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HISTORIC WINTON

Announcement: Historic Winton 2021 Update

**Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria
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The Austin 7 Club announces that Historic Winton 2021 will be a restricted event, under a Tier Three Permit.

Attendance on 22 & 23 May will be limited to car and motor bike entrants, their pit crews and required officials.

At this stage, no public tickets will be available, and invitations to Car Clubs will not be possible.

We are saddened our event will not take its usual shape, and have not made this decision lightly. The costs involved in the strict COVID Safe compliance and the continually changing Government requirements, has led us to this decision.

Historic Winton is a unique event. We have a fabulous mix of racing cars & motor bikes, heritage & vintage displays, regular vendors, advertisers & sponsors, many hundreds of display vehicles from many Clubs, and of course the loyal public.

It will not be the same this year, and we will miss you all however we are pleased to be running a scaled back event, supporting historic motorsport and keeping it alive for future years.

Should restrictions ease, we may be able to offer a limited number of spectator tickets, and these would be made available online through Ticketebo. Updated information will be provided on our website, and on Facebook.

Please stay safe, and if we do not see you in 2021, we look forward to seeing all of you in 2022.

Please follow us on Facebook and the Historic Winton website for the fastest notifications of the latest news.

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Winton 60th - James Hunt

Winton Motor Raceway is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2021.

Throughout this time, like other venues it has been in, and out of the news for a variation of reasons.

In 1976, the biggest name in motor racing, James Hunt had an epic battle for the World Formula One Championship with Niki Lauda. A title that would go down to the last race in a soaking wet Japan.

Hunt would go on to win the championship that year and be a household name throughout the world.

1976 was the same year that Winton hosted its first Rose City 10,000. A F5000 open wheeler event that was won by Graeme McRae.

The committee wanted to attract a large crowd so they went for broke and approached Hunt.

Enticing Hunt was easy, the difficult part was ensuring that the circuit was up to the safety standard expected, finding someone who would supply him a car and then funding the whole plan.

The thought of having Hunt careering around the narrow track with 14 desperate

other drivers or hoping to beat the F1 Champion created a few nerves.

Eventually through hard work and some innovative thinking the October event had an approximate 10,000 spectators. Hunt, in a Elfin F5000 did not disappoint, being the fastest lap during Saturday Practice before going on to win the Sunday race by almost a lap over Alfie Costanzo.

To think, only 17 years after its inception, the venue would host the biggest name in World Motor



Sport and a F1 World Champion.

Hunt obviously had a great time later saying "In time honored Australian tradition, we had a wonderful party after the race, moving from hospitality tent to hospitality tent until long into the night".

Hunt would retire from racing in 1979, and later pass away too soon in 1993, however, for those at the small regional track, he will always be remembered for his feats during an October weekend in 1978.

Were you one of the 10,000 in the crowd that day?

JAMES HUNT



1978
"ROSE CITY 10000"

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JAMES HUNT

1976 WORLD FORMULA 1 CHAMPION

Auditors for Formula 1 include McOwen (Current Australian Champion), McCormack (1977 Champion), Dawson, Collier, Barber, etc., racing against British 1976 World Champion James Hunt through the twists and turns of the tight Roscoe Circuit.

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An excerpt from the 'Weekend Australian'

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Commentary by jc@jcp.com.au

Our lovely Robyn Ryan made the paper!



OK back to the Paris end of etc. First things first. Holding the community level of motorsport together are lots of volunteers and a few underpaid, overworked racetrack staff. At Wakefield Park there's Robyn Ryan. Robyn started 15 years ago as a cleaner. Today she is in the office and the face of the track. So, it is only right that the new perpetual supermax cup (it is very, very big) for the 300 has been named the Robyn Ryan Memorial Trophy. Memorial is an unfortunate title because when I was at the presentation Robyn was very much alive. Despite me sneaking a selfie of the two of us, my info is that she still is. Best of all Robyn is a Roosters (a team that plays proper football) tragic like your correspondent.



CAFÉ SAILS

New shade sails have been put in place at Winton in front of the main café and also the V8 Kiosk

Meet Terry Denovan – the Grass Roots Motorsport Maestro

The MRA (Motor Racing Australia) Series has become one of the most popular club-level racing series in New South Wales. The emphasis on fun, affordability and friendliness has seen the series attracting large numbers of competitors across a wide array of categories.

The man behind the series, Terry Denovan, is a passionate advocate for grass roots motorsport and as he explained, his motorsport journey began through a family friendship.

“Mark Morsillo was a family friend, and a member of the Triumph Sports Owners Association,” Denovan recalled.

“I spent some time at Oran Park with Mark and on one occasion, he offered me a drive of his Triumph at a track day.

“From that point I was hooked, and I started doing supersprint events at Wakefield Park in my road car at the time, a VN Calais.”

While actively involved in entry-level competition, Denovan said he was also fortunate enough to experience an event higher up the food chain.

“I got to know Richard Mork through one of my work colleagues and I pit crewed for his team at Bathurst in 2000,” he said.

“That was an eventful weekend; he was driving with Steve Williams and it poured with rain for most of the race. But it was very cool to be involved with a team competing in Australia’s biggest and most prestigious race.”

However, Denovan was still keen to enjoy his own participation on the track and purchased a Holden 48-215, fitted with a V6 Buick engine. He competed in club days and supersprints before the car was destroyed in a big crash at Eastern Creek in 2006.

“It was disappointing to lose that car, but fortunately I ended up with a good replacement – the VH Commodore I’m racing currently,” Denovan said.

“I purchased the car from Jeff Brown (it was originally built by Keith Croft), installed a V8 and started running it in supersprints, before progressing to Super TT races at the MRA rounds. It was around that time I became involved with MRA, working with Wakefield Park to co-ordinate entries and categories at those events.

“In 2013, I took full control of the MRA and since then, I’ve continued to work hard at



delivering a product to suit the needs of the competitors and one of the proudest moments was the 'COVID comeback' meeting we held in June last year.

"It was a mammoth amount of work but seeing the smiles on the faces of so many competitors made it absolutely worthwhile.

"I've always liked using technology to make things as easy as possible for the competitors, and it turned out some of the processes I developed for things like driver sign-on and vehicle declarations were very useful for creating a COVID-safe environment."

While Denovan's passion is for event promotion and management, he still relishes the opportunity to get behind the wheel on occasion. In 2020, he was victorious in the Wakefield 300, an event he had first contested a decade earlier.

"Winning the 300 was awesome; because it's a long-distance endurance race, it takes a while for all of the strategies and storylines to play out, but it got to a stage where I realised I was in a good position and I said to myself, 'don't stuff this up now!' Fortunately, I didn't."

In 2021, Denovan will continue to promote the MRA along with the three-round Australian 1000 series, encompassing the Wakefield, Sydney and Winton 300s. He said the AASA has been instrumental in the success of his events.

"The AASA has always been extremely supportive, but especially when it came to COVID, the support of Steve and the team was instrumental in allowing us to go racing," Denovan said.

"It was vital for us to have access to people who understood the sport and safety requirements, while being flexible and trusting us to deliver events. The AASA certainly ticked those boxes."





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Any Benalla Auto Club member who competes in these events will be awarded points for placings and participation to go towards the Driver's Championship, with a 2021 Champion to be announced at the end of the year.

The BAC Driver's Championship points will be operated independently to the Winton Repco Sprints points.

Point allocation for this amazing championship will be released next week prior to Round 1 of the Winton Repco Sprint Series

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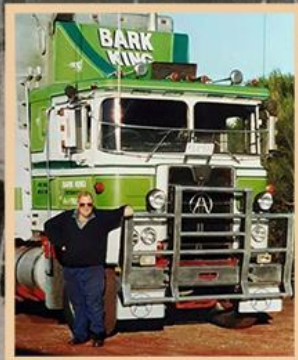
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Long-Serving Scrutineer Announces Retirement



After more than 33 years as a prominent and well-respected motorsport scrutineer, Mike Hanley announced his retirement early in January 2021.

Mike has been a familiar face in the paddock at numerous circuit race meetings and as the chief scrutineer, he has been the person responsible for ensuring competition vehicles have complied with the correct safety and technical standards before taking to the circuit.

Coming from a mechanical background that included teaching automotive engineering at Campbelltown TAFE, Mike's scrutineering journey began at Oran Park in August 1987.

"My philosophy has always been that if there is a need for assistance, I will provide it, and I was appointed as the chief scrutineer at Oran Park at the end of 1987," Mike recalled.

Mike's scrutineering expertise became well-recognised throughout the motorsport industry, leading him to also be appointed to the chief scrutineering roles at Sydney's Eastern Creek and Goulburn's Wakefield Park.

Over the next few decades, Mike acted as the technical/eligibility officer and engine sealer for various state and national motorsport categories. Even despite suffering a heart attack in 2000, Mike maintained his enthusiasm for the sport and when the AASA was formed in 2003, Mike was one of the first people appointed as a scrutineer at AASA-sanctioned race meetings.

"I've always enjoyed the AASA race meetings; I was fortunate enough to work alongside people who shared a common work ethic with me, and I was also fortunate enough to meet some wonderful competitors with some fantastic machinery," he said.

"The competitors at those race meetings have always shown a lot of appreciation for the job me and my fellow officials (flaggies/pit lane marshals) have done."

When asked about his favourite events and vehicles, Mike identified a couple of



highlights.

“I always really enjoyed all categories of motorsport and have made a lot of friends at those events,” he said.

“Club level motor sport has given me some memorable moments”.

“One category I really loved was the Super Trucks. The machines themselves were spectacular and I loved the members of the truck racing community, especially people like Charlie Zammit and Frank Amoroso.”

Other AASA race meetings where Mike was a familiar presence included the MRA and Wakefield 300 events.

“The best thing about the MRA and Wakefield 300 was the variety of cars – there was always a bit of everything,” Mike said.

“Although I’m not scrutineering any more, my old mate, Pat Marshall-Cormack has asked me to join him at an upcoming GEAR event at Wakefield Park as his mechanic. I believe those events are very relaxed and are a lot of fun.”

In his parting words, Mike said it was important to acknowledge the myriad volunteer officials who generously provide their time at events across the country.

“When I announced my retirement on social media, the reaction from the competitors was overwhelming and quite humbling, but in the end I’m only one person,” Mike said.

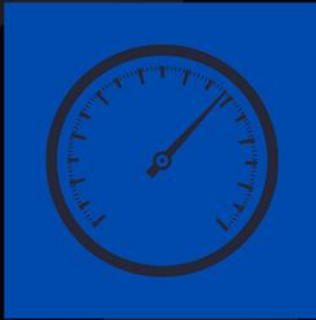
“There are hundreds of officials – all of them vitally important – many of whom go through years of officiating without ever being personally recognised.”

With his motorsport adventure having drawn to a close, Mike is planning to spend more time pursuing his other passions: constructing equestrian jumps, rocking horses and photography.



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BAC DRIVER'S CHAMPIONSHIP Round 1 Points Tally

Round 1/Name	Class	Grid Points	Lap Points	Finish Session	Bonus Pts for Day	Class Placings	TOTAL
Keith Menere	A1	5,	17,	4,	4,	25,	55
Eamonn Mathews	A1	5,	20,	5,	5,	20,	55
Dan Pelly	C1	5,	20,	5,	5,	20,	55
John Powderham	C1	5,	20,	5,	5,	25,	60
Blair Fraser	C2	3,	10,	1,	3,	15,	32
Shayne Ellis	C2	5,	19,	4,	4,	25,	57
Brad Lawrence	C2	3,	12,	3,	3,	5,	26
Frank Zeinstra	C2	5,	17,	4,	4,	10,	45
Peter Hill	C2	5,	19,	4,	4,	20,	52
Ian Tavare	D	4,	16,	4,	4,	25,	53

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Winton—RepcO Sprints Tally Round 1 points

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CLASS A1	Road Reg up to 2lt	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly	Group	TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Peter	Short	524	Nissan	1978	1998	Grey	1.46	3	3.35	8	15	23
Michael	Jeffer	5	Ford	1969	1998	Purple	1.48	3	3.41	16	5	21
Eamonn	Matthews	61	Mazda	1999	1800	Black	1.5	3	3.46	20		20
Liam	Sales	68	Mazda	1968	1500 cc	Maroon	1.58	3	4.14	15		15
Keith	Menerer	9	Datsun	1981	1998	Blue	1.48	3	3.4	17	10	27
CLASS A2	Road Reg Over 2lt	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Nicholas	Murray-Mckenzie	5	Ford	2000	4L	White	1.52	1	3.46	17	5	22
Brody	Ryan	287	Ford	2004	4 litre	White/green	1.47	3	3.38	20	15	35
Glenn	Hurley	8	Sheiby	1989	5 litre	Blue	1.57	3	4.01	16		16
James	Coburn	191	Hyundai	2005	2.7 L	Silver	1.52	1	3.47	19		19
Clinton	Gazelle	52	Holden	2002	5.7L	Black	1.47	3	3.38	20	10	30
Stewart	Richards	48	Subaru	1998	2lt turbo	White	1.47	3	3.38	13		13
CLASS B1	High Perf up to 2lt	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Nigel	Fenton	8	Subaru	1997	2	White	1.48	4	3.41	16	10	26
Ray	Manson	19	Holden	1980	1998cc	Red	1.45-1.50	3	DNF	DNF		DNF
Chris	Rebeiro	11	Pulsar	1992	1998	Red	1.51	3	3.44	16	5	21
Andrew	Fraser	7	Mazda	1985	1.2	Yellow	1.55	3	3.58	13		13
charles	brown	818	Factory five	818R	2000	White	1.42	4	3.3	12	15	27
CLASS B2	High Perf over 2lt	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
GRAHAM	BEDWELL	44	Ford	1970	4400	Red	1.45	4	3.35	18		18
Simon	Kerr	76	VW	2006	1800	red	1.39	5	3.24	19		19
LES	SEARS	77	BMW	2019	3.0 LIT	WHITE	1.34	5	3.12	19	10	29
Robert	Mikolajewicz	31	Nissan	1988	2.5 Forced In	White	1.38	5	3.21	15		15
Omar	Ma	31	WRX STI	2018	2.5	Blue	1.45	4	3.33	16		16
Mark	Verdino	4	M3	2018	Blue	Blue	1.35	5	3.14	19	5	24
Trev	Drummond	29	Mitsubishi	2005	2ltr	Orange and b	1.35	1	3.1	20	15	35
CLASS C1	Racing Cars up to 2L	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Doug	Newman	81	Ford	1990	1800	Blue	1.55	3	3.56	20		20
Keenan	Jones	38	HYUNDAI	1998	1500	Silver	1.52	4	3.51	20		20
Liam	Calder	4	Peugeot	2001	2 litre	Silver	1.43	4	3.28	20	5	25
Michael	Pearce	145	Holden	1980	2000	Pink	1.46	3	3.38	20		20
DAN	PELLY	17	HYUNDAI	1998	1500	BLUE	1.56	3	3.57	20		20
Neil	Goudie	272	Nissan	1998	1998	Grey	1.49	3	3.43	16		16
Quentin	White	17	Mini	2004	1.6 litre	blue	1.37	3	3.18	15	15	30
Laurence	Paterson	193	Mini	1976	1410	White	1.55	3	3.54	20		20
Luke	Paterson	85	Cooper S	1964	1293	White	1.44	3	3.33	20		20
John	Powderham	163	MX5	1990	1.8	Green	1.44	4	3.34	20		20
Tom	Taylor	24	Alfa Romeo	1979	2	Black	1.4	4	3.26	12	10	22
Kevin	Baptist	441	Laser	2001	1834cc	Silver	1.48	3	3.43	20		20
Shane	Ventre	24	Nissan	1992	2lt	blue	1.44	4	3.31	16		16
CLASS C2	Racing Cars over 2L	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Daryl	McRae	51	Holden	2003	5700cc	Red	1.47	1	3.36	16		16
Blair	Fraser	17	Holden	1986	5800cc	Blue	1.36	5	3.17	10		10
Shayne	Ellis	23	Mitsubishi	1994	2300	Blue	1.32	5	3.08	19	10	29
John	tyack	66	holden	1980	5027	white/red	1.36	5	3.17	15		15
Nathan	Cann	87	Porsche	1985	2479cc	Black	1.45	4	3.35	4		4
Brad	Lawrence	18	Ford	1993	4000	Blue	1.45	4	3.38	16		16
Paul	Konig	2	RX7	1990	5.7L	Yellow	1.29	5	3.05	17	15	32
wes	Deane	63	falcon	1990	4000	red	1.43	5	3.3	18		18
Lachlan	Frampton	50	Mazda	1982	3120cc	Green	1.37	5	3.2	12		12
frank	zeinstra	72	HQ	1972	5000	Red/Black	1.41	4	3.26	17		17
Andrew	Thompson	22	Subaru	2002	2000	White	1.34	5	3.11	16	5	21
Peter	Hill	10	Mustang	1965	4 litre	White	1.35	5	3.16	19		19
Phillip	Deane	26	Falcon	1999	4000	White	1.43	5	3.32	15		15
Paul	Gladman	8	Subaru	1994	2000	Red	1.4	4	3.22	20		20
Chris	Hall	26	Datsun	1977	2.8	Blue	1.44	4	3.33	16		16
CLASS D	Open Wheels/Clubm	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
terry	McGrath	393	Clubman	1998	1600cc	Red/Silver	1.49	2	3.42	20		20
Charles	Haynes	82	Clubman	2000	2lt	Red	1.38	2	3.25	20		20
Robert	Pern (Pending)	404	Clubman	1992	1600	Yellow	1.36	2	3.2	16	5	21
John	BUxton	51	Clubman	1984	1500	Red	1.4	2	3.28	17		17
Clive	Baker	190	Clubman	1980	1600	Red	1.39	2	3.28	20		20
IAN	TAVARE	6	CHEV	1937	1200	BLK/MRN	1.35	2	3.14	16	15	31
Colin	Newitt	56	clubman	2010	1598	white	1.38	3	3.19	17	10	27
CLASS E	Juniors/First Timers	RACE NO	CAR TYPE	YEAR	CAPACITY	COLOR	Best fly		TOTAL TIME	LAP POINTS	CLASS PTS	TOTAL R1
Ty	Sheeran	711	BMW	1996	5	White	2.06	1	4.16	16		16
Jack	West	5	honda	1995	1600	silver	1.47	1	3.35	17	10	27
Bree	Rebeiro	17	Nissan	1992	1998	Red	1.53	1	3.49	15		15
Thomas	West	25	hyundai	1999	1500	grey	1.48	1	3.37	18	5	23
logan	white	17	mini	2004	1.6	blue	1.39	1	3.21	19	15	34
shelby	ludlow-lambrick	394	Satria gti	1999	1800	bule green gd	1.46	1	3.41	8		8



Ian Watt

February 14 at 8:11 PM · 🌐



who can name this Group of B.A.C. stalwarts and the Year ?



Rene Martens

February 17 at 7:45 PM · 🌐



Here is something I tried out back in 2015 - nose to tail around the back of the track



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Rob Hoskins shared a post.
 Admin · February 22 at 9:13 AM · 🌐

Memories Monday
 Rally drifting at Winton? Who would have thought?
 Regardless, another great pic.
 Cheers [Martin Doxey](#), for bringing it to my attention.
 Enjoy.



Lyndon Snapper
 February 18 at 8:08 AM · 🌐

Another 1981 Alpine.
 Winton Portman/Runnalls

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
 Admin · February 2 · 🌐

Fantastic footage of Winton.
 Thanks Mark Brient for passing it on.
 Enjoy.



Mark Gibson
 February 1, 2019 · 🌐

I'm pleased to share with this group a video transcribed from the family's 16mm home movie archives of early Winton, mainly featuring Group A sports cars, that I filmed around 1972. Highlights and known drivers to look for include Jim Phillips in the ex Lionel Ayers Rennmax Repco famously selecting reverse by accident on the start line, my brother Paul Gibson (#11) in his Lotus 23B (ex Bob Muir), Peter Woodward (Elfin), John Harvey (Bob Jane's McLaren), Johnnie Walker (Elfin open wheeler) and our dad Hoot Gibson (1910-1998) on the spanners for Paul. Of interest early in the video (out of sequence), is the Lotus 23B's modified body Paul built from flat aluminium sheeting to lighten the car (#11). It was reverted to the fibreglass when sold and is believed currently owned in the USA, although someone may confirm this.

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
 Admin · February 15 at 11:36 AM · 🌐

Memories Monday
 Some Sports Sedans for your viewing.
 Enjoy.



Peter Rowlston
 February 13 at 9:12 PM · 🌐

Classic Winton Sports Sedans I discovered hidden on an old video.
 The picture and sound surprising good for the age.

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"Memories Monday"
From the BAC archive.
Enjoy.



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Memories Monday
Found on another site.
An amazing event for a country race track at the time.
Enjoy



Michelle Verwey
February 6 · 🌐
Winton Rose City 10000.
1977.

Rob Hoskins
Admin · January 4 · 🌐

Welcome to 2021. Let's hope this year gives us all something to smile about.
"Memories Monday"
Something you don't see every day.....
What do you know about this event? What? When? Who?.....
Credit: Rick Hanning.



Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · February 22 at 9:29 AM · 🌐

Memories Monday part 2
Another pic I had saved at some stage from another site.
Enjoy

Darren House shared a post to the group: Old Motor Racing Photographs - Australia.
October 17, 2020 · 🌐



House Bros Motorsport Photography
September 24, 2020 · 🌐
John Bowe in the Ansett Team Elfin MR8 at Winton (old turn 1). Do you remember what happened JB? Photo by Darren House.

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Winton Motor Raceway shared a post.



January 28 · 🌐

April the 24th can't get here soon enough.

The [Holden Last Lap](#) is being held at Winton Raceway for the first of many years to come.

If you are, or ever have been a follower of all things Holden, then this is the place for you. <https://holdenlastlap.com.au/>

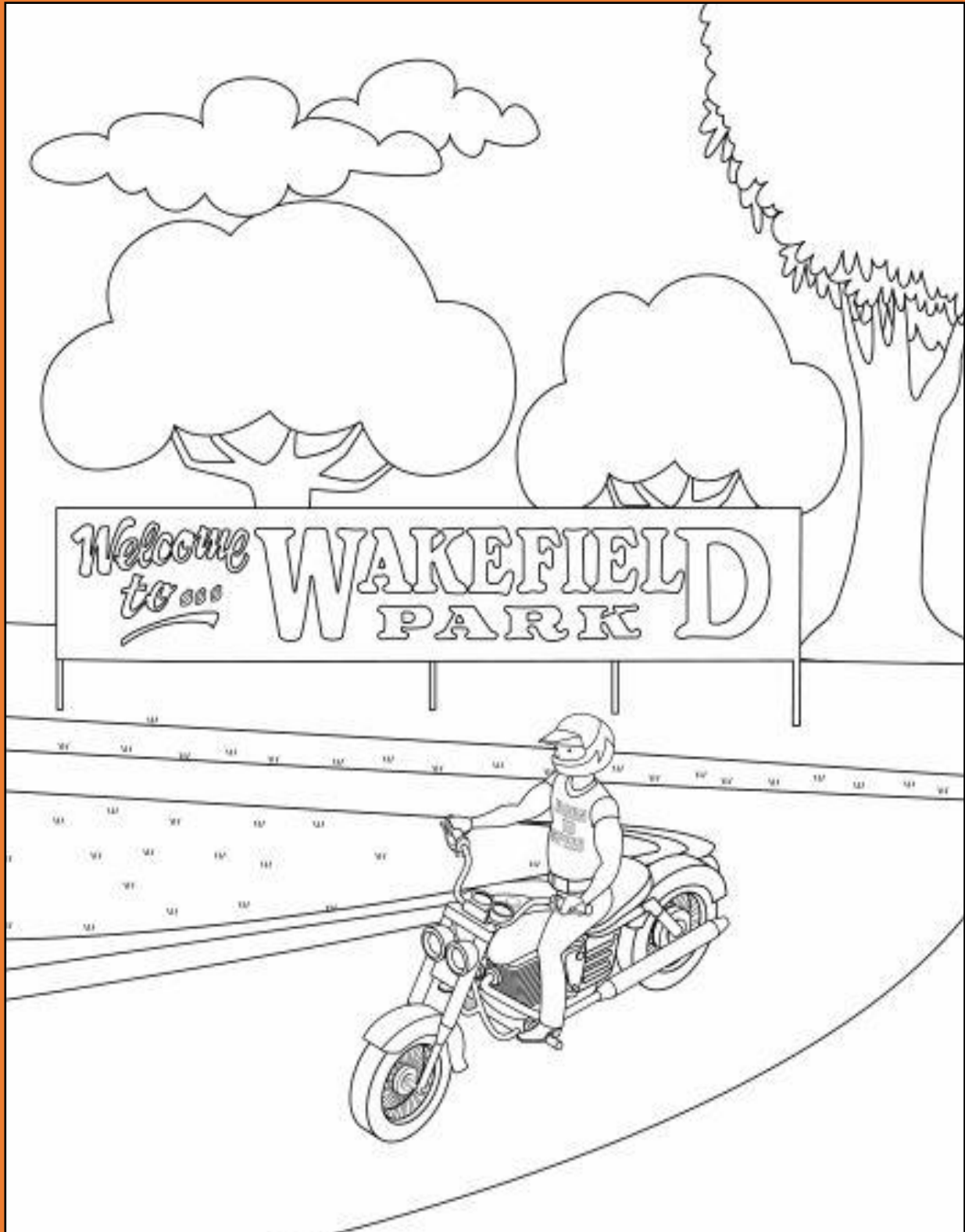


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Kid's Zone

Why do bikes fall over? Because they are two tired!



Why was the tomato on the motorbike? He was trying to ketchup with his friends.

What kind of Motorbike laughs a lot?

A Yamahahaha

Keep on Truckin'

It's a fan-favourite category, it always produces epic racing and it's going to be out in force at AASA events in 2021: yep, that's right folks, the Australian Super Truck Championship is back!

The big rigs have not turned a lap in anger since the final round of the 2019 season at Wakefield Park, but according to Super Trucks Australia President Charlie Zammit, the COVID-19 pandemic has had some benefits for the series.

"By the time we get to the first round of our 2021 season in April, all the trucks will have been off the track for 18 months," Zammit said.

"The long break has given everyone plenty of time to rebuild and develop their trucks, so we're expecting a lot of teams to come back faster and more reliable. There are also several new trucks that have been built, and some that have been sold to new owners. We're expecting some of the strongest fields we've had for years."

Zammit has been involved in the truck racing game for 32 years. During that time, he has seen legends of the sport like Rodney Crick, Inky Tulloch and Bob Middleton come and go, and he's seen his own son Steven Zammit win six Australian and two New Zealand truck racing titles. But he said one thing in the category has remained constant – the camaraderie.

"The reason I've been involved in truck racing for so long is because of the people," Zammit said.

"On the track, all the drivers are unbelievably competitive and will do anything they can to try and win, but in the pits, there's an amazing spirit of co-operation with everyone helping each other.

"I've seen plenty of emotional moments during my time, but the one that stands out is the final round of the 2014 championship at Wakefield Park.

"Frank Amoroso was going for his first championship victory in 26 years of racing; he had a mechanical problem in one of the races and everyone chipped in to get him back onto the track for the final race.

"He ended up winning the championship and the emotion in the pits afterwards was unbelievable – there were all these big, tough men bawling their eyes out because he had finally done it."

Zammit said the relationship with the AASA has been nothing but positive for the category.

"The support we've had from the AASA has been second-to-none, especially where we've needed help with tasks like writing regulations," Zammit said.

"It's been a simple process to have our regs approved and then make them available for all our competitors to download. It's exactly what categories need – having access to people with the right expertise, who know all the technicalities."

Heading into the 2021 season, Zammit named a long list of title contenders.

"This year is shaping up to be a really competitive championship. Shannon (Smith) will be carrying the #1 plate, in recognition of his 2019 title and I know he really wants to go back-to-back. Steve will be up there, the Mack Superliners of Barry Butwell and Marcus Prillwitz have shown good form recently and Frank has done a lot of work on his truck over the break – he's desperate to win another title.

"Robbie Fern is a dark horse as well – his Volvo was very fast in 2019 and he scored his first round win."

One of the most popular features of truck racing for fans has been the reverse-grid races, where the fastest drivers fight their way through from the back of the field. Zammit says these will most likely return in 2021.

"One of our priorities is putting on a good show for our audience and reverse-grid races always produce plenty of action," he said.

"Between Wakefield Park and Winton, we look forward to providing everyone with some terrific entertainment."





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In early February 2020, after the sad news of the ending of Holden's association in Australia, the Benalla Auto Club came up with the concept of the "Holden Lap"

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Winton Raceway ANZAC Day Weekend Saturday April 24th

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Craig Lowndes

@ Wakefield

The Wakefield Park team took the opportunity to get a pic with Craig while he was testing his Porsche at Wakefield

Wakefield Park Operations Manager
Dean Chapman and Craig Lowndes



Damien, Matthew, Andrew, Robyn, Craig Lowndes,
Candice, Dean and Kat





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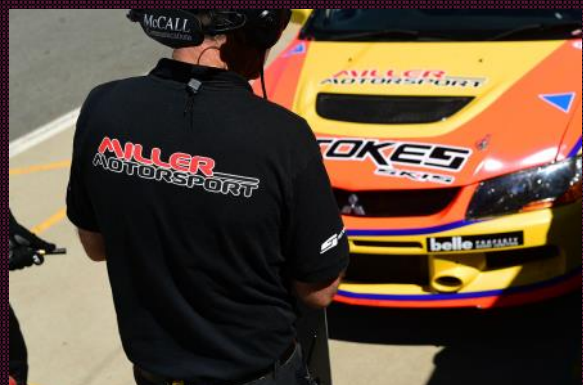
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