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19th January 2021

Hi BAC Members,

I would like to update you as to how the Benalla Auto Club (BAC) has navigated the challenges that COVID-19 presented our businesses throughout 2020.

The restrictions and border closures put in place by various Governments had a profound effect on our ability to generate revenue through our core activities, with major events having been postponed or cancelled, testing stopped and rules around non-essential activities halted almost all other activities.

All our businesses were affected, but with the harsh restrictions in Victoria running for so much longer than in other states, it was Winton Motor Raceway which was the hardest hit. The NSW border closure and the metro-regional travel restrictions meant that a massive part of the Winton customer base was unable to attend the venue. Our tradition Friday test and tune days were cancelled for months and there were very few opportunities for revenue. Thankfully when restrictions eased, we were able to hold "regional" test and tune days and then return to our normal days from November, which allowed Winton to generate some much need revenue before the end of the year.

With NSW returning to close to normal activities mid- year, Wakefield Park was able to rebound strongly and performed very well in the second half of 2020, the ride and track days and several race meetings all generating strong revenues for Wakefield Park.

The AASA, with its national footprint was mainly affected in Victoria, with all the other states returning to motoring activities from June 2020, the meant that the AASA was able to recover well from the activities closure due to COVID-19 and finish off 2020 strongly with many new event opportunities to explore.

The AMRS was able to host three essentially state based race meetings at Sydney Motorsport Park, Queensland Raceway and Sandown, two of those venues having never hosted an AASA permitted event before. The competitors were very appreciative of the efforts we went to, to host the meetings for them as it gave them a distraction from the challenges of 2020 and COVID-19.

Throughout 2020 the Board and the management teams at the BAC, Winton, Wakefield, AASA and AMRS have worked tirelessly to protect our businesses for the future. We cannot underestimate how important the assistance from the various Federal and State Government incentives, including JobKeeper and Cash Flow Boost have been in ensuring the viability of our businesses throughout 2020. As a result of these combined efforts, the club has been able to absorb the challenge of a global pandemic with minimal long-term impact.

However as recent events have highlighted, we are not through this yet, as 2021 began with more border closures and the fear of another wave of infections. 2021 will continue to be a bumpy ride for everyone.

I am very pleased and proud of the way the Committee and management team worked together throughout 2020 to ensure the viability and future of our club. The results show we have navigated these unprecedented times well and I look forward to returning to a much more "normal" year in 2021.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Stilo".

Barry Stilo  
President Benalla Auto Club Inc

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lewis-Williams".

Chris Lewis-Williams  
BAC Group CEO



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Benalla Auto Club Foundation Members Barry Stilo and David Fogg. Barry and David have both been members of the club for 64 years and reunited during a visit to Winton in October 2020



Wakefield Park Officials — the biggest team in seven years

Photo by Kate Eppelstun

**MINUTES OF THE 62nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
BENALLA AUTO CLUB HELD AT  
Winton Motor Raceway Corporate Centre  
Saturday December 12, 2020 at 5:30pm**



**Vice President, Daryl McHugh, chaired the meeting.**

As there were 43 members present with a membership of 356, there was a quorum, and the meeting was declared open at 5.33pm.

**1. Present**

Sandra Beckerleg, Mark Brient, Geoff Calvert, Glenys Collins, Paul Cornell, Russell Deller, David Dixon, Martin Doxey, John Dozzi, Doug Dunster, Murray Edgar, Gary Gourlay, Jeffrey Grech, Jane Grech, Robert Hoskins, Donald Hunt, Maggi Kirk, Chris Lewis-Williams, Eamonn Matthews, John McBride, Daryl McHugh, John McIlroy, Keith Menere, Kristine Millitz, Greg Oates, Gerry Oliver, Kathleen Porta, Gerard Putt, Maxwell Rankin, Bruce Robertson, Barry Stilo, Kenneth Surtees, Michael Tabe, Mandy Tabe, Pete Toms, Daniel Van der Heyden, Ian Watt, Frank Wellman, Richard Weston, Stephen Whyte, Thomas Wilson, Ross Wood and Divina Wood.

**In Attendance**

Glenys Collins, Minute taker; Brad Bruhn, Findex (Returning Officer).

**2. Apologies**

Bill Ahearn, Bruce Boyd, Royce Smith, Angela Layton, Brook Layton, Bradley Watt, Jared Weston, Jason Snodyk

**3. To accept the minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting**

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Maggi Kirk      Seconded: Frank Wellman      Carried

**4. President's Report for year ended 2019**

Welcome Benalla Auto Club members to our post COVID lockdown postponed AGM, the 62nd AGM for our club.

2019 was a challenging year for the club with management changes at Winton Raceway, ongoing issues with planning compliance at Wakefield Park and the challenges of promoting a national motor racing series. On the positive side our accounting and reporting restructure from 2016 continues to show benefits. Pleasingly our membership numbers remained stable after the changes made to the membership structure and now we believe we have members in the club for the right reasons.

Wakefield Park began to flourish under the management of Dean Chapman, with customer feedback and financial performance improving throughout the year.

However the Goulburn Mulware Council issued a prevention notice on our activities at Wakefield Park which took significant time and financial resources for us to fight. We remain committed to securing the best long-term solution to the issues and viability of Wakefield Park.

2019 was a challenging year for Winton. Although the major events performed well with Government funding again supporting Supercars at Winton, but some finance issues identified after staff changes required correction, maintenance repairs and improvements around the venue which affected the results.

2019 was the most successful Supercars Supersprint that Winton has hosted in recent memory. We continue to focus on our strengths, being a regional venue and a circuit that offers great spectator viewing, close competitive racing and the ability to camp on site.

The AASA continued its growth and increase in profile. Business Development Manager Stephen Whyte working tirelessly to secure existing events and secure new events and disciplines across the country.

The small team at the AASA made further improvements to our online presence.

2019 saw the re-introduction of the Australian Motor racing Series, run by the BAC. Initially managed by Keven Stoopman and then Matt Baragwanath, AMRS had a challenging year and is yet to make a profit but was in it 2 year of a 3 year plan supported by Committee. Highlights were the first event at The Bend Motorsport Park and being able to provide TA2 a national platform for their race activities.

The BAC sub-committees, the Social Committee, the Executive Management Committee and the Sporting Committee, cemented their positions as the most effective way for the BAC Committee to oversee all the activities around the club. The BAC Gala Dinner was the highlight of the year and I thank the social committee and Kristine Millitz for their efforts in putting together such a great event.

The BAC Group selected our first charity partner in 2019, forming a relationship with Drive Against Depression – a group who use a common interest in motoring to support each other. We look forward to continuing to work with DAD.

Geoff Calvert, BAC Treasurer and will shortly share with you the results for the 2019 Financial Year.

The Committee and management team has agreed uild the 2020+ Strategic Plan for all our businesses. Motorsport is changing rapidly and we are committed to ensuring that we are in the best position to capitalise on these changes.

I would like to say thankyou to all the members of the Committee and in particular those who are up for nomination, Rob Hoskins, Daryl McHugh and myself. Thank you for volunteering your time.

To our continuing committee members, Gary Gourlay, Geoff Calvert, Murray Edgar, John McBride, Willie Van Wersch, Michael Tabe and Bruce Robertson thankyou for your work so far, volunteering your time for the benefit of our club and I look to continuing to work with you.

## **5. Secretary's Report for year ended 2019**

I would like to thank you all for attending the 2020 Annual General Meeting this evening. Although a little late, but better late than never.

We currently have 356 BAC members at present with 180 Silver supporter and 20 Gold supporter packages. The different packages that are available to people are on the website. I encourage you to log on and have a look.

February 2019 saw Jeff Grech come on board as the new Winton track manager just before the Supercars round in May. A very steep learning curve for the new boy. The Supercars round was very successful, with camping and spectators well patronised. Scott McLaughlin dominated both days.

The track and surrounds are looking exceptionally good at this time, thanks to the team here at Winton

Our officials are the best. I would like to thank you for your loyalty and hard work over the last 12 months. Without you we could not run events.

The Committee - my thanks for the dedication and hard work you have supplied over the last 12 months. Your ability to work together is outstanding.

There are more social events happening nearly every month and they are all well attended, Many thanks to Rob Hoskins, Michael Tabe and Murray Edgar.

Pedders "No Bull "Sprints These events are well attended with over 50 entries and are a great format for people starting out in motorsport.

Once again thank you for attending.

## **6. Treasurer's Report for year ended 2019**

The Treasurer gave an overview of the 2019 consolidated accounts. Each member received a copy of the accounts on arrival. An unqualified audit opinion was granted on the 2019 accounts.

The Committee has unanimously accepted the accounts as presented

*Benalla Auto Club AGM Minutes continued:*

The following is a summary of his presentation:

Continued reduction in group debt position

Clean up of asset register/balance sheet

New strategic plans in place for all businesses

New group financial reporting in place with improved performance to budget and plan

Revenue was up on 2018 across the group

Expenses were up with noise issues at Wakefield, maintenance catch up at Winton, legal fees re Downer resurface problems at Winton and the write down of non-existent assets in all companies.

**7. To accept the Consolidated Financial Accounts and Auditors report for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.**

**MOTION:** It was moved that the Consolidated Financial Accounts and Auditor's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2019 be accepted.

Moved: John McIlroy      Seconded: Ross Wood      Carried

**8. To elect 4 (four) ordinary members of the committee for a period of 3 (three) years**

Five members nominated for the committee.

Rob Hoskins      Barry Stilo      Daryl McHugh

John Morris      Yvette Kinkade

As there were only four positions a vote by secret ballot was held and overseen by Brad Bruhn.

Elected members to the Committee are:

Rob Hoskins      Barry Stilo      Daryl McHugh      John Morris

**9. To elect the Executive of the Association from the Committee for a period of 1 (one) year.**

Four Committee members nominated for the Executive positions.

**President** – Nomination - Barry Stilo – unopposed

**Vice President** – Nomination – Daryl McHugh - unopposed

**Secretary** – Nomination - Gary Gourlay - unopposed

**Treasurer** – Nomination – Geoff Calvert – unopposed

As there were only four positions, all four Committee members were elected unopposed.

**10. Meeting Closed**

Daryl McHugh declared the official part of the meeting closed at 6:27pm.

He invited any questions from the members present.

As there were no questions or general business, Daryl asked that the members stay to enjoy the meal provided and have a chat with the committee members.

Barry Stilo

President



Recently Winton Raceway had a special guest visit our venue where the CEO of the Benalla Auto Club Inc Chris Lewis-Williams was able to showcase the future plans of the facility.

The Federal Member for Indi Helen Haines MP was kind enough to spare some of her time to hear what affect that Winton Raceway has on the local and State economy and how much it adds in tourism for the Hume Region.

Needless to say, that when you are on an official tour of the track, you may as well do a lap.. or two....or three... Okay Helen you can come back now.

There was a lot to talk about and plenty to be shown. Helen is welcome back at any time.



# 2020 Season Review



The 2020 season has been one of the most challenging ever faced by the Australian motorsport industry.

The obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, including state border closures, social distancing restrictions and limits on the maximum numbers of people able to attend



events, significantly increased the burden on event staff, volunteers and the racers themselves.



Despite the obstacles, the AASA was proud to play its part in sustaining the industry by sanctioning a variety of events across multiple disciplines including circuit racing, off-road and tarmac rally.

The fact these events were able to go ahead was down to the sheer determination of passionate enthusiasts, including hard-working event

promoters, dedicated officials and competitors who overcame numerous hurdles to get back on track.

After motorsport activities ground virtually to a standstill in mid-March, the AASA sanctioned the MRA

(Motor Racing Australia) "COVID-Comeback" race meeting on 13 June. The event featured popular NSW categories including Super TT, Pulsars, Mazda MX5/RX8 Cup and Series X3 NSW (Exc els).

In a demonstration of the raw enthusiasm of drivers to go racing again, the one-hour Excel endurance race even attracted Super-



cars stars Anton De Pasquale, Brodie Kosteci and Broe Feeny, with Triple 8 boss Roland Dane on the ground as team manager!

At a national level, the AASA-sanctioned AMRS was also able to continue, although border closures meant the Sydney Motorsport Park, Queensland Raceway and Sandown rounds were predominantly attended by

state-based categories.



The AASA has become a prominent sanctioning body in the off-road scene in recent years and this trend continued in 2020, AORRA (Australian Off Road Racing Association) events such as August's Goondiwindi 400, which was contested by none other than international legend Toby Price.

Price thoroughly enjoyed his participation in the Gundy 400, winning his class and finishing fourth outright.

Another area of recent AASA growth has been in performance events such as burnout competitions and drifting.

The AASA was able to sanction the return of drifting to Tasmania through the Drift Tasmania Series, run by the Performance



Driving Australia organisation. The series began in late August and its immediate popularity saw the event organisers running two further rounds, much to the delight of both competitors and spectators.

The AASA-sanctioned Australian Tarmac Rally Championship underwent a change of management in 2020, long-time organiser Peter Washington and his Mountain Motorsports company handing control of the series to Pam Stables, Brittany Smith and their Australian Tarmac Rally business.

Despite many of the scheduled 2020 events being cancelled, Stables and Smith were able to run the Great Tarmac Rally event in December, setting the scene for a full championship in 2021.

The AASA thanks the positive efforts and enthusiasm of all our Motorsport Venue partners. In particular our growing Speedway partners as well as our Karting event partnerships.

AASA business manager Stephen Whyte acknowledged the team's efforts throughout the year. The direction and support from our BAC Group CEO Chris Lewis-Williams was a most important factor in navigating the COVID-safe management of the business this year," Stephen said.

"I would like to thank not only our small but efficient staff team at AASA, but also our advisory group including our Chairman Bruce Robertson, Chief Steward Gary Gourlay and the Benalla Auto Club committee.

"2021 will again be full of challenges but we are in a stronger position than ever to continue offering choice to our motorsport community".

The AASA is most grateful to all our event promoters and competitors for their patience and understanding throughout such a turbulent season. We're also thankful to the many volunteer officials who continue to support our events and ensure our competitors can enjoy the thrill of the action across all different disciplines

We're proud of the "never-give-up" attitude exhibited by many of our event organisers and promoters, who have pursued every avenue to ensure events have been able to continue, sustaining the sport we all love.



## Familiar Face of Wakefield Park Celebrates 15 Years

If you've visited Wakefield Park for a race meeting or track day, chances are you've been greeted by the smile of Robyn Ryan, who this month celebrates 15 years of continuous employment at the nation's spectator track.

While there have been several changes in management since 2005, Robyn has been a familiar face at the venue, and has endeared herself to many motorsport competitors with her friendly and helpful demeanour.



Robyn initially worked as a cleaner before transferring into her current office role shortly thereafter.

"When I first started working at Wakefield Park, I just needed a job and I was brought in to help with cleaning, but after a couple of months I started working in the office," Robyn recalled.

"It didn't take me long to realise it was a pretty cool place to work – every day is a new experience and there's always something different happening."

Robyn has seen a lot of evolution during her time at Wakefield Park, but says some things have remained constant.

"There have been improvements to the track, like the concrete wall separating pit lane from the circuit, and the construction of the B-block garages," she said.

"One thing that hasn't changed is the team environment – employees have come and gone over the years but we've always been a close-knit family and we've all helped each other as much as we can."

Wakefield Park has hosted some high-profile events during Robyn's tenure as an employee and she highlighted the second-tier Supercars series (which ran under Konica and Fujitsu branding) as a major attraction.

"The Konica series was a real eye-opener, the scale of community interest and hype was massive," she said.

"These days, the ASBK attracts a similar level of attention and we have other race meetings like the Super Trucks, which always draw big crowds as well."

Robyn said she doesn't necessarily have a favourite Wakefield Park race meeting, with each event having its own point of interest.

"The great thing about Wakefield Park is we have so many different types of events, but all of them attract passionate competitors," she said.

"Some of the historic race meetings are absolutely fantastic, and then there are events like the Wakefield 300 endurance races that are always very exciting.

"You never know who is going to walk through the door either – I've met people like Michael Caton, John Paul Young, Peter Brock and Craig Lowndes."

However, as a passionate supporter of the Sydney Roosters Rugby League team and a fan of country music, Robyn names two drivers as her particular favourites.



“When Jack Elsegood and Adam Brand were racing in the V8 Utes, it was fantastic,” she said.

“I was a bit star-struck when I met them for the first time, but they were both really nice guys – very friendly and easy to get along with.”

With 15 years under her belt, Robyn is encouraged by the plans for continued improvements to Wakefield Park.

“There have been several management changes since I started working here, but the changes have been for the better overall.

“There are plans in place for some more upgrades, which are very exciting not just for Wakefield Park, but for the Goulburn region – it’s such an important part of the local economy.”



Robyn’s colleagues have congratulated her on reaching the 15-year milestone.

I couldn't be happier to work alongside Robyn,” Wakefield Park operations manager Dean Chapman said.

“Our community who visit the raceway always speak highly of Robyn and it is wonderful to see the positive impact she has had not only on our team but also our customers. It has been a pleasure to listen to her wealth of knowledge and all the changes she has witnessed over the last 15 years at the raceway.

“We wish Robyn a very happy 15- year anniversary and with any luck another 15 with us here at Wakefield Park.”

“I have worked with Robyn for 7 years and what an amazing asset to Wakefield Park she is – always supportive, loyal and there to lend a helping hand when needed,” Benalla Auto Club Group administration manager Glenys Collins said.

“She’s not one to make a fuss, she just puts her head down and gets on with the job at hand, taking all changes in her stride. Congratulations on 15 years’ service Robyn and thank you for your help and support over the years.”

Benalla Auto Club Group CEO Chris Lewis-Williams also commended Robyn for her loyal service.

“Robyn has always been such a positive spark of energy around Wakefield Park and you can see how highly regarded she is, in her daily interactions with all our customers,” he said.

“It has been really pleasing for me to see the development of the Wakefield team and Robyn in particular over the past two years, she has flourished under Dean’s management, which has allowed her more responsibility and control over all aspects of her role. I hope we are lucky enough to have Robyn with us for another 15 years!”





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Discount at Track Café	10%	10%	20%	10%
Member Carparking	No	Yes	Yes	No
BAC member discount	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transferable Ticket	No	No	Yes	No
Supercars Relaxed Corporate	No	No	Yes x 4	No
GA to Supercars	50%	Yes	Yes x 4	50%
GA to Historic Winton	Yes	Yes	Yes x 4	Yes
GA to Festival of Speed	Yes	Yes	Yes x 4	Yes
GA to Winton Superbikes	Yes	Yes	Yes x 4	Yes
GA to Winton events	Yes	Yes	Yes x 4	Yes
<i>Price</i>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$295</b>	<b>\$1295</b>	<b>\$320</b>
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**Winton Motor Raceway**

November 9, 2020 · 🌐

All the staff at Winton Raceway are parents so we know what the stress levels are like when your kids reach that age where they finally ask "Can I drive?"  
 With driving lessons and tests behind schedule due to Covid we thought we can step in and help out to make sure that everyone stays a lot safer in a controlled environment.  
 With no concerns about cars coming from all different directions, our children will be able to learn how to stop, start and steer a car with just that bit more confidence.  
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**Rob Hoskins**  
 Admin · December 7, 2020 · 🌐

"Memories Monday"  
 Not sure of the year, who or what event. Maybe someone here may know?  
 Enjoy.



Stephen Whyte and 6 others · Seen by 84

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**Rob Hoskins** shared a post.  
 Admin · November 16, 2020 · 🌐

Memories Monday.  
 Found on another site.  
 Enjoy.



**Dick Everett**  
 November 11, 2020 · 🌐

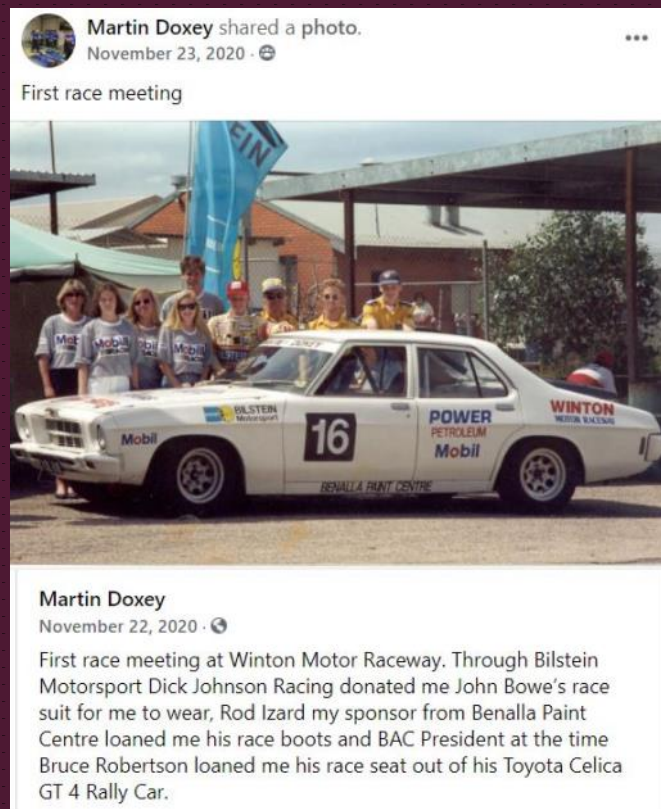
Turn two Winton 1990s Greg Stanfield pic

**Martin Doxey**  
 November 1, 2020 · 🌐

Winton shots early eighties found on other website.  
 Back then they had more than 4 bikes on the front row.



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Rob Hoskins shared a post.  
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More Memories.  
 Credit Mark Bishop



Mark Bishop  
 November 23, 2020 · 🌐  
 Winton Motor Raceway, 1976.  
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Rob Hoskins shared a post.  
 Admin · December 10, 2020 · 🌐

Another cool pic and info of Winton mid 80's.  
 Credit John House.  
 Enjoy.

Mark Sully shared a post to the group: Historic Sports Sedans Australia.  
 December 9, 2020 · 🌐



John House  
 December 8, 2020 · 🌐

My 1000 with mid mounted 180B, Torana rear end, mid field car in it's day this is Winton early 80's had a lot off fun over the year's

Memories Monday.  
 Just to prove that it's not the first time Larko has been pushed around, here's a pic we found from back in the 90's of more pushing around (pic 3)!  
 Not sure which year, but attached are a couple of pics of the Winton V8's  
 Enjoy.



Rob Hoskins  
 Admin · December 28, 2020 at 8:25 PM · 🌐

"Memories Monday"  
 Forwarded on by Nev Kettel.  
 Winton 1980.  
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John Dozzi, Stephen Whyte and 9 others · 1 Comment · Seen by 89

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Tas Mouras  
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Martin Doxey shared a photo.  
November 23, 2020 · 🌐

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Martin Doxey  
November 22, 2020 · 🌐

First lap in the Esse at The Champion of Winton series.



Rob Hoskins shared a post.  
Admin · December 14, 2020 · 🌐

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Benalla Auto Club member Zak Best keeps working his way up through the ranks.  
Good luck with 2021.



Timothy McCarthy shared a link to the group: MW Motorsport Fans.  
December 14, 2020 · 🌐

Well done Zak Best . Good luck for the 2021 season.



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TICKFORD RACING – ZAK BEST SIGNS FOR 2021 SUPER2 SEASON1...



Rob Hoskins shared a post.  
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And again. Memories.  
Credit Mark Bishop.



Mark Bishop  
November 23, 2020 · 🌐

Winton Motor Raceway, 1976.  
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## Introducing our Junior Ambassador

For the first time, Winton Raceway is having a Junior Ambassador.

Introducing 7 year old Parker Moodie.

Parker is a kind hearted, cheeky and strong willed lad who loves lego, cars and all things machinery . He also has cancer....

From when Parker was born he has suffered in pain and has been restricted as to what he can do, and what other kids his age take for granted.

Parker has been in and out of hospital all of his life, including several attempts of chemotherapy, all of which have been unsuccessful.

He has always had though, the support of his his dad Ross, mother Mel and younger sister Ava and friends.



Tragically, in 2017, Mel also was diagnosed with a tumour in her brain. Through hard work and determination, Mel has undertaken chemo and radiation treatment where her neurosurgeons have got to the point that they have an amount of confidence about her future .

Winton Raceway reached out to the Monash Children's Hospital where, after extensive searching, Parker was selected as our Junior Ambassador. What does this mean? Parker is going to be attending our events and will be helping raise money for the tremendous Kids With Cancer Foundation Australia.

There are more stories than just Covid out there to tell, and we want to be sure that there remains an awareness of the challenges that Parkers family, and all families that have Kids with Cancer face.

We are committed to help the cause and we ask that you donate to this great cause by entering the following details.

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It's been a tough year for all, none more so than all of these incredible families. Winton Raceway is proud to do its part to help.







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As 2020 comes to a close Winton Raceway is offering something really exciting in 2021.

For the first time, starting on February the 22nd we begin our [Winton Motor Raceway Drive School Track Days!](#)

This is a great opportunity for you, the driver, you the enthusiast or you the complete beginner to gain that extra tenth, or gain that extra amount of driving experience to make you a better driver on, and off the track.

The Winton Motor Raceway Drive School Track Days are the Ultimate track experience offering customers the highest level of customer service and feedback on their driving, which ultimately improves their track times, their enjoyment of the car and ultimately of the day.

WMR Track Days have obtained the services of Martin Doxey to help with the coaching for Road and Race Cars.

Marty has been a driver trainer with over 20 years experience and is the lead driver trainer for the Nissan Academy

The Winton Raceway Drive School Track Days are set up for customers with a wide range of vehicles from Road & High-Performance Cars, Track Sprint Day cars, Track Day Racers and Race Car customers.

This is a fantastic opportunity to not only improve your speed, but your race craft in a controlled environment with experienced coaches.



## Sargent Survives Setback to Clinch Formula Ford Title

Young racer Tom Sargent has survived a controversial collision to seal the NSW Formula Ford Championship in a tense title decider, held as part of the fifth and final Motorsport Australia NSW Motor Race Championship meeting at Wakefield Park on the weekend.

After qualifying on pole position, Sargent finished second behind Cody Burcher in Race 1 before the two drivers collided while battling for the lead in Race 2. Sargent's Formula Ford sustained tyre damage but he was able to nurse his car to the finish, earning him classification in the results and scoring him enough points to clinch the title with a race remaining.

Sargent charged from the rear of the field to fourth in Race 3 – the trophy race – which was won by his CHE Racing team-mate Noah Sands ahead of Zach Bates and Burcher.

Another driver to suffer an anxious moment while trying to win a championship was Glenn Deering in the HQ Holdens. Deering finished a solid sixth in Race 1, but a differential problem in Race 2 saw him falling to 11<sup>th</sup>. A hasty diff replacement enabled Deering to return to the circuit for Race 3; seventh place was enough for him to win the championship by just a handful of points over David Proglia.

The round win went to Brett Osborn, who won all three races and set a new lap record in the process; John Baxter was second ahead of Matt Barker.

Nick Kelly (Radical SR8) won Races 1 and 3 in Supersports but it was fellow SR8 driver Peter White who emerged victorious in Race 2 after a brave move around the outside of Kelly on a damp track.

Despite chalking up a DNF in Race 1 due to a first-lap tangle, Steve Champion (Radical SR3) was able to win back-to-back titles, albeit by just two points over Kelly in the final standings.

A round win for Ryan Gorton was enough for the circuit racing debutant and former speedway racer to win the Mazda RX8 Cup title; Steve Devjak was second for the round ahead of Justin Barnes. The nastiest incident of the weekend occurred in Race 2, when Andrew O'Keefe lost control of his RX8 and ploughed into the side of Jake Lougher, in turn causing Lougher to make heavy contact with the wall at Turn 2.

Grant Doulman won the NSW Sports Sedan trophy race ahead of Mark Duggan and Stuart Inwood after the Fiat of Brad Shiels, which won Races 1 and 2, retired with mechanical problems in Race 3.

Laurence Katsidis won the first Formula Race Cars race before Greg Muddle won Races 2 and 3, while the Formula Vee race wins were shared between Daniel Reynolds and Simon Pace.

In Production Sports, David Wall (Porsche Carrera Cup car) and Nick Kelly (Audi R8) staged an epic battle in Race 1, the two cars racing nose-to-tail for the entire 30 minutes with Wall ultimately prevailing. The former Carrera Cup champion was able to win by a more comfortable margin in Race 2, while the championship went to the Class B entry of Adrian Wilson/Andre Nader.

The race meeting, which was Wakefield Park's final major event for 2020, attracted the largest turnout of officials in history, with more than 50 dedicated volunteers attending the circuit to fulfil duties in race control, pit lane, flag marshalling, scrutineering, fire, rescue and recovery.

An end-of-season awards function for the officials was held on Saturday evening, with Glenn Nichols receiving the Official of the Year Award, Tayla Flannery being crowned the Most Improved Official, Kate Epplestun being recognised as the Officials' Favourite Official and David Trotter receiving the Foxy 1 Award.

## SEK NSW Lithgow 7 Hour - Race Report

AASA's Sportsman Endurance Karting series round 5 took to the track at Lithgow kart club for the final round of the year.

The day consisted of practice, qualifying and a 7-hour race with 23 Karts lining up on the start line.

Saturday's race results were Kart 84 Cargo Safe taking out the win, with Kart 24 TWR Racing, 2nd and Kart 9 CNG Racing, 3rd place.

In Sportsman class 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Kart 70 Karting Solutions, Kart 65 CIA Racing, 2nd place and Kart 16 ACE Racing taking 3rd place.

The race had only 2 safety cars and racing were tight right up until the chequered flag.

On Saturday night, the club grouped together for an end of season championship presentation dinner with over 80 people attending.

2020 Outright Champions

Kart 84 Cargo Safe - 1st

Kart 24 TWR Racing - 2nd

Kart 70 Karting Solutions - 3rd

2020 Sportsman Champions

Kart 70 Karting Solutions - 1st

Kart 27 CPR Racing - 2nd

Kart 80 Ciss my AASA (ladies team) - 3rd



Officials of the year went to our refuellers Dave Huggins and Rob Boyle

President's award and SEK Ambassador went to Rocco Morizzi

Most improved teams - Kart 27 CPR Racing and Kart 7 JMT Racing

Sportsman driver of the year - Adrian Sarkis

Maxx driver of the year - Paul Wilson

Life memberships were awarded to Brian and Diana Trinder for their ever-grateful service to the club.

With 2021 not far away, a draft calendar has been released and proves to have plenty of hours of racing.

- 1 - Canberra 6/7th February
- 2 - Newcastle 13th March
- 3 - Orange 1st May
- 4 - Bega 12/13th June - long weekend
- 5 - Taree 17th July
- 24 Hour 2/3<sup>rd</sup> October
- 6 - Lithgow 13 November

Joel Van Dongen - SEK NSW Race Director



Congratulations to Cargo Safe #84. The 2020 Maxx Champions.





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February 6/7th - Vic Drift

February 8/9th - Performance Test Day

February 13th - BAC Drivers Championship Rd 1/TT Rd 1

February 14th - Porsche Club Of Victoria

February 16th - Supercars Super Test

February 17th - Astuti Motorsport

February 18th - Bike Test and Tune

February 21st - Toyota 86 season launch

February 22nd - Winton Drive School Track Days

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A promotional banner for the Repco Sprint Series Victorian Super TT Round One. It features a red and white checkered flag graphic, a 'Bowden's Own' logo, and a photo of several race cars on a track. A Facebook 'Like us on Facebook' button is in the bottom right corner.

**WINTON OLT DAY**

**FEBRUARY 12TH**

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A promotional banner for Winton OLT Day on February 12th. It features a photo of a white Holden race car with 'nikpol' and 'BLAUPUNKT' branding, and a black Holden race car. The Winton Motor Raceway 60th anniversary logo is in the top right, and a Facebook 'Like us on Facebook' button is in the bottom right.



## Friendly Face: Kate Eppelstun

2020 may have been a tough year for many people, but one person who hasn't stopped smiling is Wakefield Park race official Kate Eppelstun.

If you've raced at Wakefield Park, there is no doubt you will recognise Kate and you will have benefited from her pure passion for motorsport and thorough organisational abilities.

Starting as a flag marshal at the Gold Coast Supercars event more than 13 years ago, Kate has officiated at some of the highest-profile race meetings in the country but she still calls Wakefield Park home.

Kate has been the chief flag marshal for many events but more recently has occupied some other roles in race control, such as Deputy Clerk of Course. She said there have been some challenges towards the end of 2020 but all-in-all, the Wakefield Park community has been lucky.

"After the initial lockdown earlier in the year, we were able to go racing again and in the end we didn't miss out on too many events," Kate said.

"The biggest issue has been complying with social distancing regulations; it's meant we've had to spread people out and we haven't had as many people on some of the flag points as we would have liked. It's always a shame when you have enthusiastic volunteers who want to help out, but you have to turn them down because of limits on the maximum number of people on site."

After a few months on the sidelines, Kate said the competitors were very forthcoming in displaying their appreciation to the officials.

"The Wakefield Park competitors have always been fantastic for showing us their gratitude but when the lockdown ended and we were able to go racing again, they were particularly grateful, which was lovely," she said.

Kate has been enjoying her newly-acquired skills in race control.

"I've been finding it interesting and learning some new skills," she said.

"It's awesome to have people like Jess (Nicholson) and Nick (Goring) to learn from."

While Kate said 2020 produced plenty of highlights, she singled out the final Motorsport Australia NSW State round as her favourite moment.

"Jess, Nick and I have worked hard for many years on recruiting officials and at the MA NSW State round, we achieved our goal of having every flag point manned, a full crew in race control and a full crew in the pits," she said.

"It was an awesome weekend and just to top it off, I was fortunate enough to receive the Officials' Favourite Offi-



cial Award, which was a real honour.

"Everyone in the Wakefield Park officials team gets on famously - we're like a big family. The circuit management, especially Dean and James, are fantastic as well. They give us everything we ask for and go out of our way to make sure we're comfortable."

Jess Nicholson, who has worked as Clerk of Course for many Wakefield Park events, said Kate's best qualities are her dedication and knowledge.

"I've worked with Kate since 2014 and I've always found her to be so dedicated, open and approachable," Jess said.

"She's been a valued member of the team as the chief flag marshal, but more recently she's been working in race control and doing a fantastic job - she certainly knows her way around the track and has a thorough understanding of the regulations for running a race meeting."

Wakefield Park manager Dean Chapman said Kate's contributions are valued by not only the other officials, but also the competitors.

"Kate is the one who puts a team of officials together for our race meetings to ensure they run in a professional manner, and she has created a fun and harmonious culture among the officials that is the envy of other venues all over Australia," Dean said.

"There were many challenges this year with events being cancelled and some officials not being able to travel, but Kate took it all in her stride.

"Wakefield Park is very proud and fortunate to have someone of Kate's calibre; she takes pride in her role and she really does live and breathe motorsport. There are not many drivers who race at Wakefield Park, who wouldn't know Kate.

"Kate's husband Craig also deserves a special mention because he supports her in everything she does." Benalla Auto Club Group CEO Chris Lewis-Williams also recognised Kate's efforts, highlighting her organisational skills.

"Kate is a natural organiser; she's perfect for overseeing the officials' team and working out who is best suited to each role," Chris said.

"Her priority is always to look after the officials and ensure they are respected for the job they are doing for Wakefield Park events."





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