme 2WD Champion

Phil Shepley (Driver)  
Stewart Shepley (Navigator)

### Performance 2WD Champion

Mathew Beck (Driver)  
Todd Klompmaker (Navigator)



### SxS Turbo Champion

Mathew Birnie (Driver)  
Rochelle Funneman (Navigator)

### Production 4WD Champion

Graeme Bentink (Driver)  
Dylan James (Navigator)

### Sportslite Champion

Peter Barrett (Driver)  
Craig Carson (Navigator)

### Extreme 4WD Champion

Peer Horn (Driver)  
Jim Ingham (Navigator)

### SXS Sport Champion

Jason Galea (Driver)  
Kiera Piercy (Navigator)

## WA Motor Race Championships

### Formula 1000 Champion

Stuart Kostera Jnr

### Formula Ford Champion

Thomas Hamlett

### Formula Ford Silver Star Champion

James Ridgewell

### Formula Classic Champion

Simon Alderson

### Formula Vee 1200cc Champion

Franz Esterbauer

### Formula Vee 1600cc Champion

Rod Lisson

### HQ Holdens Champion

Marc Watkins

### Improved Production Under 1600cc Champion

Tim Riley

### Improved Production Under 2000cc Champion

Grant Gellan

### Improved Production Under 3000cc Champion

Garry Edwards

### Improved Production Over 3000cc Champion

Nikola Mitic

### Historic Regularity Touring Car

#### Over 3001cc Champion

Garry Utterson

### Historic Regularity Touring Car

#### Under 3000cc Champion

Jamie Scott

### Historic Regularity Race Car

#### (MOPQR) Champion

David Dearden

### Historic Regularity Sports Car (M) Champion

Gary Cutler

### Historic Racing Car Champion

Michael Henderson

### Historic Regularity Overall Champion

Garry Utterson

### Modern Regularity Champion

Craig James

### Historic Touring Cars NA-NB

#### under 3000cc Champion

Lance Stannard



### Historic Touring Cars NA-NB over 3001cc Champion

Simon Northey

### Historic Touring Car NC under 3000cc Champion

Ken Waller

### Historic Touring Cars NC Over 3001cc Champion

John Bondi

### Saloon Cars EA/VN Champion

Nicholas Hanlon

### Saloon Cars AU/VT Champion

Grant Johnson

### Street Cars Champion

Denver Parker

### Street Cars under 2060cc Champion

Philip Crouse

### Sports Car Champion

Richard Bloomfield

### Sports Sedans Champion

Grant Hill

### WA Excel Cup Champion

Robert Landsmeer

## WA Rally Championship

### Outright and R5 Champion

John O'Dowd (Driver)  
Toni Feaver (Co-Driver)

### 2WD Championship and G2 Driver Champion

Razvan Vlad (Driver)  
Ioana Vlad (Co-Driver)

### Rookie of the Year and P6/P6P Champion

Kelly Thomas (Driver)  
Dave Thomas (Co-Driver)

### Clubman Cup Outright

Stephen Vass (Driver)  
Ashley Burton (Co-Driver)

### Clubman Cup Rookie of the Year

Braiden van Keule (Driver)  
Jayde Thompson (Co-Driver)

### Clubman Masters Series - Outright

Lance Stringer (Driver)  
Chris Parish (Co-Driver)

TOP LEFT: WA's Burson Future Star recipient  
Cameron Atkins

TOP: SXS Sport Champions Jason Galea and  
Kiera Piercy

ABOVE: David Smith, WA's Official of the Year  
Photos: BeardySnaps



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# PAUL OVER THE MOON WITH TOP GONG

**When you've been a well-respected official in motorsport for more than 40 years, it should come as no surprise when you are named as the Motorsport Australia Official of the Year.**

However, for the modest hard-working Paul Overell, the latest recipient of the prestigious accolade, he was caught off guard when he received the news he had won the award.

"I didn't believe it at first. It took me a day to read the message again and again until I realised it is really happening," Overell said during the National Awards Gala Dinner in Melbourne.

"It's humbling. I'm grateful Motorsport Australia takes the opportunity to thank officials and at a function as prestigious as this. It's great.

"I was made a life member two years ago and I thought that was the end of the road, but to get this is the icing on the cake."

Put simply, Overell's resume is very impressive.

A well-respected figure amongst his peers, he has provided leadership across a range of high-profile roles in Australia and overseas, including as a Flag and Sector Marshal to a Clerk of the Course and Steward.

*"I didn't believe it at first. I read the message again and again until I realised it is really happening"*

He has been a Race Director in national racing series, attended club level events and volunteered for international speed events, making Overell a highly skilled official.

Away from the racetrack, Paul displayed commitment to Motorsport Australia in many capacities through his work in different councils.

He has been Chairman of the Queensland Motor Race and Speed Event Advisory Panel, been an active member of the Australian Officials Commission and for 14 years, Overell was the Queensland State Council Chairman.

"When you start off, you get excited by the action," Overell added.

"After a while, it's the people and the fact that you can help at an event and make it one that everyone enjoyed, which becomes important.

"I would like to thank my parents, Ian Mayberry, Lawrie Schmitt and mainly my wife who has supported me for so many years and put up with so much from me. I have my missed birthdays and anniversary, and no one has complained, which is nice." ■

# TOUGH HILL TO CLIMB IN RAINY GIPPSLAND



Photos: Jamar Imaging

**More than 70 drivers braved the cold and torrential rain to take part in the second round of the 2020 Motorsport Australia Victorian Hill Climb Championship at Bryant Park.**

Hosted by the Gippsland Car Club, competitors were restricted with the amount of runs they got on the popular hill climb course, with some only getting just one go.

For the top three though, it was all they needed as Bruce Minahan was the only driver to break the 50 second barrier with an event winning time of 49.39 seconds on his first go. Despite jumping on track once more later in the day, Minahan's time remained comfortably unbeaten.

In second place, almost two seconds behind Minahan was Derek Foster, while round one winner Mike Barker secured a podium finish with a time just six tenths of a second faster than the fourth placed Peter Minahan.



Rounding out the top five a further four seconds behind was Wim Janssen, with the Radical driver one of few to have more than five runs on the hill climb.

While some decided to do as many runs as they could, most drivers, including the top 10 posted their best times on their first run and were unable to replicate it due to the condition of the course.



The next round of the Motorsport Australia Victorian Hill Climb Championship takes place at Mt Leura on 28-29 March. ■

[Click here to view the full results.](#)





# CHANGES TO ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUG POLICIES

Motorsport Australia wishes to remind members that breaches of the alcohol and illicit drug policy will now be published on the Motorsport Australia website.

Previously, Motorsport Australia held a discretion on whether to name those who had breached the Alcohol or Illicit Drug Policy for the first time.

With the change coming into effect of 1 March 2020, it means this discretion will no longer apply and the names of anyone breaching either policy must now be published. Previously, only second or subsequent offences were published.

Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocca said the publication of names

would serve as a further deterrent and encourage all those involved in motorsport to understand the importance of adhering to the policy.

"Motorsport Australia has a commitment to all motorsport participants to provide a safe and fair playing field with the highest levels of integrity," Arocca said.

"Given the number of overwhelming tests performed each year, the number of infractions is low, but that doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels and not provide further deterrence to those who think they can get away with doing the wrong thing."

Motorsport Australia CATOs (Certified and Accredited Testing Officials) will

continue to test for alcohol in 2020, while ASADA and other accredited contractors will test for performance enhancing drugs and illicit substances.

The policies apply to all competitors (including co-driver and navigators), officials, team members (including crew), Motorsport Australia contractors or third party contractors attending an event, as well as anyone who agrees to be bound by the Policy (for example, any Motorsport Australia accreditation holders). ■

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With Motorsport Australia recently signing a new merchandise and apparel partner in S-Trend Sportswear, the new estore features a new line of Motorsport Australia branded casual and officials merchandise.

Motorsport Australia's partnership with Revolution Racegear continues in the estore with race wear and equipment such as fireproof race suits, helmets and boots also available.

The popular speed shirt makes a return to the new estore, accompanied with a range of casual t-shirts highlighting different disciplines of motorsport.

The website also features a special portal for Motorsport Australia officials, where officials who require uniform can order their apparel for events they plan to attend.

All Motorsport Australia branded merchandise will see 15% of the sales go towards Bushfire Relief Fundraisers, with a special Bushfire Appeal Apparel range also on offer to purchase. ■





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# FUN DAY OUT ON THE COAST

**The Central Coast Car Club has held a successful Come and Try day during February with more than 18 juniors and women part of the motorkhana.**

Taking place in Gladstone, the participants got to put their skills to the test as they drove their road cars around a variety of different layouts under the guidance of club members.

For the juniors, it was a matter of getting a taste of what it's like behind the wheel, whereas for the women, it was an opportunity to build confidence in the car with the potential chance to progress into motorsport.

One of the female participants in Annie, who along with her two teenage children, took part in her first ever motorsport event after a friend had recommended it as a way to teach car control to her and her kids.

Another notable participant was Ricciardo's Racers graduate Stevie, who entered the event after enjoying herself at Ricciardo's Racers last year.

The participants were also treated to a special showing from the club's 2019 dirt and bitumen khanacross series winner Kobi Martin.

Martin, who also picked up a runners-up in the club's motorkhana series last year, showed the participants how the grassroots discipline was meant to be done. ■

[Click here for more information on the Central Coast Car Club.](#)











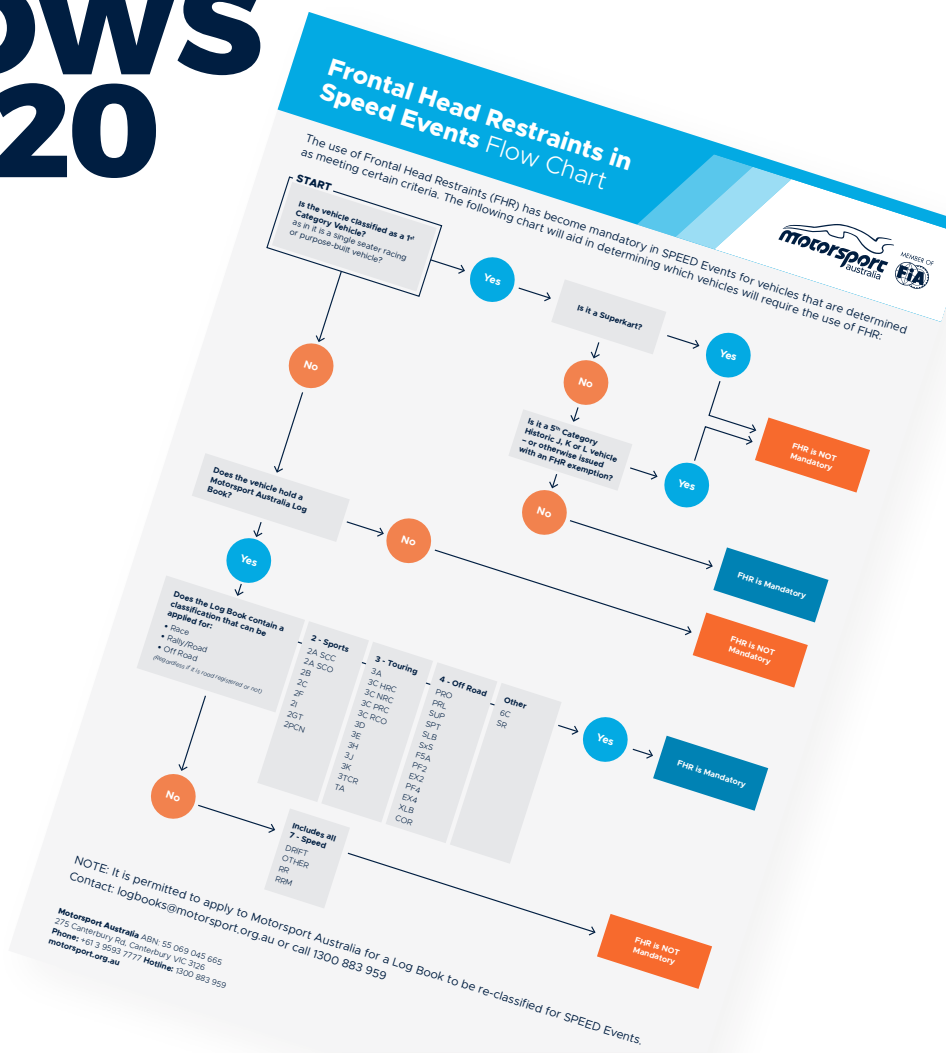
# FHR FLOWS INTO 2020

As of 1 January 2020, the mandatory use of a Frontal Head Restraint (FHR) came into effect for Speed events.

With the mandatory use only applied to certain vehicles, depending on their Motorsport Australia classification, the following chart can help members determine whether they are required to use a FHR safety device.

For the regulations please refer to Motorsport Australia Manual; [Schedule D - Apparel ONLINE](#). ■

[Click here to view and download the FHR in Speed Events Flow Chart](#)







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# CANBERRA COOL FOR ARC



Photo: Wishart Media

**After an extended off season due to the cancellation of Rally Australia, the 2020 Motorsport Australia Rally Championship (ARC) is finally here, with the Netier National Capital Rally to get the year underway.**

Following on from the pre-season test at Bagshot in early February, where crews got their first taste of the new Hoosier tyres and dust off the cobwebs, the long wait is over as the Canberra based rally runs on 21-22 March.

Ahead of the 2020 season, Speed Read previews the Netier National Capital Rally.

## THE EVENT:

Hosted by the Brindabella Motorsport Car Club, the event will once again run as a single-day sprint event with special stages to start a day earlier as a way to involve the local community.

Crews will tackle two runs of a spectator friendly Super Special Stage on Saturday, before competing around 130 competitive kilometres over 10 stages on the Sunday.

Taking place around the Kowen and Tidbinbilla forests, spectators will be able to enjoy the picturesque event for free, as well as getting up close and personal with drivers and teams at the Woden Service Park.

## LAST TIME THEY MET:

Toyota Gazoo Racing Australia's Harry Bates and John McCarthy continued their winning start to the 2019 season with an emphatic victory in Canberra after securing seven of the eight stage wins.

Their biggest challenge came from Subaru do Motorsport's Molly Taylor and Malcolm Read, who claimed a stage of their own, while Mick Patton and Bernie Webb steered their Mitsubishi Evo X to third place.





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- Stephen Mee

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING:

### Harry Bates

“Really looking forward to my home event. The Netier National Capital Rally is always a favourite of mine. The Saturday Super special is a great idea because it's very accessible for spectators and it's family friendly too. The fans see the car for many kilometres, as well as close so from that point of view, the super special stage is great.”

### Luke Anear

“It's the closest rally to my hometown in Sydney so it's great for us to get

there and the stages are really fun. There is a good variety of surfaces throughout the event. You have to be a bit careful though, but I think it's going to be a great event. The one-day format means you have to go flat out from the start and there isn't a lot of time to make up for it.”

### Stephen Mee

“Canberra is always tough so I would like to get to the finish line. Doesn't matter where you come from or what event it is, it's always tough - so we just want to get to the end. I love Kowen. It would have to be one of my favourite forests in Australia. Tidbinbilla gets a bit greasy when it's wet but there are some excellent roads in that stage.”

### Lewis Bates

“It's always a pleasure to compete in front of friends and family. Sleeping in your own bed and getting up to rally the next day is always a cool feeling. I've never had much luck in Canberra, but I am hoping it changes this year.” ■

**For everything you need to know about the 2020 Netier National Capital Rally, click here.**





# FIRST ROUND BECKONS FOR NEW ERA OF SHANNONS

**The Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships returns in March with seven categories to form part of the first meeting of the seven-round season.**

In 2019, Sydney Motorsport Park hosted the opening round of the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships and while it holds the same responsibility in 2020, a lot has changed in the 12-months inbetween.

The addition of a new name, new categories and new racetracks were all part of the busy off season, as well as the news that motorsport fans can tune in live and free to

every round on the Seven Network or via the live stream on 7plus.

The first round will have seven categories competing in a jam-packed schedule and while there are a couple of familiar categories from previous years, there will also be some fresh ones for motorsport fans.

Staples of the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships, the carsales TCR Australia Series and Michelin Sprint Challenge Australia are once again prominent features on the calendar and both begin their seasons at Sydney Motorsport Park.

S5000 Australia will be making its fourth official appearance meetings at Sandown, The Bend and the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix. However this time, it will be the first round of a new series - a fitting destination as it was where the open-wheel car was first revealed in 2018.

Rounding out the impressive list of categories are the Gulf Western Oil Touring Car Masters and Trans Am Series, both of which had solid first rounds during the Superloop Adelaide 500 and the third tier of Supercars - the V8 Touring Car National Series



There are also tickets still available for purchase, so motorsport fans don't miss out on the action.

All GA tickets on Friday are free, while tickets on Saturday and Sunday are \$30 each. Spectators can save money by purchasing a weekend pass for \$45 each. Children under 16 are also free.

For those wanting to get a little bit more out of the event, Corporate Hospitality Tickets to the Morris Finance Drivers' Club range from just \$49 to all-inclusive weekend passes at \$350.

The Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships' season opener take place at Sydney Motorsport Park on 27-29 March. ■

## THE RACING

- **Touring Car Masters:** Three 20-minute races
- **\$5000:** Two qualifying races and one feature race
- **TCR Australia:** Three 30-minute races
- **Michelin Sprint Challenge:** Two 20-minute races and one 30-minute race
- **V8 Touring Car:** Two 20-minute races and one 30-minute race
- **LMP3:** Two 50-minute races
- **Trans Am:** Three 20-minute races

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# MCLAUGHLIN PICKS UP WHERE HE LEFT OFF



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**Reigning Virgin Australia Supercars Champion Scott McLaughlin has had an almost perfect start to his title defence, claiming the Superloop Adelaide 500 for the second consecutive year.**

The victory came off the back of a win in Sunday's race, and a second place in the season opener on Saturday.

It didn't come easy for McLaughlin though after some luck went his way in the second race as Shane van Gisbergen had to give up his lead due much needed fuel stop.

Just 24 hours before van Gisbergen's heartbreak, his teammate Jamie Whincup sent out a message to the rest of the competition with a commanding win in the opening race. ■

## RACE 1

1. Jamie Whincup
2. Scott McLaughlin
3. Shane van Gisbergen

*"I had a rocket today. The car was excellent, we made the most of pole position."*

- Jamie Whincup

*"It's so important to have two good results. I'm glad to get through it."*

- Scott McLaughlin

## RACE 2

1. Scott McLaughlin
2. Chaz Mostert
3. Cameron Waters

## CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10

1. Scott McLaughlin (288 pts)
2. Jamie Whincup (261)
3. Chaz Mostert (234)
4. Cameron Waters (231)
5. Will Davison (231)
6. David Reynolds (210)
7. Lee Holdsworth (171)
8. Mark Winterbottom (162)
9. Fabian Coulthard (162)
10. Rick Kelly (150)



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## NEXT STOP

**Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix**  
12 - 15 March  
Albert Park Street Circuit

[Click here for tickets to the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix](#)



# FUTURE STARS TO RALLY IN 2020

**The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile has introduced a new global initiative targeted at building the next generation of rally drivers.**

The FIA Rally Star's overarching goal will be to detect, train and develop talented young drivers aged between 17 and 25 so they can eventually join, and be competitive, in the World Rally Championship.

Funded by the FIA Innovation fund, the program aims to encourage the emergence of a new generation of drivers through two grassroots disciplines in Digital Motorsport and Motorkhanas, across two phases.

The first phase of the program will have all ASNs, including Motorsport Australia, given the responsibility of identifying the talent before the six continental finals, with Australia to run under the Asia-Pacific banner.

During each final, the candidates of each ASN will compete against the clock in XC Cross Cars, with each final to determine one of the seven seats in the program.

Once selected, the successful seven drivers will begin an intense program of training with personal coaching, testing sessions and participation

in a minimum of six rallies behind the wheel of a Rally3 car.

From there, the four most promising drivers, including at least one female, will then join the FIA Junior WRC, where they will have two seasons to prove themselves in a bid to make it to the top level.

FIA President Jean Todt was excited for the new initiative, which begins during June's FIA Sport Conference in Thailand.

"When we talk about the detection of rally drivers, we obviously think of Rallye Jeunes, which enabled the FFSA to identify the potential of Sébastien Loeb and Sébastien Ogier with the success that we know," Todt said.

"Thanks to the support of the FIA's Innovation Fund, we are embarking on an extremely ambitious and innovative programme, made available to our 144 ASNs for worldwide deployment and amplification.

"FIA Rally Star is a great opportunity for those who dream of becoming rally drivers."

The program begins in mid-June with Motorsport Australia delivering their part of the initiative soon after. ■

*"We are embarking on an extremely ambitious and innovative programme"*

**- Jean Todt, FIA President**



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# BRABHAM SCREENING GETS EXTRA SPECIAL

Motorsport fans awaiting the highly anticipated documentary feature film *Brabham* will be able to get an exclusive viewing during a special screening in March.

Telling the story of Sir Jack Brabham and his son's journey in the competitive world of Formula 1, the documentary features a number of high-profile motorsport figures discussing the legacy of the Brabhams.

The product of a large collaborative effort between Producer Antony Waddington, Motorsport Australia, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation and many other organisations – the screening takes place at the start of a busy Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix festival week.

The film's producers have also announced the screening's proceeds will be donated to the 'Victorian Bushfire Disaster Appeal' as a way to contribute to the ongoing country-wide efforts of financial support to affected areas.

The special screening of *Brabham* will which will take place the Jam Factory in South Yarra on Monday 9 March. ■

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# A BUGGY TREAT FOR DURHAM ROAD KIDS

**The Western Australian Off Road Racing Association (WAORRA) held its annual Kids Charity Ride during February with a number of children from Durham Road School getting to experience grassroots motorsport first hand.**

Taking place at Noble Falls facility, the excited children were greeted with a line of off road cars and were giving the opportunity to go for a ride-along.

From a Hummer and a Kingswood to the standard pro-buggy, the participating children were all smiles as they were treated

to laps in the vehicles and getting a first-hand experience of off road thrills.

Since its inauguration more than a decade ago, the WAORRA Kids Charity Ride Day has provided West Australian children with plenty of laughter and joy as they experience the exhilarating action in off road racing.

This year's event also saw the founder of the initiative, Blake Pugh step down as leader and pass the baton to Chris Hill. ■



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