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August 2023

**New era for
Tarmac Events
in Western
Australia**

**Haynes Joins
2023 TA2
Winners List**

**Super Trucks
join Victorian
Motor Racing
Championship**





President's Report



G'Day Members,

The first half of the year has flown and of course the world stands still for no man..!

Those of you that have been to Winton lately will have seen that we have now permanently shifted the entry to the Racetrack from Fox St to Huntley St.

They had me back out on the Grader and we have built a road from the Huntly St entrance to the former entry at Fox St inside the fence. This was primarily to get the Trucks out of Fox Street for the School and for the Club to be good neighbours.

This appears to work well and we hope to have bitumen on it later in the year. There is a lot of improvements happening at Winton to make it a better place to get around and find things.

If you come out to the office (at AASA House) you may see a few new faces. The Team has grown with a well experienced group of enthusiastic people that are across all parts of our businesses and the Club. You'll read a bit more about that later.

Our Historic race meetings were very successful and as always the opportunity to see some great old machinery was fantastic. The Victorian Motor Racing Championship is exceeding expectations and with a Round at Calder in the next few weeks the BAC has been working with the team at Calder to get things ready.

As you all know, Bob Jane and BAC very much worked together a lot over the years and its great to see Rodney his son continuing that relationship with Steve and the team. It has been 16 years since a Race Meeting at Calder and the last one was a AASA event.

Last year we had some changes but with everything that was thrown at the team they delivered.

The start of this year was very tough on our staff but I'm so glad to say we are in the best position we have been for some time thanks to the direction of the Current Committee and our Staff.

Regards

Barry Stilo
BAC President

General Manager



Hi BAC Members,

2023 has been a year building on what we had put in place in 2022.

With 14 Race Meetings scheduled for the year and a swag of Sprint days, Drive Days and Test days it has been a busy year to date.

We continue to invest in Winton Motor Raceway with improved drainage, restoration of the Race Control building for the original circuit, new improved entry at Huntley Street with a new access road, improvement to the Skid Pan building, new signage, develop on site accommodation, the list goes on.

What we hope is that every time someone comes to the circuit, they notice the difference.

Whilst we were not chosen on the Supercars Calendar for 2023, we have certainly been working on 2024. We understand the importance of the event for the region, and we continue to confirm that with Supercars. Stay tuned.

We have just recently held the Winton Festival of Speed which was a great success, as was the Historic Winton Meeting in May of this year with both events having over 300 entries Historic Racing is alive and well and we look forward to the return of these events for 2024.

Our Victorian Motor Racing Championship (VMRC) has been growing very quickly with the addition of the Super Trucks as a part of that series this year. We have two more rounds here at Winton, the September event on 16/17 September incorporating the very popular Winton 300.

We also welcome back Calder Park Raceway to the VMRC. The last Race Meeting at Calder Park was in 2007 and it was the AASA Sanctioned VMRC. Continuing a long association with BAC that began with Bob Jane and Mick Ronke, we are proud to be working with Rodney Jane, Kim Jane, Rowan and the track management team to prepare Calder for August and then take our Hi-Tec Oils Super Series to Calder for its finale in December.

Our popular Pedders No Bull Sprints have two rounds left for the year. The next round being Saturday September 9. We again thank Grant and the Team at Pedders for their ongoing support.

AASA continues to go from strength to strength and clearly has a 50% market share in sanctioning motorsport events. New partnerships in Rally, Offroad, Historic Motorsport and Racetracks continues to see more and more customers experience our no-nonsense way of just getting things done.

This is very much a trait of the Benalla Auto Club, and it will continue to do so. The AASA has been the corner stone business for the group for the last couple of years. We clearly see that motorsport needs to have a choice in the market and we know that AASA has kept the cost down for the competitor during its 20-year history. AASA is a success story the BAC should be proud of.

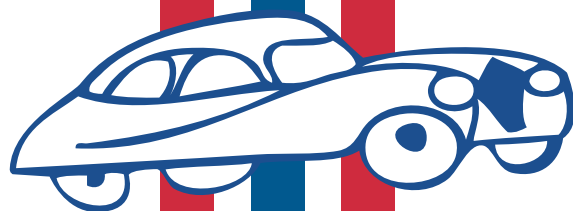
Our very popular Hi-Tec Oils Super Series sanctioned by AASA and promoted by Winton Motor Raceway has been very successful in an environment when some of the other Nationally focused series appear to be lacking in numbers. We are finding it hard to accommodate all the categories and competitors that wish to join the Series. We are just putting together a very exciting Calendar for 2024 and we hope to have a couple of significant surprises for all competitors when we make that announcement. The series has 2 Rounds to run for 2023, Sydney Motorsport park on 13/14 October for a night meeting and Calder Park on November 30 to Dec 2 for the twilight finale.

Finally, I must thank Shannon Jones our Events and Corporate Services Manager that has worked tirelessly over the past 18 Months on putting a great administration team together and putting a clear process into everything that we do. The entire team that we have assembled are a great group of well credentialed hard working people that know the businesses that we are in and strive to make them better and grow. Feel free at any time to drop into AASA House at Winton to see us.

I look forward to keeping you updated on a regular basis.

Regards

Stephen Whyte
General Manager, BAC Group





SUPER SERIES



Haynes Joins 2023 TA2 Winners List

TA2 Muscle Car Series

Josh Haynes has become the fifth different TA2 Muscle Car Series framed by Hytek round winner of 2023, taking overall honours in Round 4 of the series at the Morgan Park Hi-Tec Oils Super Series round on the weekend and joining Lee Stibbs, Dylan Thomas, Tim Brook and Nash Morris as drivers who have stood on the top step of the podium this season.

Haynes qualified on pole position, but played second fiddle to Jackson Rice in the first three races. However, when Rice was tapped into a spin by Brad Gartner at the start of Race 4 (for which Gartner was penalised), Haynes was ideally placed to benefit and duly drove to victory.

Rice finished ninth in Race 4 but still scored enough points to secure the runner-up spot for the round ahead of Dylan Thomas, who continued his perfect run of podiums in 2023.

Thomas' third place result also enabled the Sydneysider to protect his championship lead, although his margin has been reduced to 13 points ahead of Rice and Haynes, who are now tied for second in the standings.





Yellow Express Mazda RX8 Cup Series

The Yellow Express Mazda RX8 Cup Series produced a first-time round winner, with Justin Lewis scoring his maiden pole position before driving to victory in all four of the weekend's races.

However, while the scoreboard shows Lewis dominated, he faced stiff opposition in each race, especially from Tom Shaw who mounted a robust challenge in the first three races, and a fast-finishing Luke Webber in the final.

Lewis' decisive victory also enabled him to wrestle the series lead away from Justin Barnes, who finished fourth overall.

Legend Cars

In their return to the Hi-Tec Oils Super Series program, the Legend Cars produced a typically entertaining show with Robert Hogan, Billy Finnegan, Scott Melville, Ryan Pring, Brendon Hourigan and Scott Morgan all battling closely at the front of the field throughout the five races.

In the end, Hogan took round honours with wins in four of the five races, with Pring second for the meeting ahead of Melville. Finnegan was the other driver to win a race, but a non-finish in Race 4 saw him finishing a lowly 13th for the round.



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Replica Tourers

The Replica Tourers races produced entertaining battles between two cars with completely different characteristics – the nimble-handling BMW E36 of Jason Clements and the raw V8-powered Camaro of Ian Woodward. Both drivers won two races, with Clements snatching the round win by a single point thanks to his pole position effort in qualifying.

While his VK Commodore was not as well-suited to Morgan Park as it was to the previous round at Queensland Raceway, Steve Hay still managed to bank a healthy points haul with third for the meeting.

Queensland Touring Car Championship

After breaking through for his maiden Queensland Touring Car Championship round win last time out at Queensland Raceway, Rob Bellinger backed up with another overall victory at Morgan Park, winning all four races. Gary Lange and Nathan Marks made it a BMW lockout of the podium.

It was a tough weekend for championship leader Peter Bray, who finished third and second in the first two races but retired from Race 3 with a mechanical failure and was subsequently sidelined for Race 4.

The story of the Queensland Touring Car Championship races was Mark Bailey's very rapid Toyota GR Yaris, which proved to be the weapon of choice for the technical Morgan Park layout and scored outright wins in Races 1 and 2. However, Bailey's retirement from Race 3 allowed Roman Miller to take the win in his BMW M2, before Anthony Levitt emerged victorious in the weekend's fourth and final race.

Australian Trans-Am Series

The final category on the program was the Australian Trans-Am Series, which saw John English winning all four races in his Pontiac Firebird. John's son Sean English was second in the first three races, before John Prefontaine moved up to take the runner-up spot in the final.



The next round of the Hi-Tec Oils Super Series takes place at Sydney Motorsport Park, 13-14 October.



NO BULL SPRINTS

The Pedders No Bull Sprint Series is a popular, club-level entry into motorsport for many motorsport enthusiasts. The series will comprise of several rounds throughout 2023, giving drivers the opportunity to test themselves against the clock, around the technical Winton circuit in a competitive environment.



2023 Pedders Sprint Series



Calendar



Round 1
18 February

Round 2
25 March

Round 3
17 June

Round 4
9 September

Round 5
4 November

Stay tuned for a full write up
after Round 4, September 9th.

wintonraceway.com.au/eventinfo/pedders-no-bull-sprint-series/



Make Smoking History Tarmac West street rally - 7th to 10th September 2023.

New era for Tarmac Rallies in Western Australia

Tarmac Events WA Pty Ltd is the newly named event owner and organiser of Make Smoking History Tarmac West street rally held 7th to 10th September 2023.

Run under the sanctioning body Australian Auto-Sport Alliance (AASA), Make Smoking History Tarmac West 2023 will comprise of three short and fast Rallysprint events, namely Midland Toyota Ellenbrook Rallysprint held on Thursday September 7 in the evening, and on Sunday September 10, Make Smoking History Malaga Rallysprint in the morning, and the City of Perth Rallysprint in the afternoon.

“The tarmac rally community have waited close to a year and a half for proposed changes from Motorsport Australia to lift the pause on events following the tragedies at Targa Tasmania in 2021 and 2022. They are still not fully released, and competitors in Western Australia have rejected MA’s proposal for the need for an International License and Driver and Co-Driver assessments,” Mr Tapper said.

“This has forced our hand and we have gone to the AASA to provide us with a permit to run events and provide stability to allow us to future plan our events.”





Victorian Motor Racing Championship

Despite being in the middle of Winter, the Sun came out to play for a glorious second round of the Victorian Motor Racing Championship!

Australian Super Trucks

The Australian Super Trucks returned to Winton Motor Raceway in full force, pre-event championship leader Barry Butwell shown just how hard his weekend would be, qualifying second place to Steven Zammit who took pole by over 1.7 seconds! Zammit went on to win all four races in his Kenworth 401 ahead of Butwell and Shannon Smith who shared the podium for all four races.

The Super Trucks Team Races told a very different story with Mark Noonan and Lachlan Fern taking race wins respectively. Congratulations to Steven Zammit and the Direct Power Steering entry on taking the round victory in quite convincing fashion.

Hyper Racer X1's

The growing field of multi-coloured Hyper Racer X1's returned to the former Victorian Formula Racing Series and newly re-named Hyper Racer Australian Championship, bigger and better than ever sporting twelve entries, five of which were newcomers to the championship. The newcomers included the AASA's own Niko French and V8 Supercars Super 2 and Bathurst 1000 driver Zak Best, here to experience the X1 for the first time and get a feel for the growing level of competition in the Hyper Racer Championship.

Championship leader Luke Klaver met stiff competition from Damon Sterling, sharing 2 race wins each and tying for points after Sterling crashed out of qualifying and put on a display of dominance in Race 1 to fight from the back of the grid to second place to keep his hopes for the round win alive. Coming in third was Hamish Leighton with an incredibly consistent weekend taking P3 in all but the final race where he was caught and overtaken by Zak Best. Having tied for points, the final race result determined the overall winner for the round, giving the honours to Sterling. Luke Klaver still retains the overall championship lead.



The VMRC will return to the improved Calder Park circuit on the 12th and 13th of August, 2023.

Vic V8's

The Vic V8's were a blast from the past and a sight for sore eyes, with an incredibly diverse seventeen entries spanning Australia's motorsport history from XB's to VE's and everything in between.

The VT HSV GTS of Gregory Lynch saw a race win and a P2 finish, but suffered engine problems and DNF's for the remaining races, leaving the door open for round winner Brian Finn and his VS Commodore to take the top step of the podium for all three remaining races. Fighting to prove vehicle age is just a number, the two following podium places for the weekend were secured by the XE Falcon of Allan Argento and the XY Falcon GT of David Hender respectively. Amazing work by these two fantastic drivers.

The final results, however, only tell half the story. With inconsistent and varied results across the board and such small gaps in points from the top all the way to the bottom of the grid, including a tie for seventh overall between Gary Finemore and Mathew Horne, the racing was as competitive and action packed as ever.

Victorian Super TT Championship

Consistency appeared to be key for this round of the Victorian Super TT Championship, a storm of DNF's across the board radically changing the outcomes for the weekend. None more crucial than Brent Edwards who, in Race 2, suffered clutch issues resulting in a DNF. Despite Edwards winning all three of the remaining races, the round win went to the Lotus Elise of David Buntin, who kept consistently reeling in points to secure P1 for the weekend. Coming in third was the N14 Nissan Pulsar of Daniel Devenish who brought home two 3rd place finishes, a fourth and a fifth. Special mention must be given to the Mitsubishi 380's of Neil Byers and Paul Leabeater who both also scored well with podium finishes but were plagued with issues or DNF's hampering the final result for the weekend.


The next round of the Victorian Motor Racing Championship is a special one: The return to Calder Park Raceway! The first sanctioned circuit racing event to be held at the venue since the VMRC in June of 2008.



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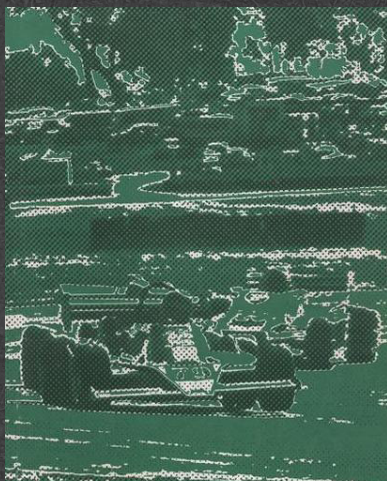
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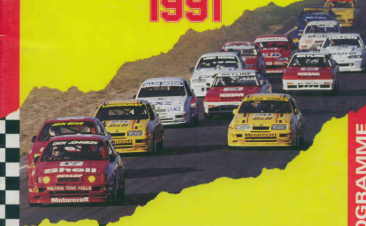
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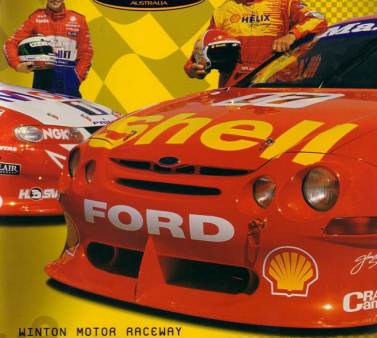
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Event	Date
<i>Winton Test & Tune</i>	<i>August 18</i>
<i>Porsche Car Club Victoria Sprints</i>	<i>August 19</i>
<i>MSCA Sprints</i>	<i>August 20</i>
<i>Winton Track Day</i>	<i>August 21</i>
<i>Winton Racecar Test Day</i>	<i>August 22</i>
<i>Winton Test & Tune</i>	<i>August 25</i>
<i>Jaguar Car Club of Victoria Sprints</i>	<i>August 26</i>
<i>Trackschool Winton Weekend Track Day</i>	<i>August 27</i>
<i>Trackschool Open Pit Lane</i>	<i>August 29</i>
<i>Winton Test & Tune</i>	<i>September 1</i>
<i>Track for Days</i>	<i>September 2</i>
<i>Nugget Nationals</i>	<i>September 3</i>
<i>Winton Supercars Test</i>	<i>September 5-6</i>
<i>Winton Test & Tune</i>	<i>September 8</i>
<i>Pedders No Bull Sprints Round 4</i>	<i>September 9</i>
<i>Victorian Motor Racing Championship Round 4/Winton 300</i>	<i>September 15-17</i>
<i>Winton Track Day</i>	<i>September 18</i>
<i>Winton Racecar Test Day</i>	<i>September 19</i>
<i>Winton Test & Tune</i>	<i>September 22</i>
<i>Trackschool Open Pit Lane</i>	<i>September 25</i>



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