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## MONTH OF ENDURANCE

Long distance events were the flavour of the month as 2020 began with some spectacular endurance racing on the nation's most iconic circuits.



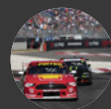
### A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED

It's that time of year where Motorsport Australia celebrates the national champions of 2019.



### FEBRUARY UPCOMING STATE EVENTS

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



### SUPERCARS START DECADE WITH SUPERLOOP

The Virgin Australia Supercars Championship begins this month with the Superloop Adelaide 500 to start the 2020 season.

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British outfit Bentley Team M-Sport are finally kings of the mountain after taking out the 2020 Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour.

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# FEBRUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

## NEW SOUTH WALES AND ACT

**9 February:** MG Car Club Canberra Multi Club Motorkhana

**9 February:** Huntley February Multi Club Hillclimb

**9 February:** Ringwood Park Tar Series Hillclimb Championship

**13 February:** Whiteline Tarmac Rallysprint Series 2019/2020

**15 February:** Combined Illawarra Reg. & Compacts to Gerringong Lions Motorfest

**15 February:** Gerringong Motorfest

**16 February:** Motorsport Australia NSW State Motorkhana

**23 February:** Dion Barnett Memorial Hillclimb

**23 February:** Motorsport Australia NSW State Khanacross

**29 February - 1 March:** Motorsport Australia NSW State Championship R1

**1 March:** 2020 Zestino Tyres NSW Supersprint Championship R1

## QUEENSLAND

**16 February:** Motorsport Australia Expo

**22-23 February:** HRCC 2020 TTT Day and Super Sprints

**23 February:** HSCCQ Multi Event

**29 February - 1 March:** Rd 1 2020 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge R1 & Short Circuit Touring Car Series R1

**29 February - 1 March:** Carric Accounting & Business Services - Tighe Motorsport Australia Hillclimb Series R6



Photo: Edge Photographics

**SA:** The first round of the highly anticipated 2020 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship season takes over the South Australian capital city. The **Superloop Adelaide 500** is one of the premier events on the Supercars calendar.



Photo: Roy Meuronen

**NSW:** There is nothing like some old-fashioned tarmac rallying and the **Whiteline Tarmac Rallysprint Series** is expected to entertain once again as it heads to Sydney International Dragway.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY

**8-9 February:** Twin Peaks Port MacDonnell Hillclimb

**16 February:** Superkart Races with Modern Regularity

**19-23 February:** Superloop Adelaide 500

**22 February:** (NT) 2020 Janda Prologue Arvo Dash

## TASMANIA

**16 February:** 2020 Legana Tyres and More Khanacross Series R1

**22 February:** Must Love Cars Tasmanian Hillclimb Series R1

**1 March:** Tasmanian Circuit Racing Championship

## VICTORIA

**14-16 February:** Motorsport Australia Victoria Circuit Racing Championship R1

**15 February:** Motorsport Australia Victorian Hillclimb Championship R2

**22 February:** 40th Anniversary George Woods Rally

**23 February:** MSCA Super Sprint and Regularity

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**28 February - 1 March:** 2020 GTurbo Rod Hatter Perenjori 360

**2 March:** Targa Albany Sprint



**WA:** The Motorsport Australia West Australian Off Road Championship begins this month with crews to take on the popular **GTurbo Rod Hatter Perenjori 360**.



Photo: Lensnation Studio



Photo: Optical Note Productions

**TAS:** Another state championship starts this month as Baskerville Raceway hosts the first **Tasmanian Circuit Racing Championship** round for the year. A number of favourite categories are expected to return.



Photo: Trapnell Photography Creations

**QLD:** The **HRCC 2020 TTT Day and Super Sprints** heads to **Morgan Park** in February, as people interested in motorsport get the opportunity to try, train and test their cars before drivers a cutting laps in a supersprint.



Photo: Gary Hill Elgee Words and Pictures

**VIC:** The **Motorsport Australia Victorian Hillclimb Championship** moves to the popular Bryant Park for the second round after Mike Barker claimed a brilliant victory in the season opener last month.



Photo: Alice Springs Off Road Racing Club

**NT:** The Alice Springs Off Road Racing Club holds its first big event for the year with the **Janda Prologue Arvo Dash** - a day allowing the club's off roaders to test and tune their cars ahead of a long season.



# WA HONOURS STATE WINNERS

**The Motorsport Australia Awards season, presented by Burson Auto Parts has begun with Western Australia the first to recognise its 2019 winners and individual award recipients at Crown Perth.**

While each category's champions got the opportunity to collect their awards and speak in front of their peers about the season that was – the event also rewarded those individuals and clubs who contributed to motorsport both on and off the track.

Headlining the list of individual award winners was the 2019 Motorsport Australia Official of the Year David Smith, who specialises in gravel and tarmac rallying.

Youth was also celebrated as 16-year-old Sean Beck was awarded with Junior Official of the Year honours after putting in countless of hours at the state's off road events.

Beck wasn't the only teenager to take centre stage during the evening, with Cameron Atkins taking out the Burson Auto Parts Future Star Award, thanks to his stellar year in the WA Excel Cup where he finished third outright

The final individual award to be given during the evening was Event of the Year. After a huge edition in 2019, which saw an increase in participation and exposure, the Make Smoking History Targa West was a fitting winner.

[Click here to view all the winners from the evening.](#)



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STATE  
AWARDS**

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

### Queensland

Friday 7 February  
6:30pm  
East League Club, Coorparoo

### Victoria

Friday 7 February  
7:00pm  
Showtime Events Centre, South Wharf

### NSW/ACT

Saturday 8 February  
6:30pm  
Holiday Inn, Warwick Farm

### South Australia

Saturday 8 February  
6:30pm  
Sfera's Park Suites and Convention  
Centre, Modbury

### Tasmania

Saturday 8 February  
6:30pm  
Grand Chancellor, Launceston

### Northern Territory

Saturday 15 February  
6:30pm  
Mindil Beach Casino Resort, The Gardens





# A NIGHT-OF-NIGHTS NOT TO BE MISSED

**With the Motorsport Australia awards season underway, there is still an opportunity to attend one of the biggest events on the motorsport calendar. Tickets are still available for the 2019 Motorsport Australia National Awards Gala Dinner presented by Burson Auto Parts.**

Taking place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, fans will get an opportunity to be part of a special night featuring a 'who's who' of Australian motorsport. It's an event not to be missed as the champions of 2019 are recognised for their outstanding achievements over the past 12 months.

On top of each national motorsport category champion being celebrated, other awards to be presented during the evening include Young Driver of the Year, the Peter Brock Medallist and the Australian Motorsport Official of the Year.

There is so much more to this special gala event than honouring Australia's champions and those who have provided an outstanding service to the sport. Guests will enjoy champagne on arrival and a fine dining three-course meal accompanied by the musical talent of Jason Singh, lead singer of legendary Aussie band TAXIRIDE.

Hosted by popular motorsport media personality Greg Rust, the gala dinner will also feature an impressive line-up of guest speakers, who will form part of informative panel.

The special guests include Virgin Australia Supercars dual champion Scott McLaughlin, Motorsport Australia Rally Champion Harry Bates, inaugural TCR Australia Series winner Will Brown and FIA Motorsport Games medallist Brenton Grove.

The panel is expected to give fans an insight into what it takes to be a champion at the top level of



motorsport and go behind the scenes of each of the drivers' successful 2019 campaigns, while Grove will also discuss his role in Australia's memorable performance during the inaugural FIA Motorsport Games in Rome.

Another Australian shining on the global stage is Motorsport Australia official Rob Thiry, who will be presented with his heralded FIA Best Track or Road Marshal of the Season award for the first time.

With so much on offer, the Motorsport Australia community is encouraged to come together and enjoy this great night out, which celebrates the achievements of the wider Motorsport community from 2019.

The 2019 Motorsport Australia National Awards Gala Dinner presented by Burson Auto Parts takes place at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 29 February. ■



Tickets are on sale until Thursday 20 February, individual tickets can be purchased for \$199, with tables of 10 discounted to \$1790 per table.

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# QUEENSLAND EXPO RETURNS IN 2020



Photo: Shifting Focus

**The Queensland Motorsport Australia Expo returns for another instalment in February with Beenleigh Showgrounds in Brisbane once again hosting the popular event.**

The Expo, which attracts a variety of car clubs from around Queensland, aims to give clubs a platform to promote themselves and attract new members, new officials and build the profile of motorsport in the state.

More than 50 cars are expected to be on display with 13 clubs confirmed to showcase and provide information on motorsport within Australia.

In 2020, for the first time in the Expo's history, the Gold Coast Tweed Motorsport Club run a live motorkhana display and club spokesman John Jones was looking forward to the event and motorkhana.

"The main benefit of putting on a display at the expo is that it promotes the different classes of cars that we all have," Jones said.

"While the display shows people what cars we have, this year's motorkhana is going to show people what we do.

"It'd be great to have it one day as a driving in motorsport type of sessions, but at the moment we just want to build up young kids' confidence when driving on the roads."

On top of the static car displays and motorkhana, there will be a number of extra activations, including a remote-control race car track and a Supercars kids' corner. Supercars will also have a stall available for fans to go check out. ■

## QUEENSLAND MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA EXPO

**Sunday 16 February  
9am-2pm**

Beenleigh Showgrounds in Brisbane  
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For more information about the Expo, contact Toni Cooke via email on [TCooke@motorsport.org.au](mailto:TCooke@motorsport.org.au).





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# ARC'S NEW TREADS

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**Hoosier Racing Tire has been selected as the new control tyre for the Motorsport Australia Rally Championship (ARC).**

The three-year deal means competitors in Australia's premier rally championship will be running on Hoosier rubber until at least 2022.

Business Development Manager for Hoosier Tire Australia, Mitch Dumesny, said competitors would be the real winners.

"Our rally tyres have been developed over many years to provide all rally competitors with the confidence to get the best out of their cars and showcase their skills," Dumesny said.

"Gravel rally is a unique part of motorsport and the tyres need to be tough, durable and fast. We know we have a product that certainly ticks all those boxes and will be an exciting addition to the ARC.

# Hoosier

TIRE AUSTRALIA

"Our rally tyres have been winning all over the world, including right here in Australia. We can't wait for the 2020 season to begin and to be a part of the action at the National Capital Rally in March."

Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocça said the new agreement would provide competitors with world-class rally tyres for some of the best rally roads in the world.

"We're delighted to welcome Hoosier as the control tyre for the Motorsport Australia Rally Championship," Arocça said.

"Hoosier have a strong racing pedigree across a range of disciplines, including being involved in various rally events around Australia. We know that they will provide a product that meets the needs of all of our competitors across the championship."

Round one of the Motorsport Australia Rally Championship takes place in Canberra at the Netier National Capital Rally on 21-22 March, 2020. ■





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# MOTORSPORT UNITES FOR BUSHFIRE FUNDRAISING

**With bushfires causing significant devastation across parts of Australia, Motorsport Australia has outlined its fundraising activities to ensure those in need receive the help they require.**

For a period of 12 months from 1 February, Motorsport Australia, with the support of apparel supplier, S-Trend Sportswear, will donate 15 per cent of all Motorsport Australia merchandise sales directly to the bushfire fundraisers, while priceless motorsport memorabilia will also be auctioned off at selected Motorsport Australia events during 2020, including the National Awards dinner.

The new online Motorsport Australia estore will be live early this month and will also feature specific bushfire fundraising merchandise supporting volunteers across the country.

This ongoing fundraising effort will ensure two selected charities will receive support over the coming year, according to Motorsport Australia President Andrew Papadopoulos.

The chosen charities are, the Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund and the RSPCA National Bushfire Fund.

"We are eager to assist in whatever way we can and we believe offering a percentage of our merchandise sales for the next 12 months will allow everyone in motorsport to do their bit and continue to support those impacted by these tragic recent events," Papadopoulos said.

"We are also pleased to be able to offer some unique motorsport memorabilia for auction at selected events including this year's awards evening, which will be another way to add to our overall donation tally."

Papadopoulos said the global motorsport community had shown significant support, with a



Photo: Scott McLaughlin Facebook

number of large donations made by those involved in the sport.

"We've seen some truly wonderful donations, including from our own Ambassador Daniel Ricciardo who donated to a number of charities and will also auction off his race suit from this year's Grand Prix, and a number of WRC drivers provided us with a number of unique items to auction for the bushfire appeal which was extremely generous," Papadopoulos added.

"Motorsport is, by its nature, often conducted in regional towns and communities. Many of these communities have been impacted heavily, so we will make sure we support them as best we can. We will ensure that any events held in these regions can also provide an opportunity for further donations and we will work with event organisers to make sure this happens going forward."

Motorsport Australia will continue to work with a range of motorsport organisations to ensure significant



Photo: Bruce Thomas

donations are made to the various bushfire appeals across events and through our motorsport community, including Supercars, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, ANDRA, Karting Australia, Speedway Australia, Motorcycling Australia and the FIA. ■

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# CHANGES TO ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUG POLICIES

Motorsport Australia wishes to advise that breaches of the alcohol and illicit drug policy will be published on the Motorsport Australia website as of 1 March 2020.

The Motorsport Australia Board has approved these changes, aimed at further underlining the integrity and safety of the sport.

Previously, Motorsport Australia held a discretion on whether to name those who had breached the Alcohol or Illicit Drug Policy for the first time. However, from 1 March, 2020 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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# BENTLEY'S BATHURST BREAKTHROUGH

**British outfit Bentley Team M-Sport are finally kings of the mountain after taking out the 2020 Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour.**

In what was their sixth attempt at the iconic Mount Panorama endurance race, the British team, made up of international stars Jules Gounon, Maxime Soulet and Jordan Pepper, were sensational during the 12 hour event, dominating the field after starting at dawn in 11th place.

While the rain stayed away throughout the whole race, avoiding any weather related incidents, there was still post-race drama with the second placed #999 Mercedes AMG GT3 being handed a post-race penalty, having been judged with rear wheels spinning during their final pit stop.

The 30-second time penalty saw Felipe Fraga, Maximilian Buhk and Marciello demoted to sixth place outright, giving the provisional third placed 59Racing and EMA Racing McLaren 720S GT3 an outright runner-up finish, highlighting a positive outing for the trio of Alvaro Parente, Ben Barnicoat and Tom Blomqvist.

Another beneficiary of the penalty and was eventual third place getters Mercedes-AMG Team Triple Eight Racing. With Shane van Gisbergen, Jamie Whincup and Maximilian Götz all having spells behind the wheel, it was the 2019 Supercars runner-up who won an entertaining battle over last year's Bathurst 12 hour winner Matt Campbell to get the result.

## WHAT THE WINNER SAID

"It was an amazing race. I never thought we'd have the pace to win the race but I think the track came to us towards the end of the race, the track rubbered up. It was really, really tense at the end because I had a puncture before the last stint.

"It was a matter of trying to keep the car away from the kerbs, the debris, so it was tense still; not flat out but trying to manage the problem. It's amazing for us, amazing for M-Sport, I think the new car showed potential last year and we've never had a big win except Paul Ricard, so it's a big one for us."

- Jules Gounon, post-race.





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**- Jules Gounon**

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## 2020 LIQUI-MOLY BATHURST 12 HOUR TOP 10

1. **Bentley Team M-Sport**  
J.Gounon/M.Soulet/J.Pepper
2. **59Racing/ EMA Racing**  
A.Parente/B.Barnicoat/T.Blomqvist
3. **888 Mercedes-AMG Team Triple Eight**  
S.van Gisbergen/J.Whincup/M.Goetz
4. **Absolute Racing**  
M.Jaminet/P.Pilet/M.Campbell
5. **Mercedes-AMG Craft**  
Bamboo M.Engel/L.Stolz/Y.Buurman
6. **Mercedes-AMG Gruppem Racing**  
F.Fraga/M.Buhk/R.Marciello
7. **Absolute Racing**  
D.Werner/M.Cairol/T.Preining
8. **59Racing**  
D.Storey/F.Ross/M.Kodric
9. **Earl Bamber Motorsport**  
E.Bamber/L.Vanthoor/C.Lowndes
10. **Team Australia Grove Racing**  
S.Grove/B.Grove/B.Barker

## CLASS WINNERS

### Silver

D.Storey/F.Ross/M.Kodric

### ProAm Class

S.Grove/B.Grove/B.Barker

### GT4

D.Jorgensen/B.Strom/D.van Dongen





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# DATES CONFIRMED FOR BATHURST INTERNATIONAL

**The date for the highly anticipated fifth Bathurst event has been revealed with the inaugural Bathurst International to take place on 13-15 November.**

As a joint venture between Motorsport Australia, the Bathurst Regional Council and Australia Racing Group, a number of popular categories will be part of the standalone event, including the TCR Australia Series, Trans AM 2 racers and heritage muscle cars, which will feature the Touring Car Masters.

With a majority of the major championships and national series to be wrapped up by November, the date will allow drivers and teams from Australia and around the world the opportunity to compete at the famous circuit.

While the Bathurst International will be the newest event to feature in the region, Bathurst Mayor Cr Bobby Bourke is anticipating an instant success due to the quality of participating categories.

"We are excited to bring this exciting new event featuring a range of cars and drivers from all over the world to Mount Panorama," Bourke said.

"An event of this calibre will bring an international focus to the racing circuit not seen before.

"Mount Panorama has a reputation as one of the best racing circuits in the world. The international exposure of this event will elevate Mount Panorama's prestige and showcase the racing circuit and Bathurst to a global audience."

The date confirmation comes off the back the Seven Network's recent decision to broadcast the event, along with all seven rounds of the 2020 Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships.

Outside of the Seven Network's live and free broadcast of the event, the Bathurst International will also be live streamed on 7Plus - the Seven Network's digital offering.

The inaugural Bathurst International will take place at Mount Panorama on 13-15 November. ■

**Click here for more information on the Bathurst International.**





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# AUSSIE PRIDE ON WORLD ENDURANCE STAGE

The year may only be a handful of weeks old, but the month of January proved fruitful for a number of Australians enjoying success in international endurance events.

The Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour wasn't the only key endurance race to have already taken place so far this year, with two recent events holding just as much international recognition and best of all - our Aussies were fantastic.

## ASIAN LE MANS DOWN UNDER

History was made in South Australia last month as The Bend Motorsport Park held its first international endurance race - the second round of the current Asian Le Mans season.

It was a long-awaited visit for the series, as 25 teams from around the world did battle in our own backyard, as Russian outfit G-Drive Racing with Algarve took out deserving top honours.

While there was no Australian part of the winning line-up, which included Roman Rusinov, American James French and Léonard Hoogenboom from Netherlands, the best placed Aussie came in the next car as Nick Foster and Aidan Read steered the Eurasia Motorsport run Ligier JS P217 to a well-earned second place alongside Spaniard Roberto Merhi.

The battle for third was between old rivals in the UK and Australia as the all-British team comfortably secured the final spot on the podium over the field's sole All Australian team made up John Corbett, Nathan Kumar and Mitchell Neilson.

The only other Australian to enjoy a top 10 finish was Garnet Patterson. Patterson ended the event in seventh place alongside Australian Prototype Series competitor Andreas Laskaratos, Slovakian Miro Konopka and Chinese international Kang Ling.

## AUSSIES KEY IN ICONIC DAYTONA

There wasn't as many Australians running in the iconic Rolex 24 At Daytona as Bathurst or The Bend, but it was quality over quantity as three familiar faces ended the endurance race on a podium.

It was a day to remember for New South Welshman Ryan Briscoe, with the US based driver taking out the outright victory alongside Scott Dixon, Kamui Kobayashi and Renger van der Zande in the Wayne Taylor Racing prepared Cadillac.

Virgin Australia Supercars Championship regular Chaz Mostert finished the event with the GTLM class win for BMW Team RLL, while Matt Campbell enjoyed his first competitive start as a Porsche Factory Driver with a GTLM class third place. ■



Photo: Bob Taylor







Photo: Bob Taylor





# 2020 AGP DISPLAYS EOI OPEN



**Victorian based Motorsport Australia Car Clubs are invited to submit expressions of interest to display their pride and joys at the Automotive Avenue presented by the Australian Grand Prix Corporation (AGPC) during this year's Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix.**

Situated on the Albert Park Golf Course, the static car display will feature more than 500 cars of all different makes and models with the purpose of adding extra shine to the event and endorsing local clubs.

More than 300,000 people are expected to attend this year's event, making the opportunity invaluable for car clubs to promote themselves and potentially gain new members.

The 2020 edition of the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix will mark the 25th time the international race has been held in Melbourne and the AGPC is looking to make this the best display ever.

Each selected club will have three display site options to choose from and each participating car will receive two four-day guest passes valued at \$350, adding an incentive to be part of the event.

For more information on how to get involved, contact 03 9258 7136 or [motorsport@grandprix.com.au](mailto:motorsport@grandprix.com.au).

The Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix 2020 will take place at Albert Park in Victoria on 14-17 March. ■

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# HARVEY HONOUR

**Australian Motorsport Hall of Famer John Harvey can now add another prestigious title to his distinguished career after being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on Australia Day.**

A deserving recipient, the now 81-year-old has left an impressive legacy on Australian motorsport with his work both on and off the track.

After developing a passion for motorsport at a young age, Harvey began racing in the 1950s through

speed racing. However his career really picked up in the 1960s when he started racing at the national level.

His first major accolade came in 1966 where he won the Australian 1.5 Litre Championship before going back-to-back in the Australian Sports Car Championship six years later.

Taking out the Toby Lee Series in 1973, Harvey had to wait another 10 years before getting his next major honour, but it was worth waiting for as the Victorian claimed the 1983

Bathurst 1000 alongside the great Peter Brock and Larry Perkins.

Having won the Darwin to Adelaide World Solar Championship in 1987 as his last huge honour on Australian soil, the 1988 Spa 24 Hour class winner ended up also leaving a lasting legacy off track.

The former motor mechanic apprentice's work was best known for his time as a manager for the Holden Dealer Team where he oversaw significant success.



# A DAY OF ACCOLADES

Harvey wasn't the only individual in motorsport to receive a form of praise on Australia Day as many councils across the country held community awards.

In South Australia, AGL Rally SA – Rally of the Heartland was awarded a special community Achievement award in the Regional Council of Goyder where the event is held.

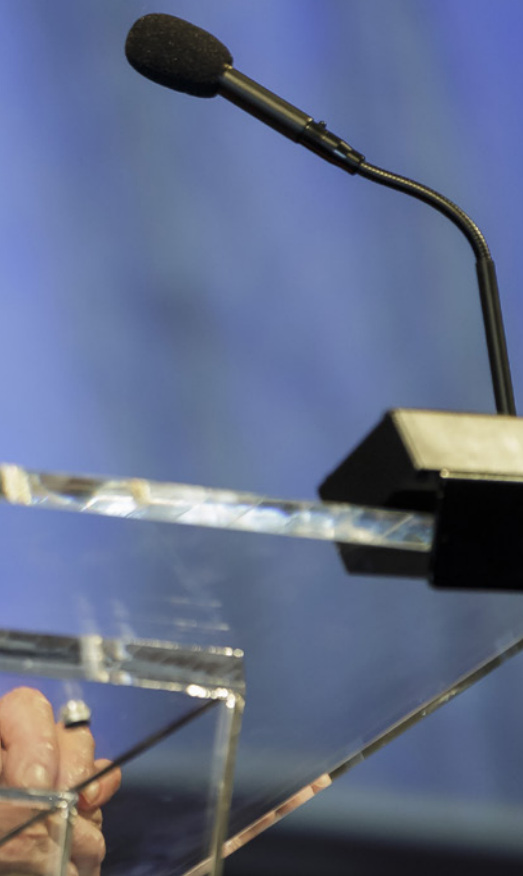
The 450km classic rally event has been lauded for its work in the town of Burra outside the rally, including organising and gift giving to the town's children.

"I think we do our best to connect with the community, especially by trying to involve them along the

way. We have quite a presence and everyone gets around it, which is fantastic," Event Clerk of Course Ivar Stanelis said.

In New South Wales, the Cooma Car Club also found themselves in the spotlight after being named as winners during the Cooma Australia Day Awards

The club were awarded the Community Event of the Year for their work hosting the 2019 Girder Fork Rally, with club member Ross Johnson (pictured below) accepting the award. Also in the nominated for that award was the Kosciuszko automotive Monaro Stages. ■



Three decades after putting an end to his colourful racing career in 1988, Harvey found himself back in the spotlight in 2018 - being named in the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame.

Harvey's latest recognition as an OAM recipient sees him join a long list of motorsport legends, including the late Graham Hoinville, Craig Lowndes and Mark Skaife as previous recipients.



Photo: Ross Johnson Facebook







# SUPERCARS START DECADE WITH SUPERLOOP

**The Virgin Australia Supercars Championship begins this month with the Superloop Adelaide 500 to kick off the 2020 season.**

It's been a big off season for the Championship and *Speed Read* has you covered with all the new news ahead of the season opener in Adelaide.

## THE DRIVERS

While some teams kept the same line-up for the 2020 season, the silly season also saw a number of drivers move to new teams.

Chaz Mostert was the headline move, swapping his long-term partner Tickford Racing for Walkinshaw Andretti United (WAU). WAU will have a brand new line-up in 2020 after James Courtney and Scott Pye both departed, leaving the final seat to 2019 Dunlop Super2 Series winner Bryce Fullwood.

Courtney has signed on with the new Team Sydney, while his ex-teammate has wound up at Team18 with 2015 champion Mark Winterbottom.

Brad Jones has expanded in 2020 with Jack Smith and ex-Matt Stone driver Todd Hazelwood joining the team.

Hazelwood's former team will have an extra car and driver in 2020 with Zane Goddard and Jake Kosteki to share driving duties in one entry while Garry Jacobson will drive the other.

## CALENDAR

Not much as a changed since the 2020 schedule was released last year, however the biggest difference will be the change of venue for the sole international round in April.

Due to noise restrictions at Pukekohe on Anzac Day, the ITM Auckland Super400 will now take place at Hampton Downs – a racetrack within 15 minutes of the regular circuit.

The 2020 season will also break a new record with two-night races to take place for the first time ever. With WA and Sydney hosting a night race each over the past two years, Barbagallo and Sydney Motorsport Park will both host a night race this season. ■

## FULL CALENDAR

**Superloop Adelaide 500**  
20-23 February

**Beaurepaires Melbourne 400**  
12-15 March

**Tyrepower Tasmania SuperSprint**  
3-5 April

**ITM Auckland SuperSprint**  
24-26 April

**PIRTEK Perth SuperNight**  
15-17 May

**Truck Assist Winton SuperSprint**  
5-7 June

**Watpac Townsville 400**  
26-28 June

**BetEasy Darwin Triple Crown**  
17-19 July

**Sydney SuperNight**  
28-30 August

**The Bend OTR 500**  
18-20 September

**Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000**  
8-11 October

**Vodafone Gold Coast 600**  
30 October - 1 November

**Penrite Oil Sandown 400**  
20-22 November

**Coates Hire Newcastle 500**  
4-6 December



Supercars launched their 2020 season beneath the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge.  
Photo: Supercars Media



# MORGAN PARK TO WELCOME SHANNONS IN 2020

**The 2020 Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships calendar is now complete, with Morgan Park in Queensland to host the event's fifth round in July this year.**

Motorsport Australia and the Southern Downs Regional Council can today announce the Warwick based track has been confirmed to host a round of the rebranded Championships, which finalises the seven round calendar.

Taking place on 3-5 July 2020, the round will feature a number of national categories including TCR Australia Series, the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge and the Paynter Dixon Touring Car Masters, to name just three.

A special charity partner, the Queensland Country Women's Association (CWA), a charity devoted

to assist the needy within the region through funding, food or water and general support, will also be partnered with the Queensland event giving the round a real 'community feel'. This will also be another opportunity for members of the motorsport community to rally behind the various bushfire impacted communities.

Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships Director Michael Smith was thrilled to have the final location for the 2020 season confirmed.

"Morgan Park will be a terrific location for the fifth round of the rebranded Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships in 2020," Smith said.

"Together with the Southern Downs Regional Council and Morgan Park, we know this event will be a



great success and we are extremely grateful to everyone at the Council for their support of this event.

"I'm also delighted that the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships can support the local community once more through the partnership with CWA, as we know there are many people who have been doing it really tough as a result of the recent droughts in the area.

"Given the nature of this event, we know it will have a real community feel and we look forward to embracing that.

"We can't wait to compete at Morgan Park next year and showcase some of the best Australian circuit racing for those in the Warwick region."





Photos: Speed Shots Photography

Southern Downs Regional Council's Yve Stocks, the council's portfolio holder for Events, Sports and Recreation, was also delighted to be confirming the event would take place at Morgan Park.

"Having such a huge event like this certainly brings a lot of outside people into the region. Not only competitors, but also spectators, which is really good for our economy," Cr Stocks explained.

"The economic benefit is one of the best things that will come out of the event and as a motorsport competitor myself, I can safely say the racing will definitely be exciting for spectators.

"Having a well-respected charity like the Queensland Country Women's Association attached is

also excellent as they do a wonderful job for the local community.

"We are proud to support the event because it helps our own community."

As part of a recent announcement, the event will be part of the Seven Network's free-to-air broadcast of the Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships, with a minimum of six hours to be televised throughout each race weekend in 2020. ■

**Click here to find out more about the 2020 Shannons Motorsport Australia Championships.**

## 2020 CALENDAR

**Round 1:** Sydney Motorsport Park, 27-29 March

**Round 2:** Bathurst 6 Hour, 10-12 April

**Round 3:** Winton, 1-3 May

**Round 4:** The Bend Motorsport Park, 12-14 June

**Round 5:** Morgan Park, 3-5 July

**Round 6:** Phillip Island, 21-23 August\*

**Round 7:** Sandown, 11-13 September

\*Subject to finalisation of commercial agreements with circuit.



# RANDLE ON THE MEND FROM SHOCK SURGERY

**Dunlop Super2 driver Thomas Randle has revealed to fans a recent health scare with the young gun saying he is recovering well.**

The 23-year-old took to social media to announce his battle with testicular cancer, which involved having surgery after he was diagnosed with the disease earlier this year.

Following the removal of the tumour during surgery at The Epworth hospital in Victoria, an upbeat Randle revealed he was lucky to have caught the cancer in its early stages and is hopeful of getting the all clear soon.

"I just thought I'd let you know about a health issue I've been dealing with recently and hopefully my story can spread some awareness for blokes around my age," Randle wrote on Facebook.

"Last week I was diagnosed with testicular cancer. This was obviously quite a big shock to me and my

family and since then I've had to undergo multiple tests and scans, while on Wednesday I had an operation to remove the tumour."

Randle then went on to discuss the importance of getting regular health checks and his growing desire to get back to racing.

"I purely want to spread awareness of this to blokes my age or even younger, and also to those in their mid-30's, that if something doesn't feel quite right get yourself straight to your regular GP," Randle explained in the post.

"I did just that and hopefully doing so results in me being given a clean bill of health and the all clear when I have further tests in the near future.

"All that aside, and despite the shock and distraction from recent events, I'm now hungrier than ever for the first round of the Dunlop Super2 Series to kick off in Adelaide in just on five weeks."

Since the shock revelation of his battle, the motorsport community has rallied around the Victorian with a number of fellow Supercars drivers and the wider community sending messages of support.

According the Cancer Council, testicular cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer after skin cancer in men aged 20-39. In Australia alone, about 850 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer each year. ■

[Click here to view Tom's inspirational post.](#)



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Photo: Thomas Randle Facebook



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