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Check out the December upcoming club and state events for 2019 from all around Australia.



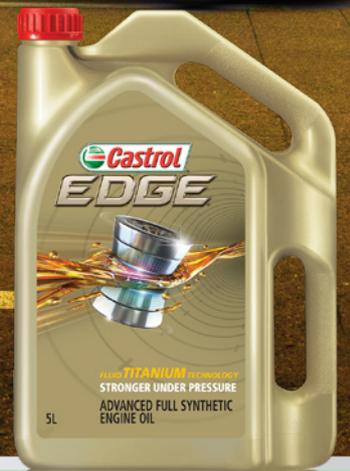
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Next year's Motorsport Australia Rally Championship calendar has been revealed, with competitors and rally fans to enjoy an exciting mix of events.



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COVER PHOTO

Scott McLaughlin sealed his second Virgin Australia Supercars Championship with a round to spare. With a 18 race wins in the 2019 season, the Mustang pilot was unstoppable all year.

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DECEMBER UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW SOUTH WALES AND ACT

- 5 December:** Whiteline Tarmac Rallysprint Series 2019/2020
- 7 December:** 2019 National Patios ACT Khanacross Series R6
- 7-8 December:** Confectionery 2 Day Autocross
- 7-8 December:** December State Khanacross
- 8 December:** Kanga Klimax

QUEENSLAND

- 7 December:** BSCC Christmas Party
- 7-8 December:** Qld 86 BRZ End Of Year Cruise

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY

- 4-7 December:** Shannons Adelaide Rally
- 7 December:** R3 Top End Mud Racing Series
- 7-8 December:** The Bend Classic

TASMANIA

- 7 December:** 500cc Junior Development Program
- 7-8 December:** Khanacross Summer Series R2
- 14 December:** Legana Tyres and More Khanacross Series R5
- 14 December:** BJR Tasmanian Hillclimb Championship

VICTORIA

- 5-8 December:** Formula SAE-A 2019
- 7 December:** Multi-club Twilight Hillclimb
- 7 December:** TCCA Classic Japan Motorkhana
- 7 December:** Victorian 86/BRZ Club Motorkhana Series R4
- 7 December:** MSCA All Come and Try Day
- 8 December:** AROCA Phillip Island Sprint
- 8 December:** Geordie Fawcett Memorial Autocross

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

- 5 December:** Shannons Targa Rallysprint Series R2
- 11 December:** Summer Autocross Series R2



Photo: Monash Motorsport

VIC: The Formula SAE-Australasia is back with Universities around the world arriving in Winton with their student-built cars to battle it out across multiple motorkhana style challenges.



Photo: N Performance

NSW: The 2019/20 season is well underway with the third round of the Whiteline Tarmac Rallysprint Series to take place this month. Competitors can race the designated three kilometre Sydney Dragway course in any car of their choice.

SA: One of the biggest rally events in South Australia - the Shannons Adelaide Rally will have more than 300 cars competing across 30 stages and on display at the street party.



Photo: Shannons Adelaide Rally



Photo: Craig Radcliffe

NT: The hugely popular Top End Mud Racing Series sees between 30-40 cars battle it out against each other and the clock in head-to-head races of a muddy and wet 700 metre course.



Photo: North West Car Club

TAS: One of the last state level events for the year, the BJR Tasmanian Hillclimb Championship makes its return to the track for the first time since 2005 and its Oonah Rd course is one that is popular amongst competitors.



Photo: CMR Photographic

WA: The Shannons Targa Rallysprint Series is back for the second time for the new season as drivers have a number of skills tested as they navigate their way around the track and try to beat the clock.

“I have been chasing a title for 10 years now, but I have never got top spot”



Photo: Revved Photography

BARRY FINALLY CLAIMS ELUSIVE NATIONAL TITLE

Douglas Barry is the 2019 CAMS Australian Supersprint Champion after posting the fastest lap time during the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit event.

Behind the wheel of the Lola T8750-F3000, Barry was the fastest out of more than 120 drivers who had made their way from around the country to compete in the annual event.

Despite beating the outright lap time record at Phillip Island, Barry found himself locked in a tight battle with Queenslander Dean Tighe as the duo traded fastest times across the weekend.

While both drivers were the only ones to break the one minute and 25 second barrier, it was Barry whose sensational lap sealed the deal and saw him take out the title by just seven tenths.

For Barry, it was a long time coming and a victory he believed was one of the most special in his career.

"It feels fantastic. I am ecstatic. I have been chasing a title for 10 years now, but I have never got top spot," Barry said.

"I struck car troubles in last year's national Supersprint and came close in the years before, but having won the CAMS New South Wales Supersprint this year, I believed this year was my year because I felt like I had a rocket ship.

"It's an awesome track. When you come from Central New South Wales you have the dream to race there one day, but as the years tick by, you start to realise that it's going to be difficult, but to get there this year when the ideal opportunity came up and to win there makes it even more special.

"It was a great battle with Dean Tighe, I had to go under the lap record to do it. But it was awesome. I think I will be back next year to defend it."

The front two were on a different level compared to the rest of the field, as Richard Perini guided his Ginetta G55 to third place with a lap time around six seconds slower than Tighe.

A further four seconds slower was the battle for fourth and a much closer one for that matter as Dallara pilot Cosi Sorgiovanni finished just two tenths faster than John Williamson in a Lamborghini.

Only two other drivers managed to finish within the one minute and 40 second mark and just two tenths separated Peter Nowlan in the NRC Bullet and Holden Commodore driver Allen Nash for sixth place.

CAMS AUSTRALIAN SUPERSPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP TOP 10

1. Douglas Barry - 1:24.1456
2. Dean Tighe - 1:24.8241
3. Richard Perini - 1:32.1057
4. Cosi Sorgiovanni - 1:36.4065
5. John Williamson - 1:36.6623
6. Peter Nowlan - 1:38.5390
7. Allen Nash - 1:38.7897
8. Andrew McInnes - 1:40.0120
9. James Crichton - 1:40.6059
10. Jason Dorrington - 1:40.7883

[Click here for outright times and final results.](#)



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APPLY FOR 2020 CLUB AFFILIATION

Get on the front foot before the summer break and lock away your club's affiliation with Motorsport Australia for the new 2020 season.

There are a number of benefits to lodge your affiliation in before the new year.

- No interruption in your club's insurance coverage;
- Your members' CAMS/Motorsport Australia Competition Licences remain valid over the holiday season;
- 2020 Motorsport Australia permit applications may be held up while your club completes the affiliation process. This is especially important for those clubs proposing to stage events early in the new year;
- Committee members can be pretty hard to contact over the holiday season. This can be particularly difficult if a cheque is required to be issued or countersigned.

Competition licence holders require to be an active member of a Motorsport Australia affiliated sporting car club. If your club's affiliation is not active, this could pose issues for those licence holders planning to compete in multi-club events prior to your club reaffiliating.

As the CAMS/Motorsport Australia affiliation period aligns with the calendar year, the 2019 affiliation period lapses at 11:59pm AEDT on 31 December, 2019.

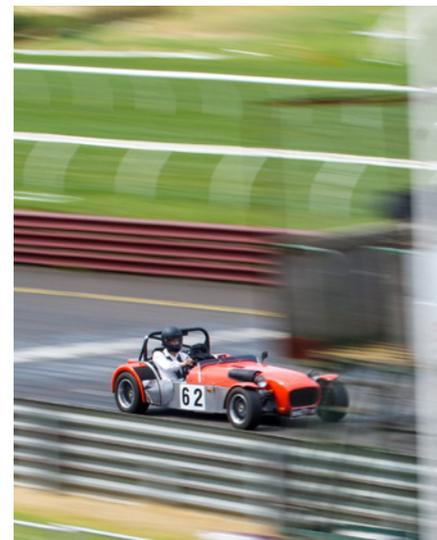
Be mindful that CAMS/Motorsport Australia will close for 2019 on Thursday 19 December, 2019 and reopen on Monday 6 January, 2020. There will be no processing of affiliation paperwork during this period.

Should you have any questions about reaffiliating or becoming a new club, please get in contact with your local State Office.

Motorsport Australia

It is important to note for our current clubs that Motorsport Australia will be CAMS' new trading name as of 1 January, 2020. Motorsport Australia's legal entity remains 'Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd'.

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MACKRELL CROWNED KING IN ARARAT HILL CLIMB

Kevin Mackrell only needed one run to take out the Ararat Car Club's 12th annual King of the Hill as the Sports Car driver's time of just over 50 seconds was too good for the rest of the competition.

More than 60 hill climb hopefuls from South Australia and Victoria were entered in the Victorian club's hill climb event with most using up all their five runs, but they ended up being no match for Mackrell and his outstanding second run effort.

Despite Mackrell posting a time that remained unchallenged for the whole weekend, it was an unfortunate outcome for the reigning King of the Hill champion, as he was only able to complete his one run due to his damaged engine sustained the week before.



After sitting out and nursing the car during the first run, his winning second run was spoilt when the car indicated low oil pressure, which ultimately put him out for the rest of the weekend and ruined his chance to break the 50 second barrier.

It was all he needed though as the second placed Simon Feil couldn't only get within three seconds of the leader, Feil's final run time of 53.14 enough to comfortably secure a well deserved runner-up finish ahead of Glenn Latter.

Feil was definitely the best of the rest, as he posted the fastest time on the final three runs, while Latter had the strongest start with the fastest time in the first run of the day.

However as the day progressed, Feil comfortably had his measure and never looked liked relinquishing second spot.

While Latter was more than a second behind, the battle for fourth was much closer with Latter just four tenths faster than Daniel Leitner in fifth place.

It was a fantastic performance from Leitner, with the youngster not only securing a top five finish, but also taking out the fastest Junior and Shannons most improved gongs.

Other notable victories to come out of the event was Tania Langcake, who was the fastest female driver and Frank Turrell who was the fastest in the event's largest class, the Non Log Booked cars.

With the event also hosting a state of origin trophy, Clerk of Course and Victorian Chris Harwood was thrilled the Victorians could win the trophy back.

"The prestigious Peter Hall memorial State of Origin Trophy was also on the line with a lot of fast cars from both sides of the border trading best times," Harwood said.

"After South Australia have had a stranglehold on the trophy Victoria finally won it back after 10 years.

"A big thank you to all the volunteers and officials who make this an iconic hill climb event as well as the club sponsors." ■



Photo: Edge Photographics

MCLAUGHLIN GOES BACK-TO-BACK

After a thrilling final two rounds, the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship has come to a close with Scott McLaughlin claiming back-to-back titles.

McLaughlin went into November within reach of his second consecutive title having won the Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 and securing a third place on the Gold Coast.

In the Penrite Oil Sandown 500, the Kiwi and his co-driver Alexandre Premat secured three top 10 finishes, while fellow contender Shane van Gisbergen saw his hopes dashed after a heartbreaking end to the final race, which was won by teammates Jamie Whincup and Craig Lowndes.

During the round, McLaughlin had picked up enough points to gain an unassailable lead and win the Championship with a round to spare.

When it came to the Coates Hire Newcastle 500, McLaughlin continued on his merry way with two top five finishes, as Whincup and van Gisbergen each enjoyed a race win.





Photos: Edge Photographics

“I'm so glad to finally be able to celebrate with my team”

"I'm so glad to finally be able to celebrate with my team," McLaughlin said.

"We won the teams championship too, that's bloody awesome.

"I think anytime an organisation can win 18 wins in a single car, but then 20 wins as an organisation is pretty impressive."

As he did in 2018, van Gisbergen finished the year in second place to McLaughlin, but it wasn't a lost season

with the 2016 champion ending the year with the Barry Sheene medal.

"I do struggle with the media stuff but the people around me have helped me show who I am. Thanks to the Red Bull Holden Racing Team and everybody involved," van Gisbergen said post the Supercars Gala Award dinner.

"Thanks to my family for my grounding and all the people who helped me coming through, Stone Brothers for giving me my first shot, Tekno and now Red Bull.

"I love my career, love what I do for a job. The sport has been through some tough times this year as a whole, hopefully we start from zero next year and have some fun. ■

MCLAUGHLIN'S SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

Points:

3872

Weeks as #1:

41

Top fives:

29

Wins:

18

Poles:

15

Fastest Laps:

10

Best winning streak:

6

(Pirtek Perth Super Night Race 12 - Watpac Townsville 400 Race 17)

Runner-ups:

3

TOP 10

1. **Scott McLaughlin - 3872 points**
2. **Shane van Gisbergen - 3310**
3. **Jamie Whincup - 3208**
4. **Fabian Coulthard - 3058**
5. **Chaz Mostert - 2879**
6. **David Reynolds - 2694**
7. **Cameron Waters - 2588**
8. **Will Davison - 2495**
9. **Nick Percat - 2445**
10. **Lee Holdsworth - 2428**



Photo: CTMSA

AUSTRALIANS IMPRESS AT INTERNATIONAL GYMKHANA

Australia has enjoyed a solid outing at the FIA International Gymkhana Grand Prix in Taiwan with the three representatives putting in promising performances throughout the weekend.

With 36 drivers from 11 different countries in attendance, competitors took part in solo, double and team categories in a qualifying and knockout style of competition.

Representing the green and gold were Stephen Turner, Heath Barry

and Kelly Thomas and it was Turner and Barry who ended the weekend with the best result, scoring a gallant second place in the doubles category.

The 12 competing teams had to complete the motorkhana challenges with two cars on the road and the duo qualified in P5 to move to the final round where they would only get one run at the course.

The trio were unable to experience the same highs in the other disciplines though as Turner was the best

performer in the Solo runs, while Barry was eliminated in his first knockout and Thomas wasn't able to progress to the knockout stage.

In the team category, each driver had one run on the course with each score adding to a final team score. Despite all three drivers doing well, it wasn't enough to secure a spot in the knockout stages.

"This was a very interesting style of event. To be fast you needed to adapt to the cars quickly," Turner said.

“Our second outright in the double competition was just fantastic”

- Stephen Turner



Photos: CTMSA



“Now we have a better understanding of this event, I think we can work hard and develop Team Australia into a highly competitive team.

“While I was disappointed with my solo effort, our second outright in the double competition was just fantastic.

Like Turner, the runner-up in the doubles was the highlight of the weekend for Barry.

“The Taipei international gymkhana prize 2019 was an awesome event and I learnt lots of new things,” Barry said.

“I made heaps of new friends in this amazing experience. We are all pretty stoked that we could bring home second in the doubles event for team Australia.”

As for Thomas, despite improving throughout her rounds, it was still an enjoyable event as she looks to one day get another chance to prove her skills.

“I felt like I didn’t get the chance to completely prove myself. I know I can do better, it would be amazing if we could come back next year

to give it a fair crack knowing what to expect,” Thomas said.

“I think we all have a high potential to do well but at the moment, a massive thank you to all organisers, officials and everyone involved who got team Australia over here.” ■

D2BD WRAPS UP WITH SUCCESSFUL NEWCASTLE TRIP

After another successful year since its inauguration in 2018, Dare to be Different (D2BD) has wrapped for 2019 with Newcastle hosting the last event.

Over two days, more than 40 young female participants aged eight to 12 from schools around the Hunter region got an insight into motor sport across two separate programs at the University of Newcastle and Newcastle 500 paddock.

The Glendore Public School and Medowie Christian School pupils started the program touring Newcastle University's engineering Precinct.

With regular ambassadors Romy Mayer, Bonnie Beard, Emma Notarfrancesco, Emily Duggan and Jessica Dane all on hand, the young females participated in laps of the simulator, the STEM and media workshops Fitness and Reaction Challenge and the Pit Stop Challenges.

During the jam packed activity-filled day, the students also got a chance to tour the precinct and see into life in the university's engineering department.

The following day, the students headed to the city's big event for the weekend, the Coates Hire Newcastle 500. The students were given a behind the scenes look at the Supercars Championship's season finale.

Starting off with an exclusive tour through the Kelly Racing, Erebus & Red Bull Holden Racing garages, the young students then got access into the Fox Sports studios with D2BD ambassador Jess Yates, before finishing the day with a look around CAMS Race Control.

The program has now wrapped up for the year with a 2020 schedule to be released in the coming weeks. ■

[Click here for more information on the Dare To Be Different Program.](#)



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“I am delighted to be playing a part in helping shape the future of this sport around the country”

- Margot Foster

MARGOT FOSTER NAMED VICE PRESIDENT

Margot Foster AM OLY has been elected Vice President of CAMS, while Director Thea Jeanes-Cochrane has been appointed for a three year term on the Board following her initial one year appointment.

Margot’s election as Vice President is a historic appointment for CAMS as the first woman elected to the position.

Current Vice President Graeme Emerton was also re-elected as Vice President.

An Olympic and Commonwealth Games medallist in rowing and former Chairman of Vicsport, Margot is a lawyer by profession and a highly experienced sports administrator.

Margot said she was delighted to take on this new role, building further on her contributions to the Board since her appointment as a Director in 2017.

“It’s an exciting time to be involved in motorsport and at a Board level, there is certainly a lot of great work in the pipeline which will assist in growing the sport from the grassroots through to the highest level,” Margot said.

“With CAMS’ upcoming rebrand to Motorsport Australia and a number of strategic initiatives and governance reforms underway, I am delighted to be playing a part in helping shape the future of this sport around the country.

“To serve as Vice President of CAMS, and Motorsport Australia as of 2020, is certainly an honour and a position I am excited to take on.”

Meanwhile, Thea, who was appointed to the Board earlier this year, has been reappointed for a further three years, from 1 January 2020. She and Margot are the first women to be appointed to the Board, succeeding the first woman who was an elected director from South Australia in the mid-2000s.

Thea’s career in the international sports and entertainment industry spans more than 20 years, graduating from Ohio University with a Master’s Degree in Sports Administration and Marketing. She has a proven track record in creating, producing, and commercialising a diverse portfolio of events – ranging from the Commonwealth Games and motorsport (IndyCar and V8 Supercars), to global touring exhibitions, theatre shows and concert spectaculars.

“Since joining the CAMS Board in March this year, I’ve witnessed firsthand the passion and dedication that my fellow Board members contribute, along with the staff in the organisation, towards ensuring the ongoing success of motor sport in Australia,” Thea said.

“While motorsport currently sits in a strong position in Australia, there’s



always plenty of future planning work to do to ensure its strategic growth. This includes creating new entry pathways for participation open to all people, and especially attracting more women into careers within the motorsport industry.

“The announcement of a rebrand to Motorsport Australia, which comes into full effect in 2020, has been nationally well received, and we are enthusiastic about how this update will assist us in our efforts to deliver further reach and growth across the industry.” ■

TIME TO BE EXTRA SAFE DURING FESTIVE SEASON



As 2019 reaches its busy Christmas and New Year holiday period, roads around Australia have begun to increase in traffic and have become far busier.

During this hectic period, it's important that everyone behind the wheel is aware of their responsibilities and their surroundings.

The impact of road trauma has grown significantly in 2019 due to multiple factors and drivers are encouraged to be safe and fully alert when travelling between destinations.

When fatalities occur as a result of a road trauma, it's not just the direct victims who suffer. When a life is lost on the road, friends and families are impacted greatly and that emotional toll is one no one wants to bear.

CAMS supports the FIA's Golden Rules for Safer Motoring which are aimed at reducing road trauma worldwide – a staggering 3,500 lives are lost in road traffic crashes every day.

The FIA's Golden Rules are:

- Obey the speed limit
- Never drink and drive
- Use a child safety seat
- Always pay attention
- Buckle up
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- Check your tyres
- Stay bright on a bike
- Check your vision
- Slow down for kids



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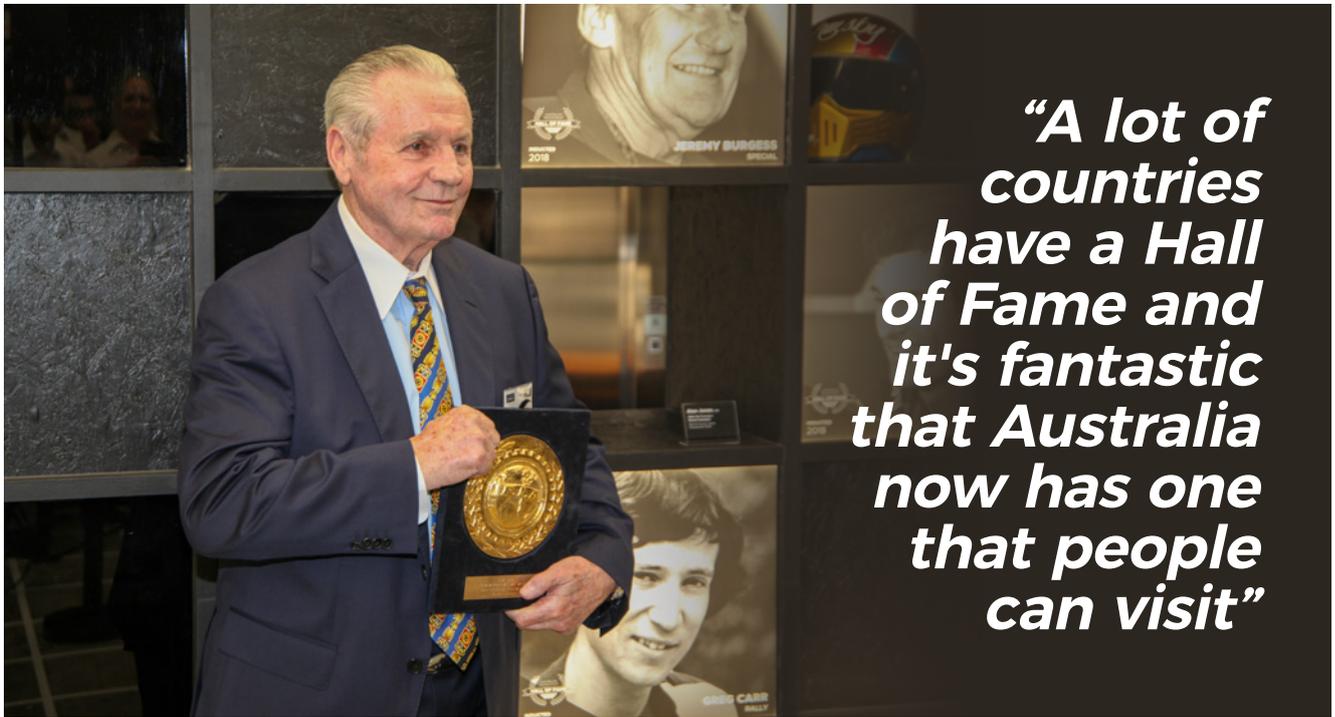
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MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA HOUSE OFFICIALLY OPENED



“A lot of countries have a Hall of Fame and it's fantastic that Australia now has one that people can visit”

More than 100 special guests and staff were on hand for the opening of CAMS' new headquarters in Canterbury on Wednesday.

Featuring the new Motorsport Australia branding, the building also includes a brand new area for the Australia Motorsport Hall of Fame, which highlights the contributions of the 84 inductees and three legends that have been honoured across all disciplines of motorsport.

The launch also included a special visit by one of Australia's greatest drivers, Formula 1 World Champion Alan Jones MBE, who also donated memorabilia to be securely displayed as part of the Hall of Fame display.

“This new building basically shows what CAMS has been up to. Motorsport has been growing and growing in recent years, and this building is a wonderful testament to that,” Jones said.

“Donating the trophy was a simple decision really. It was at home and people don't get to see it at my home. I thought it would be better here on display at the home of Australian motorsport where people could come in and see what a Formula 1 World Championship trophy looks like.

“There are a lot of countries around the world that have a Hall of Fame and it's fantastic that Australia now has one that people can visit.”

The headquarters, to be known as Motorsport Australia House, is home to all Melbourne based staff, with members welcome to the office to renew or upgrade their licences as well as ask any other enquiries as necessary.



CAMS President Andrew Papadopoulos said the new office, combined with the upcoming rebrand to Motorsport Australia, signified an exciting period for the sport.

“Since 1953, CAMS has been the peak body for motorsport and this change to Motorsport Australia, along with the opening of Motorsport Australia House only further highlights that role to a growing participation base,” Papadopoulos said.

“Today marks a brand-new chapter for motorsport in this country as we officially open our new headquarters and prepare for the upcoming rebrand to Motorsport Australia.”

CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca said the new office would allow staff more space and also ensure the organisation was in a more modern, environmentally friendly building.

“We are pleased to be in a bigger space, which will allow us to better serve the needs and requirements of our members and all four-wheeled motor sport in this country,” Arocca said.

“We're on track to have a record number of licence holders in 2019, which signifies the passion which exists for this sport.



“Of course we won't rest on our laurels, and with the rebrand to Motorsport Australia in 2020, we will be on a mission to ensure more people are enjoying more motorsport more often.”

Also present at the launch was the Honourable Shaun Leane, Member of Parliament for the Eastern Metropolitan Region, representing the Victorian Government.

“It's fantastic to be here today as a representative for Premier Daniel Andrews,” Leane said.

“It's an amazing facility which captures the importance of what motorsport is for Australia and how big it is, because there are so many passionate motorsport fans around the country.

“We like to think we're the sporting capital of the world, so to have this new building here in Victoria and Australia is fantastic.”

The move to Canterbury was funded by the sale of the previous Malvern East headquarters, which was sold at auction in 2017. ■



CHANGE TO MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA FROM 1 JAN

From Wednesday 1 January 2020, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport will be trading as Motorsport Australia.

CAMS members should note Motorsport Australia's responsibilities remain the same and there will be no change to the organisation's structure.

The change was made after extensive consultation within the industry and with the general public.

This change brings us into line with the vast majority of other peak sporting bodies, such as Tennis Australia and Cricket Australia.

Once the new year arrives, members do not have to do anything differently with all licences to remain valid until their expiration date, for which members will then receive an updated license card under the new Motorsport Australia banner.

The name change comes in line with the organisation's head office relocation to 275 Canterbury Rd, Canterbury, Victoria – following the sale of its existing Malvern East headquarters in 2017. ■

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QUINN ADDS ALPINE RALLY TO GLOWING RESUME

Nathan Quinn and Ray Winwood-Smith have won the 2019 Alpine Rally of East Gippsland in what was a well-deserved victory in difficult conditions.

With more than 100 crews taking on the prestigious biennial event, Quinn and co-driver Winwood-Smith powered through the competition with a number of stage wins to eventually secure the title.

In second place, just under a minute slower was Kade Barrett and David Guest, while Carl Stewart and Matthew James rounded out the podium a further two minutes behind.

Behind the wheel of a 1970 Mazda RX2, the 2017 CAMS Australian Rally Champion won the opening stage before engaging with an intense battle with number one seeds Ben Barker and Damien Long on Saturday.

Both cars exchanged stage wins before Barker and Long failed to finish the second last stage, which saw their chances for back-to-back Alpine Rally titles over.

From there Quinn and Winwood-Smith cruised to the victory, their three-minute buffer shortened to one after receiving a two-minute penalty, but it wasn't enough to dampen the mood.

Following his victory, Quinn was stoked to win his maiden Alpine Rally, despite the weather wreaking havoc on the event, which saw it shortened from its original format.

"It was a pretty challenging weekend," Quinn said post-event.

"It was pretty ironic having bushfires on one side and flooding the next day. It was quite slippery conditions actually but I feel being up the field definitely helped us."

The Alpine Rally of East Gippsland will return in 2021 for its Centennial anniversary celebrations. ■

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2020 ARC CALENDAR

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As previously announced, the Netier National Capital Rally will open the national rally season on 21-22 March in Canberra, before the Make Smoking History Forest Rally hosts round two on 17-19 April in Busselton and Nannup.

The further four rounds have now been locked in, with Rally Tasmania in Launceston, Eureka Rush in Ballarat

and the Adelaide Hills Rally in Mount Barker to follow later in the year.

The sixth round of the Championship is still yet to be confirmed, with discussions underway with a number of events to replace what has traditionally been the end of season Rally Australia slot.

With CAMS impending rebrand to Motorsport Australia on 1 January, the Championship will now be known as the Motorsport Australia Rally Championship.

CAMS CEO Eugene Arocca said the Championship now had a solid mix of events that had cemented their place on the national calendar.

“2020 is shaping up to be even better as we continue to work closely with the event organisers to further grow the Championship events”



Photo: Wishart Media

"The 2019 Championship was certainly a captivating one on many fronts for both competitors and spectators alike," Arocca said.

"2020 is shaping up to be even better as we continue to work closely with the event organisers to further grow the Championship events that are held across Australia, as well as step up the coverage these events receive. Our audience has grown year-on-year and we're focused on further improvements to our digital offering next year to generate even more exposure for the Motorsport Australia Rally Championship.

"While the final round is yet to be confirmed, we are committed to hosting a sixth event and will look

to confirm details of this event as soon as we are able to."

The exciting, shortened one day rally formats held for the first time in 2019 will continue in 2020, with Canberra's Netier National Capital Rally and Victoria's Eureka Rush Rally to showcase the shortened format once again.

Keep an eye on rally.com.au in the coming weeks for individual 2020 event previews. ■

CALENDAR

Netier National Capital Rally
Australian Capital Territory
21-22 March

Make Smoking History Forest Rally
Western Australia
17-19 April

Rally Tasmania
Tasmania
19-21 June

Eureka Rush
Victoria
22-23 August

Adelaide Hills Rally
South Australia
2-4 October

Final Round
TBC

SNOOKS ON SONG IN MEMORIAL RALLY



Photo: Bruce Keys

Darryn and Stuart Snooks have ended the 2019 CAMS Victorian Club Rally Series on a high after taking out the George Derrick Memorial Rally.

Behind the wheel of the Datsun Stanza, the pair were fastest out of the 38-car field in four of the eight stages, as well as finishing in the top three in the four other stages.

The duo enjoyed the series' season finale victory of more than two minutes over runners-up in Brad Till and Mitch Garrad, while stage three winners Andrew and Laurie White rounded out the top three.

A slow start from Stephen Raymond and Graham Redcliffe saw the Subaru Impreza RS drivers finish in fifth place behind Ryan Humphreys and Steve Kenway in their Toyota Sprinter.

Event clerk of course Bernard Miron was thrilled with the success of the memorial rally which honoured the Car Club of the Royal Melbourne Technical College's first president.

"A big congratulations to not just Darryn and Stuart Snooks for winning the round, but for all 38 crews who took part in the event.

"It was a great turnout from competitors, officials and spectators, all of who had a lot of fun.

"While there was a bit of rain during the day and snow in some areas, it was a really successful event.

"A big thanks to everyone involved in what was a fantastic way to end the series." ■

**To view full results
from the series' final
round, [click here](#).**





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- Bernard Miron, Clerk of Course

Photos: Bruce Keys





RICCIARDO'S RACERS WRAPS UP IN SA

Ricciardo's Racers for 2019 has been completed with The Bend Motorsport Park hosting the final event for what has been a successful year.

Guiding the South Australian teenagers through the sessions aimed at teaching them more about driving was former Virgin Australia Supercars Championship driver Karl Reindler.

The event taught the participants the fundamentals of car control and car control in the wet, with all participants taking part in different activities.

Behind the wheel of her parents' Mini Cooper S, level one and two participant Megan was a big fan of the event and the way the instructors approached the sessions.

"I learnt how to drive the car a lot better and I now have a better understanding of what to do if lose control of my car," Megan said.

"I really liked doing Ricciardo's Racers because I felt like we were being taught how to do it practically and hands on instead of them just telling us what to do.

"My favourite activity throughout the day was definitely doing donuts and spinning the car on the wet."

The Bend Motorsport Park's Ricciardo's Racers was the final running in 2019 with the initiative having travelled to every state in the country since the year's first event at the Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2019 in March.

With the initiative now concluded for 2019, parents and teenagers can register their interest to take part in an event for 2020 through the link below. ■

[Click here for more information on Ricciardo's Racers.](#)



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STEVENS AT HOME IN NOVEMBER'S BARBAGALLO TIME ATTACK

Andrew Stevens has won the KYP Performance Infinite Time Attack at Barbagallo Raceway, posting the fastest time out of the 57 competing drivers.

Behind the wheel of the Nissan Silvia 180SX, Stevens took just two laps to post his event winning time of 57.7629 seconds, just three tenths faster than second placed Peter Major.

Despite another 11 laps on the Wanneroo track, Stevens couldn't beat his own time but it didn't matter as Major couldn't best his own fastest time recorded on the eighth lap.

In third place, it was Simon Richards and the Nissan r32 GT-R driver took until his 18th and final lap to secure a top three spot, pipping Laine Brandis by just one hundredth of a second.

Barely anything separated the third to sixth positioned drivers with the fifth placed Brad Cuss only one and half tenths behind Brandis and Japanese time attack veteran Tarzan Yamada a further two tenths behind.

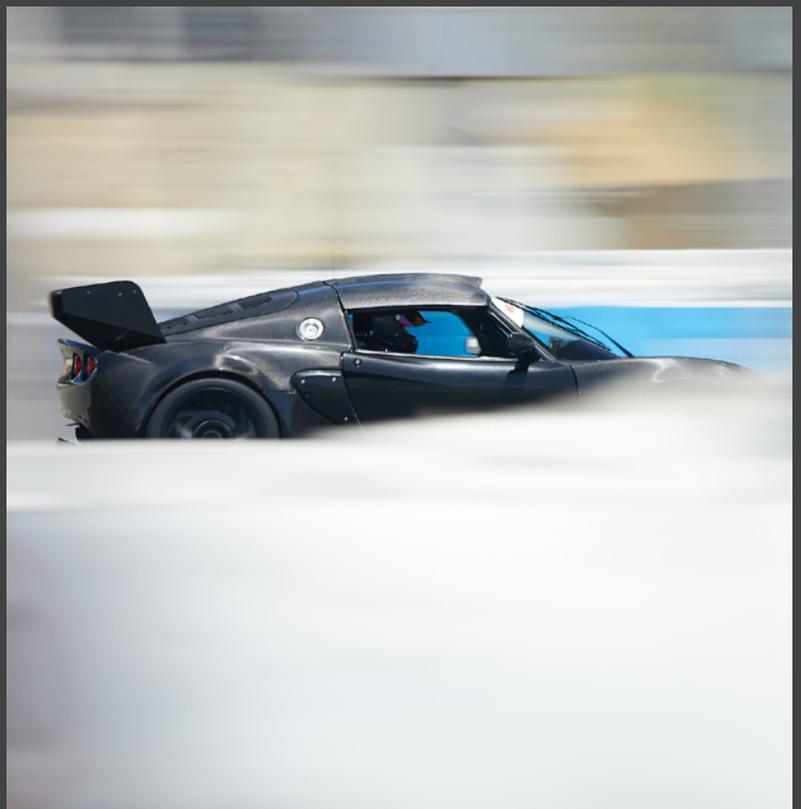
While Yamada may not have broken into the top five, his presence at the event helped create an electrifying atmosphere, with fans of all ages getting around the 57-year-old.

Outside of the main event, there were a number of activations with a drift demo, show and shine and the Mini Cymi all taking place as part of the popular time attack event. ■

[Click here for more information and fallout from November's event.](#)



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In an effort to make it easier for participants to qualify Australian Supersprint Championship, CAMS Speed Event Licence Holders will no longer need to have to compete in three Supersprint events prior to entry.

In addition to holding a minimum of a CAMS Speed licence, each driver wishing to compete in the Australian Supersprint Championship must have competed in a minimum of three CAMS-permitted Speed Events during the preceding 12 months. ■

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FHR 2020 DEADLINE APPROACHING

As of 1 January 2020 the mandatory use of FHR will come into effect for all Speed events and club-level Rally events.

CAMS members are reminded of the impending changes to Frontal Head Restraints (FHR) with the new rules to come into effect from 1 January 2020.

Over the past few years, changes to mandate the use of FHR have been filtered through across the different levels and disciplines of motor sport with the use of FHR providing a significant improvement to the safety of those participating in the sport, especially in the instance of a forward impact incident.

Rally/Road

As of 1 January 2020 the mandatory use of FHR will apply to Club level events. This will see that the use of FHR is now aligned across all levels of the Rally/Road discipline in accordance with the CAMS Manual Schedule D - Apparel, where noted.

Speed

As of 1 January 2020 the mandatory use of FHR will be implemented for Speed events. This use of FHR will come into effect for anyone competing in a 1st Category vehicle, or a vehicle with a CAMS logbook which applies

a Race, Rally/Road, Off Road or 5th Category classification, save for those exemptions applied in the CAMS Manual Schedule D - Apparel.

The following is the regulatory wording that will apply in the CAMS Manual Schedule D - Apparel:

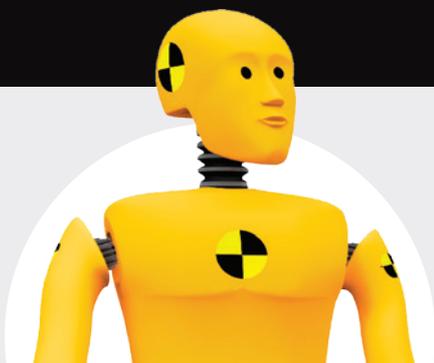
A FHR compliant with Standard A and a Helmet compliant with Standard A must be worn when competing in:

- a. Each 1st Category (single seater) automobile, except for:
 - i. a Superkart; or
 - ii. a 5th Category automobile which is exempt from the use of a FHR.
- b. Each automobile the subject of a CAMS Log Book which applies a RACE, RALLY/ROAD, OFF ROAD or 5th CATEGORY classification that requires the mandatory use of a FHR.

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GEELONG CONTINUES TO THRIVE WITH REVIVAL

The Geelong Revival Motorsport Festival has enjoyed another successful year as more than 50,000 motor sport fans attended the Eastern Beach event in Victoria's west.

Taking place across two days, the festival featured a number of activities to reach fans off all walks of life, including an entertaining supersprint with an eclectic mix of vehicles and an impressive showing in the show and shine.

With a set of sprints occurring on Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of cars and bikes were all part of the action, however there could only be a one driver with the ultimate bragging rights and it came through Sally-Anne Hains.

Behind the wheel of the 2010 Porsche 997, Hains was the only driver across both days and both disciplines to break the 10 second barrier, recording a final time of 9.8084 seconds.

In the bikes, Michael Smith managed to leave Geelong as the fastest, guiding his 2014 Honda CBR SP to a time of 10.2562 seconds on Saturday.

Following on from the event, event director Scott Pigdon was thrilled with the turnout and praised the all those involved.

"There are several key elements that make the event successful, with the variety of activities the major drawcard," Pigdon said.

"Having sprints, a motor show, fashion parades, drift rides and motorcycle displays in what is a predominately free event to access, as well as having the ability to bring motor sport to the people using public roads in a major regional city are crucial in making it popular.

"We feel that each year we get better and better and we see this proof through the many spectators and participants coming back year on year from both Victoria and interstate.

"We would like to thank all the competitors, officials, Race Solutions Motorsport and CAMS for all their support in making this year's Geelong Revival Motoring Festival one of the biggest yet." ■







Photo: Angryman Photography

WHITES END 2019 TARGA SEASON WITH A WIN

Jason and John White nabbed their third CAMS Australian Targa Championship round win for the year after picking up top honours during last month's Targa High Country.

In what proved to be difficult conditions due to the snow affecting a majority of the tarmac rally, the Whites came away from the round with 15 stage wins and a comfortable outright victory over Paul Stokell and Kat Catford in second place.

Rounding out the podium behind the 2019 champions were Eddie Maguire and Zak Brakey, with the duo highly consistent throughout the weekend, claiming a stage win of their own during the second day of action.

It was a brilliant performance from the Whites, who added another Targa High Country to their trophy cabinet having led the event from start to finish.

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Photos: Angryman Photography



“It’s really great, it’s what we aspire to do. We had a failure in Targa Tasmania which stopped us there, but we won here which is awesome.”

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“John and I are working awesome in the car together and the preparation on the car is obviously showing through in the setup. We have a great team of people around us to help us.

“It’s good to see it all come together. It’s through sheer hard work but it’s all worth it and it’s what we do.”

Stokell and Catford’s runner-up placing saw them finish on top of the Championship standings, however with Targa High Country’s results still provisional following a protest made by the Whites about the eligibility of the Stokell and Catford car, title celebrations remain on hold until the results are finalised once the protest is heard.

In the other competitions, Mick Downey fought hard to win the Classic GT class by three and half minutes over Roger Lomman and Annie Bainbridge, while Tony Quinn and Samantha Gray led from the outset to claim Dutton Garage GT4 honours over CAMS Australian Rally Championship regular Luke Anear. ■

[Click here to see full results from Targa High Country.](#)



VALE MIKE RAYMOND

CAMS is saddened to learn of the recent passing of Mike Raymond.

Inducted into the Australian Motor Sport Hall of Fame in 2018, Mike dedicated his life to motor sport and was influential in many broadcasting innovations as well as helping grow the sport at the highest level.

His love affair with motor sport began more than 50 years ago when he and his father attended the Sydney Showgrounds in 1949 to watch dirt track speedway.

He began working at the Showgrounds as a publicist and was one of the key figures behind Speedway's rapid growth in popularity during the 1960s, which saw the grandstands packed at each event.

In 1965, he singlehandedly got Speedway on television after negotiating with Channel Seven on a deal to broadcast the sport, which is where his long and illustrious career in the media began.

Starting off with Speedway, Mike soon became one of the most famous faces in the sport, eventually getting his biggest breaks – becoming part of the Channel Seven Bathurst 1000 coverage alongside the great Evan Green.

Working as a senior sports executive at the network, Raymond, along with Channel Seven technicians, was instrumental in the development of the world-first RaceCam concept in 1979 which changed the way the sport was delivered into people's homes.

Through this new innovative broadcast avenue and Raymond's entertaining conversations with drivers in their cars, the network was heralded for its brilliant coverage of the Bathurst 1000 for many years.

During the 1990s, Mike then played a key role in the Australian Touring Car Championship's key switch to the V8 only Holden versus Ford contest, which paved the way for the success the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship enjoys today.

In 1996, Mike received an Order of Australia medal for his work in motor sport.

CAMS President Andrew Papadopoulos echoed the sentiments from the Australian motor sport community about Mike's legacy to the sport.

"Mike had a tremendous impact on motor sport and the work he did behind the scenes, from both a sporting and broadcast point of view, will certainly leave a lasting legacy," Papadopoulos said.

"He was a fantastic commentator with an even greater personality and it takes someone special to be the face of a sport for as long he was.

"He will be sorely missed by the whole motor sport community. On behalf of CAMS, I would like to pass on our condolences to his family, friends and loved ones." ■

"Mike had a tremendous impact on motor sport... he will certainly leave a lasting legacy"



RALLY COMMUNITY GETS BEHIND BUSHFIRE TRAGEDY



Photo: Rally Australia



Fans wanting to contribute to the Bushfire relief can do so here.

Find out more about the water run here

The CAMS Australian Rally Championship saw the 2019 season end in unfortunate circumstances after Kennards Hire Rally Australia was cancelled due to severe bushfires in the surrounding areas.

On the week of the ARC's season finale, the event's board made the difficult decision to cancel a majority of the event, after it was deemed not safe enough for both competitors and spectators, but the World Rally Championship (WRC) would still run a shortened event.

However soon the WRC leg and the event as a whole was cancelled as the fires continued to wreak havoc on the regional New South Wales community.

In a showing of solidarity, the stars of the ARC and the rally community as a whole united in support of the drought and fire-stricken community and contributed in different ways.

Led by ARC competitor Richie Dalton and his business Shamrock Haulage, a water run made its way to the Armidale region and its farmers, who were in desperate need for the precious commodity.

A number of teams donated to the cause with CAMS and the ARC adding their own contributions of around eight pallets of water. The large convoy of trucks arrived in Armidale on 23 November.

The water wasn't the only contribution, with WRC stars also getting involved to support towns affected by the devastating New South Wales bushfires.

With the support of Kennards Hire Rally Australia organisers, the WRC aimed to raise thousands of dollars in assistance for the towns, beginning with the crews autographing hundreds of unsold souvenirs, which in turn were donated and auctioned online.

This year's WRC runner-up Thierry Neuville, Kris Meeke, Jari-Matti Latvala and co-drivers Nicolas Gilsoul and Miikka Anttila were all part of the merchandise drive.

On each day of what would have been the four-day competition, a thank-you function was put on for hundreds of volunteer rally officials, emergency services workers and residents affected by the bushfires.

Newly crowned world champion Ott Tänak, six-time world champion Sébastien Ogier and Esapekka Lappi were among some of the household names in attendance at the lunches.

During these functions, Ogier pledged 10,000 euros to care for injured wildlife, Rally Australia presented the Red Cross with a donation cheque for \$11,000 and Dave Munro, owner of four McDonald's within the region, pledged to match donations made from the weekend's McHappy Day.

Toyota Motor Corporation Japan and Toyota Australia also created a fundraising drive in support of bush fire relief, kicking it off with a joint \$250,000 donation to the Salvation Army.

CAMS President Andrew Papadopoulos was thrilled with the rally community's response to the natural disaster.

"Drivers, team members and other international visitors were deeply affected by their experience here this week," Papadopoulos said.

"They all expressed their desire to help the Coffs Coast community that has welcomed the World Rally Championship since 2011.

"Many Australian competitors have also contributed by pledging their entry fee refunds." ■



Photo: Speed Shots Photography

2019 SHANNONS
NATIONALS ENDS ON

EXHILARATING HIGH

The Shannons Nationals has wrapped up for another successful year after an epic season finale at The Bend Motorsport Park last month.

The jam packed weekend saw four categories conclude their seasons, with three titles decided, while the other two put on a fantastic display of thrilling racing in their one-off rounds.

For the second time this year, the brand new S5000 category was put on display to the public and once again it didn't disappoint as Timothy Macrow won the feature race.

It didn't go all his way though as category debutants Anton de Pasquale and Thomas Randle both showed their skills across the weekend. De Pasquale actually crossed the finish line in the feature race first, but was later penalised relegating him down the field.

The Excels Nationals also enjoyed their once-off round for the year as Hyundai excel drivers from the nation competed in the event.

While both categories offered entertaining racing, it was the remaining four categories, which created the highlights as each had season podium places on the line.

Heading into the final round of the year, both the Australian Production Cars and the Australian Prototype Series had less than five points separating the top two title hopefuls and at least four contenders.

For the Prototypes, leader David Barram sealed a round win for the third time in 2019, after all his rivals wreaked havoc on each other. It was a different story for the Production Cars as series leader Chris Lillis failed to deliver, opening the door to Grant and Iain Sherrin to take out the title.

The Porsche Michelin GT3 Cup Challenge were the first category to finish their official duties, as Harri Jones' consistent results saw him seal the title over Aaron Love who won the round.

The final round also saw the conclusion of the inaugural carsales TCR Australia Series as series winner Will Brown ended the year on a high.

However it was the battle for second which had the emotional finish as Tony D'Alberto and Aaron Cameron ended the year in the top three at the expense of Dylan O'Keefe after his car failed him during the weekend.

It's been an incredible year for the Shannons Nationals with the emergence of future talent, attendance and stream records broken and the introduction of brand new categories.

The Shannons Nationals will return in 2020 with a seven round season that begins at Sydney Motorsport Park on 27-29 March.



Photo: Speed Shots Photography



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THE BEND MOTORSPORT PARK ROUND 7

CARSALES TCR AUSTRALIA SERIES

Race 1: Will Brown

Race 2: Aaron Cameron

Race 3: Nathan Morcom



S5000 AUSTRALIA

1. Timothy Macrow
2. James Golding
3. John Martin

PORSCHE MICHELIN GT3 CUP CHALLENGE AUSTRALIA

1. Aaron Love
2. Max Vidau
3. Ryan Suhle



AUSTRALIAN PRODUCTION CARS SERIES

1. Bradley Carr
2. Dimitri Agathos/Matt Boylan
3. Coleby Cowhan/Lindsay Kearns

AUSTRALIAN PROTOTYPE SERIES

1. David Barram
2. Glen Stallbaum
3. Andreas Laskaratos



THE EXCELS NATIONALS

1. Benjamin Grice *
2. Asher Johnston
3. Michael Clemente

*Result provisional



INTRODUCING THE SHANNONS MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Shannons Nationals will be rebranded in 2020, with Shannons Insurance recently committing to its long-standing partnership for a further two years.

To be known as the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships in 2020 and beyond, the events which are hosted around the country will continue to be home to a wide range of categories, including the TCR Australia Series, S5000 Australia, Paynter Dixon Touring Car Masters, MRF Tyres Australian Production Car Series and many more.

The rebrand of the event follows the recent announcement that the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) will rebrand to Motorsport Australia as of 1 January, 2020.

Shannons Insurance, who have sponsored the events since 2007, recently confirmed

their support as naming rights partner until at least 2021.

Shannons National Sales Manager Paul Gates said his organisation was extremely proud to be continuing its backing of the event into the new decade.

"The Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships is home to some very exciting racing that continues to build its audience year-on-year," Gates said.

"We're really passionate about our support of the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships, which provides a home to some of the most entertaining racing at some of the best circuits around the country.

"The new name reflects the growing nature of the event and we can't wait for 2020's racing to begin.

"Next year promises to be the biggest year of the Championships yet, with visits to Bathurst, The Bend, Phillip

Island and many more iconic circuits that competitors from every corner of Australia want to race on."

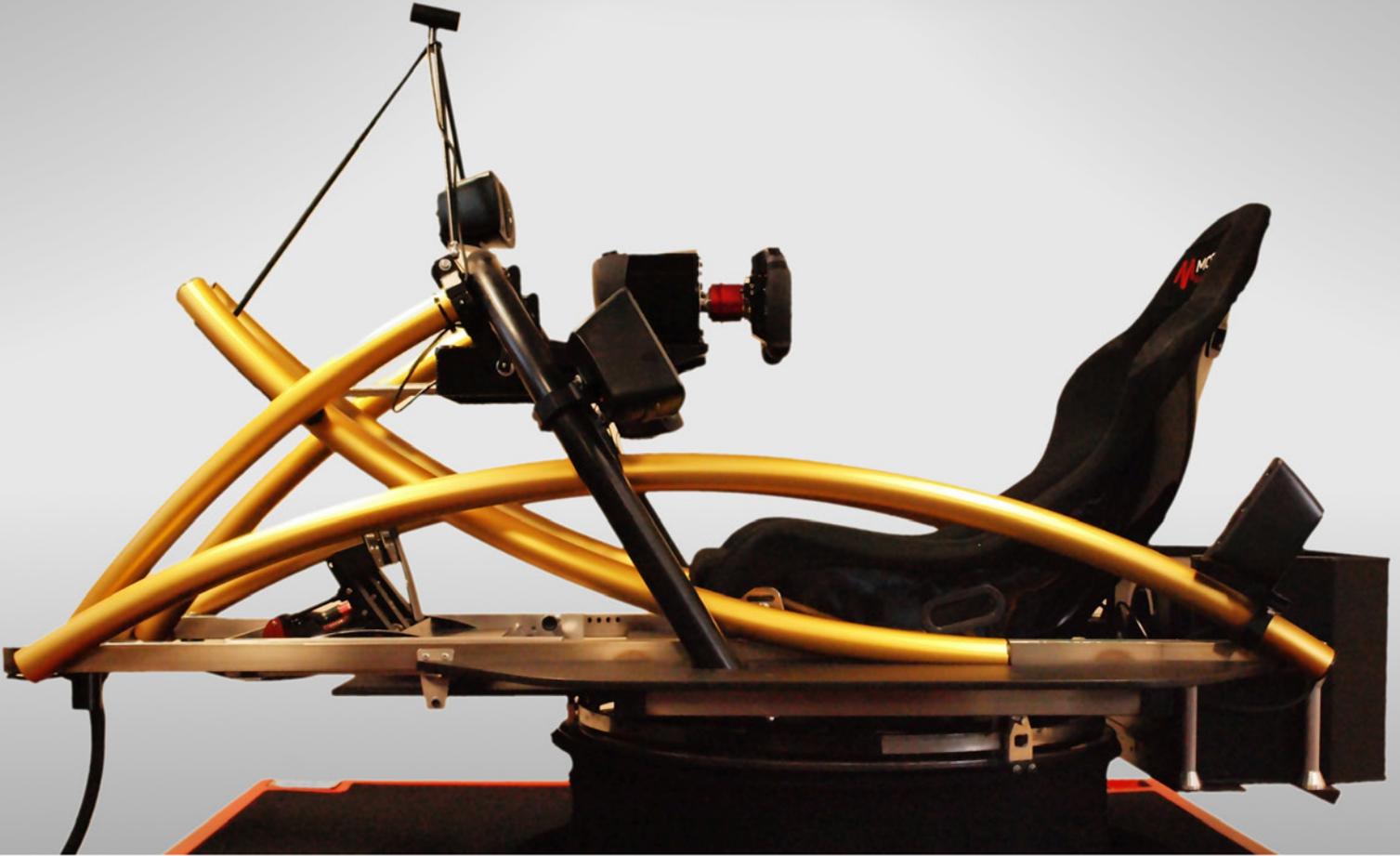
Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships Director Michael Smith said the rebrand, and Shannons' support, showed how far the event had come in recent times.

"The decision to rebrand the Shannons Nationals will help bring together events across the country under the Motorsport Australia banner," Smith said.

"We're also thrilled to have the support of Shannons continue for at least another two years. Having been the naming rights partner of this event for 12 years highlights their strong support of motorsport.

"2020 will be a momentous year for both the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships and Motorsport Australia."

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