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#### **Talking Tyres With Mitch Dumesny**

Tyres are an integral part of any motor racing competition and are one of the most talked-about items when it comes to optimising vehicle performance or creating an exciting spectacle for the fans.

A tyre manufacturer that is rapidly expanding its footprint in Australian motorsport is Hoosier. The American-owned company is different to most tyre manufacturers in that it purely produces racing tyres, rather than manufacturing products for road-going vehicles.

In Australia, the Hoosier distribution network is managed by speedway racing legend Max Dumesny and his son Mitch. In 2021, Hoosier tyres are being used within a number of AASA-sanctioned categories across multiple disciplines.

"Hoosier tyres are positioned as a premium racing product. In categories where there is an open tyre rule, such as historic racing, and events like the Winton 300 many competitors will choose Hoosier tyres because they can see a performance benefit," Mitch Dumesny explained.

"In terms of AASA categories, we supply tyres to competitors in various circuit racing series including Thunder Sports, the Victorian Sedan Series and Stock Cars. Hoosier have also recently made a lot of improvements to their range of 18-inch radial slicks, so we're expecting owners of sports and GT cars, in categories such as Super GT, to start using Hoosier products as well."

While some classes permit competitors to use tyres of their choice, other categories have a control tyre formula, where all competitors must use the same tyre. One such example is the TA2 Muscle Car Series, in which Hoosier is the control tyre supplier.

"In a class with a control tyre, the priorities are a bit different – it's less about performance and lap times, and more about entertainment and cost management," Dumesny said.

"The TA2 cars use cross-ply tyres, which don't handle heat as well as radials and the inherent design means they move around on the wheel rim."

"This has the effect of making the cars more difficult to drive, which increases the propensity for mistakes, creates overtaking opportunities and makes the racing very exciting for the fans to watch."

"It also introduces a strategic element; drivers can try and build up a lead early on, or they can be more conservative and aim to be faster in the closing laps."

While much of Hoosier's focus is on circuit racing, Dumesny said the brand is also extending its roots into other motorsport disciplines.

"Hoosier are starting to produce tyres for side-by-side off-road vehicles; they haven't tapped into the Australian market just yet, but the feedback from the States is that they're awesome. I don't think it will be too long before we'll see them in some of the AASA-sanctioned off-road categories."

"Speedway is another strong market for Hoosier, as is drag racing. Because Hoosier is solely a racing tyre producer, the entire focus for the company is on research and development within the motorsport arena, which is why Hoosiers have become so well regarded within the industry."

In the immediate future, Dumesny said his focus is on streamlining the experience for customers here in Australia.

"We're currently preparing a brand-new website with an online store and information about our complete range of tyres – racingtyres.com.au," he said.

"This new website will make it really easy for competitors to identify exactly which tyres they need and order them, all from the comfort of their home, office or workshop."









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#### **AASA Supports Motorsport Newcomers Through Winton Drive School**

Becoming involved in motorsport for the first time can be a daunting experience. If you're not familiar with the sport and haven't grown up with some sort of family involvement, it can be hard to know just where to start.

Many of AASA customers are first-timers – people who are passionate about cars and have the desire to compete in sprints, club events and understand more about the sport. However, being a car enthusiast is one thing, being able to operate a vehicle safely and quickly on a motor-racing circuit is another thing altogether; and that's where the Winton Drive School comes in.

Operated by experienced driver trainer Martin Doxey, the Winton Drive School was borne out of the opportunity to utilise track time at Winton Motor Raceway for entry-level competitors, including junior drivers (aged 14 and up), supplying them with experienced driver trainers and providing them with the tuition to hone their driving skills on the track.

AASA Business Manager Stephen Whyte, himself a well-regarded driver trainer and motorsport competitor, said the Winton Drive School has already attracted a lot of interest and participation already.

"Unless you've grown up with the sport, there isn't a clear path to understand the basics of driving on a race track – things like racing lines, braking and turn-in points, car control and even basic setup items such as tyre pressures," Whyte said.

"As the sanctioning body, part of AASA's obligation to the sport is to ensure people are given every opportunity to learn about and be involved in motor-sport.

"During my time in the driver training scene, I have been fortunate enough to work with some very astute driving instructors; I worked alongside Martin and to have someone of his calibre overseeing operations for the Winton Drive School with his driver training and motorsport competition experience gives the AASA absolute confidence."

Whyte said the Winton Drive School caters for different customers by offering a range of products, but the overall objective is to get more people onto the racetrack.

"We can see the Winton Drive School attracting a diverse array of customers," he said.

"At one end of the scale, you have the complete novice who wants to experience driving around the track and is able to feel more comfortable with some guidance from a professional instructor.

"Then you might have owners of high-end, exotic sports cars, who want to test their limits safely and responsibly and get some professional advice on how to make the most of their driving aids, such as traction and stability control."

"At the top end of the scale, you have the hard-core circuit racing enthusiasts, who we coach and mentor to bring them up to a level where they can pass an OLT (Observed Licence Test) to obtain their AASA competition licence."

Doxey and his team are particularly interested in growing the junior participation for the days.

"We encourage junior drivers to come and learn with their parents, we would love to develop our days to also include younger driver education," Doxey said.



"The Winton Drive School Days are also an opportunity for those people that just want more track time to use the days. People can come and use the day as a test day, but have the added advantage of experienced people on hand to help if needed".

Participants can bring their own car, or they can lease one of Winton Drive School's vehicles, which include HQ Holdens, Holden Astra production cars and a Hyundai Excel.

While Doxey is taking charge of the Winton Drive School, he has recruited some other well-known instructors to coach the participants, including former Auscar/Nascar/V8 Touring car competitor Graham Crawford, former Production Car racer and HQ Holden National Champion Richard Whyte and national/international open-wheel star and former Holden Young Lion Stephen White.

As an added bonus for participants, the most deserving driver over the course of the Winton Drive School Days will be awarded a drive in the Hyper X1 Racer, a spectacular open-wheeler designed by former Formula 2 Champion Jon Crooke and his son Dean.

"Partnering up with Jon and Dean on this great opportunity to have some sessions in the Hyper X1 Racer is unbelievable, I thank Jon and Dean for their support of the Winton Drive School", Doxey said.

Six Winton Drive School days (one each month) are scheduled into the calendar between now and the end of the year.

More information on Winton Drive School is available on the Facebook page.









#### Winton is excited to announce an amazing new opportunity for all track day enthusiasts.

Partnering with <u>Hyper Racer</u> we are offering you the chance to win one of two drive days in open wheeler formula race cars, the Hyper X1 Racer and the Hyper PRO Racer. Guided by Hypers lead driver and engineers, you will spend the day learning how to make the most of downforce grip and slick tyres to experience Winton Raceway like never before.

The Hyper X1 Racer will lap Winton faster than a V8 Supercar and we would love to see a truly deserving driver given this opportunity. Every single person who has entered a Winton Drive School Track Day will be in the running to win this amazing opportunity and we encourage you to make the most of these events to show us you are the perfect person for the job.

The winner will be chosen on the final Drive School event of the year (17/12/2021) from the most deserving drivers who have attended the <u>Winton Motor Raceway Drive School Track Days</u> and will be offered the Hyper X1 Racer to drive in the first Drive School Track Day of 2022. To be in the running, simply enter any Winton Drive School Track Day before 17/12/2021, where you can see the Hyper X1 Racers in action and learn more about the dream drive.

Our second prize, is a drive day in the Hyper PRO Racer, which is a fantastic way to experience an open wheeler for the first time. With Formula Ford lap times and one-on-one tutoring with Hyper Racers works driver you are guaranteed to get the absolute most out of this experience. ALL Winton track day entrants are eligible to win the Hyper PRO Racer competition. Drive in ANY track day event run by Winton and you go into the running for this amazing prize.

The winners will be announced on the 17/12/2021. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Winton Drive School and many other Winton events, entering yourselves in the running for these two amazing opportunities.



Dear Benalla Auto Club members

## CLUB PERMIT SAME NUMBER REPLACEMENT PLATES AND SAME NUMBER REPLACEMENT SLIMLINE PLATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

As a result of many requests from club permit holders and officials, VicRoads is making same number slimline club permit number plates available from 2 August 2021.

Club permit slimline plates are available as same number replacement number plates (a slimline version of the existing current permit number) for CH and H club permit plates. An additional fee will apply. (Slimline replacement plates are not yet available for M and SR number plates, but this option will become available shortly). Slimline plates are not available for motorcycles.

In addition to slimline plates, VicRoads is also making standard sized same number replacement club permit number plates available to replace lost or damaged plates for all club permit types.

The same number replacement (slimline or standard size) club permit plates can be ordered as a:

- Single plate (standard size, or slimline for eligible vehicles).
- Pair of plates. (standard size, or slimline for eligible vehicles).
- Combination (standard + slimline for eligible vehicles).

Same number replacement (inc. same number replacement slimline) club permit number plates can **ONLY** be ordered through the permit holder's myVicRoads account. [Customers without a myVicRoads account can obtain one through VicRoads' website].

Replacement club permit number plates of any sort CANNOT be ordered at Customer Service Centres.

Upon issue of a new club permit, slimline club permit plates can be requested to be issued for eligible vehicle types (an additional fee applies) at a Customer Service Centre.

Number plate which have been stolen cannot be ordered though myVicRoads. Stolen plates must be reported to the Victoria Police, and new number plates with the next available number can be obtained by attending a VicRoads Customer Service Centre and providing a Statutory



Declaration or copy of Police Report.

Bike racks and Exempt trailer plates cannot be ordered online.

Fees for same number replacement club permit plates and same number slimline replacement club permit plates

| Plate Type                  | Single | Pair |  |
|-----------------------------|--------|------|--|
| Standard Size (Replacement) | 1.     | 1.   |  |
| Slimline (Replacement)      | 1.     | 1.   |  |
| Mixed (standard + slimline) | •      | 1.   |  |

Fees for first issue club permit plates

| Plate Type                | Single  | Pair  |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Standard Size (New issue) | <b>\$19.20</b><br>(Veteran/Vintage/Motorcycle<br>and trailer) | 1. (Classic & Historic motor vehicles, Street Rods and Modified vehicles) |
| Slimline (New issue)      | Not applicable  | 1.<br>(Classic & Historic motor<br>vehicles only)                         |

How to order replacement plates online:

Log into your myVicroads account at <u>www.VicRoads.vic.gov.au</u>

Click on the 'More Actions' button (the three dots) against the club permit for which a replacement or slimline plate is to be ordered

Select the option, 'Order Replacement Plates'

- Select
- the reason for requesting the replacement plate;



- · the number of plates required; and
- plate type (standard /slimline).
- Confirm the address
- Pay appropriate fee by entering your payments details or selecting to auto-fill stored payment details from the MyVicRoads Account

A payment confirmation screen with an order number will appear when the payment is processed

- New plates will be mailed to the postal address recorded in the myVicRoads account.
- An email with a tracking number will be sent when the ordered plates are dispatched (It may take up to 10 working days for the plates to be received).

#### Club Permit Renewal online

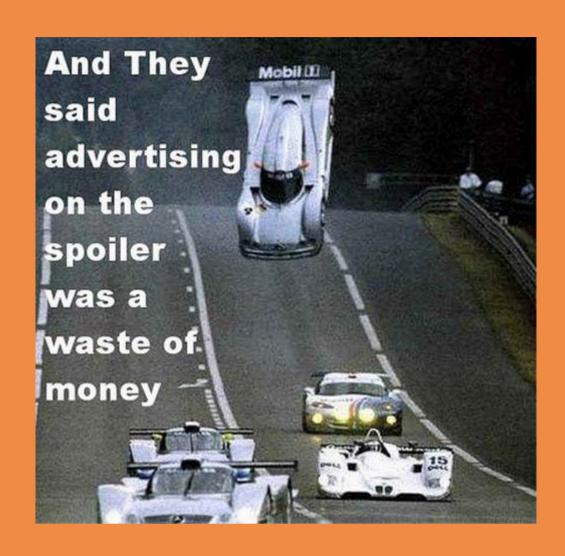
VicRoads made an online form for Club Permit renewals available during 2020 to enable permit holders to renew through their myVicRoads account. It would be appreciated if this easier renewal option, which provides certainty of payment, could be promoted to your members.

For more information on Online Renewals, please visit VicRoads web page

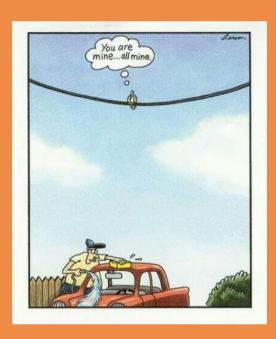
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### Time for a laugh















Words to live by: Racecar backwards, is racecar. Racecar upside down, is expensive.

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It is my duty to inform you of the 2021 AGM, will be held on

**Notice of Annual General Meeting** 

To be held at the Winton Raceway Cafeteria

**Fox St Winton** 

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021 @ 7:00 pm

If we have a Rural lockdown and cannot conduct the meeting we will Rescheduled to,

**Notice of Annual General Meeting** 

To be held at the Winton Raceway Cafeteria

**Fox St Winton** 

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 7:00 pm

If we have a Further lockdown and cannot conduct the meeting we will Reschedule to,

**Notice of Annual General Meeting** 

To be held at the Winton Raceway Cafeteria

**Fox St Winton** 

Saturday 16th October 2021 @ 7:00 pm

Please note: We will also hold the elections on a Teams platform for those who cannot be there

Please find attached the following: -

Agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Nomination Form to elect Committee Members

Nomination Form to elect the Executive of the Committee

Minutes of the 2020 AGM

The Retiring members of the Committee are:

Michael Tabe.

Bruce Robertson.

Willie Van Wersch.

Therefore, there will be (3) vacancies.

Any BAC member is able to nominate for the committee that has been a continuous member of the BAC for the previous12-monthly period.

The term of office for a committee member is (3) years.

Each candidate will be given the opportunity to address the members present prior to voting taking place.

The Executive of the Committee is also required to be elected, as they only hold office for one (1) year.

To nominate for the Executive of the Committee you must be a member of the committee. Each candidate will be given the opportunity to address the members present prior to voting taking place.

Please bring your 2021 BAC membership card with you to the meeting as you will be asked to present it to receive your voting papers.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting

Please note: Nominations for office bearers close Friday 24th September 2021 @ 5pm.

Thank You

#### G.A. Gourlay

Gary Gourlay Secretary, Benalla Auto Club



#### Winton Motor Raceway Drive School Track Days July 4 · 🚱

How is this for amazing?!? A pair of young adults at our recent June drive school track day learning to drive in a safe and professional environment. Starting the day riding with instructor Richard in the Hyundai i30N for a track tour, the two excited young drivers then strapped in with an instructor each to be led out by a lead car for their first laps. Following and learning, the pair got acquainted with the track and built confidence while being coached through dynamic vehicle control by the instructors. By the end of the day, the two where flying solo, picking up speed and even mixing it with the other track day entrants and instructors out on track, practicing safe overtaking maneuvers, spacial awareness and predictable driving. We LOVE being able to provide and share in this experience with our customers, what an amazing day and we can't wait for the next one!!!

















#### WINTON ANNOUNCE MANAGEMENT CHANGES

Benalla Auto Club, the owners of Winton Motor Raceway, have appointed Bruin Beasley as the operations manager of the facility.

Beasley joined the Winton operation in April with a focus on improving the facilities at the rural country Victorian venue.

Since then, Beasley has come to understand the business and the opportunities available to the venue and has become a key asset to the running of the facility.

For this reason, he has been promoted into the role of operations manager effective immediately.

Beasley is looking forward to the new role, and is excited by the opportunity to use his worldwide motorsport background to further improve the customer experience at Winton Raceway.

"Taking on the operations manager role at Winton is an amazing opportunity," Beasley said.

"Winton has been part of my life in one way or another since early childhood, I hope my experience on the ground can help the venue to continue to grow."

Beasley is a former team manager at Erebus Motorsport and also worked at Garry Rogers Motorsport, overlooking its TCR Australia program.

Beasley also started up MTEC Motorsport, a team with a rich history in open-wheel competition, running cars in Formula Ford, Formula 4 and New Zealand's Toyota Racing Series.

Chris Lewis-Williams, the CEO of the Benalla Club, looks forward to working with Beasley in an increased capacity going forwards.

"Having someone with Bruin's motorsport credentials leading the team at Winton Raceway will allow us to bring changes and improvements across the whole business," said Lewis Williams.

"Although we are surviving tough times at the moment this announcement is a further illustration of the vision and support of the Benalla Auto Club Board and their aim to see continual improvement in our businesses and offerings to the motorsport community."

Former Holden Racing Team manager Jeff Grech will continue to lead the facilities and projects team at Winton Motor Raceway.

This group is responsible for bringing improvements and developments to the Winton Motor Raceway site in both the short and long term.

Grech is excited by the decision made to focus on improving the facility at Winton.

"I look forward to the challenge of developing and improving the Winton Facility for all our customers to enjoy for many years to come," he said.





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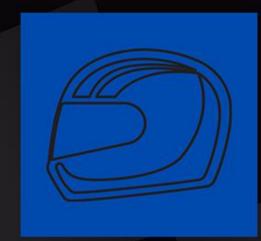




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#### WINTON SUPERSPRINT CANCELLATION

Supercars and the Benalla Auto Club have today confirmed that next month's planned staging of the Winton Supersprint will be cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 challenges

Benalla Auto Club CEO, Chris Lewis-Williams said he was disappointed to see the event cancelled for the second year, acknowledging the difficulty hosting events in the current pandemic environment.

"We would like to thank all our stakeholders for being so supportive of both Winton Motor Raceway and the Benalla Auto Club, in particular our campers who have stuck by us just waiting for the chance to attend Supercar racing at Winton, and we confirm we will be in touch with you to provide the refund options available.

"Thanks also goes to the Victorian Government, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula and Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes who continue to be great supporters of Northeast Victorian events and motorsport events at Winton in particular.

"We look forward to formalizing plans for the return of the Winton Supersprint in 2022," he said.

Supercars CEO, Sean Seamer said the cancellation was regrettable but necessary given the COVID-19 uncertainty.

"The situation is rapidly changing and has shifted considerably since we released the draft calendar changes in July.

"We regret that the COVID-19 situation has led to bye cancellation of both the Winton and Phillip Island events and share our Victorian fans' disappointment that we will not be returning to the state in 2021.

"We thank Chris and his team at Winton, Andrew and the team at the AGP Corporation, and of course the Victorian Government, for their support.

Ticket holders for the event will be issued a full refund within 21 days.

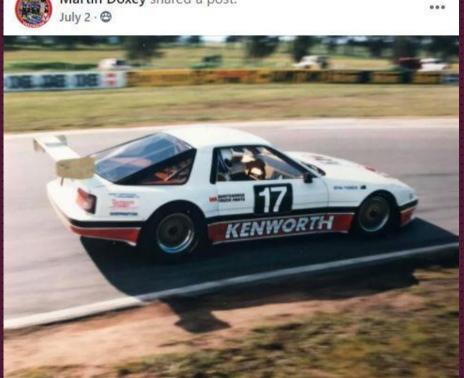












Peter Husband







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July 31 · 🕾

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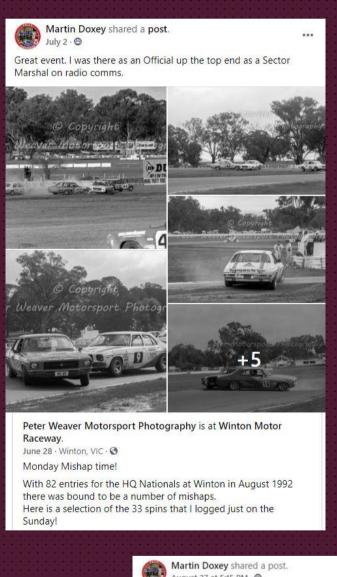
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Admin · August 5 · 😂

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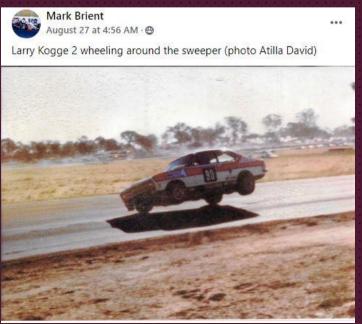


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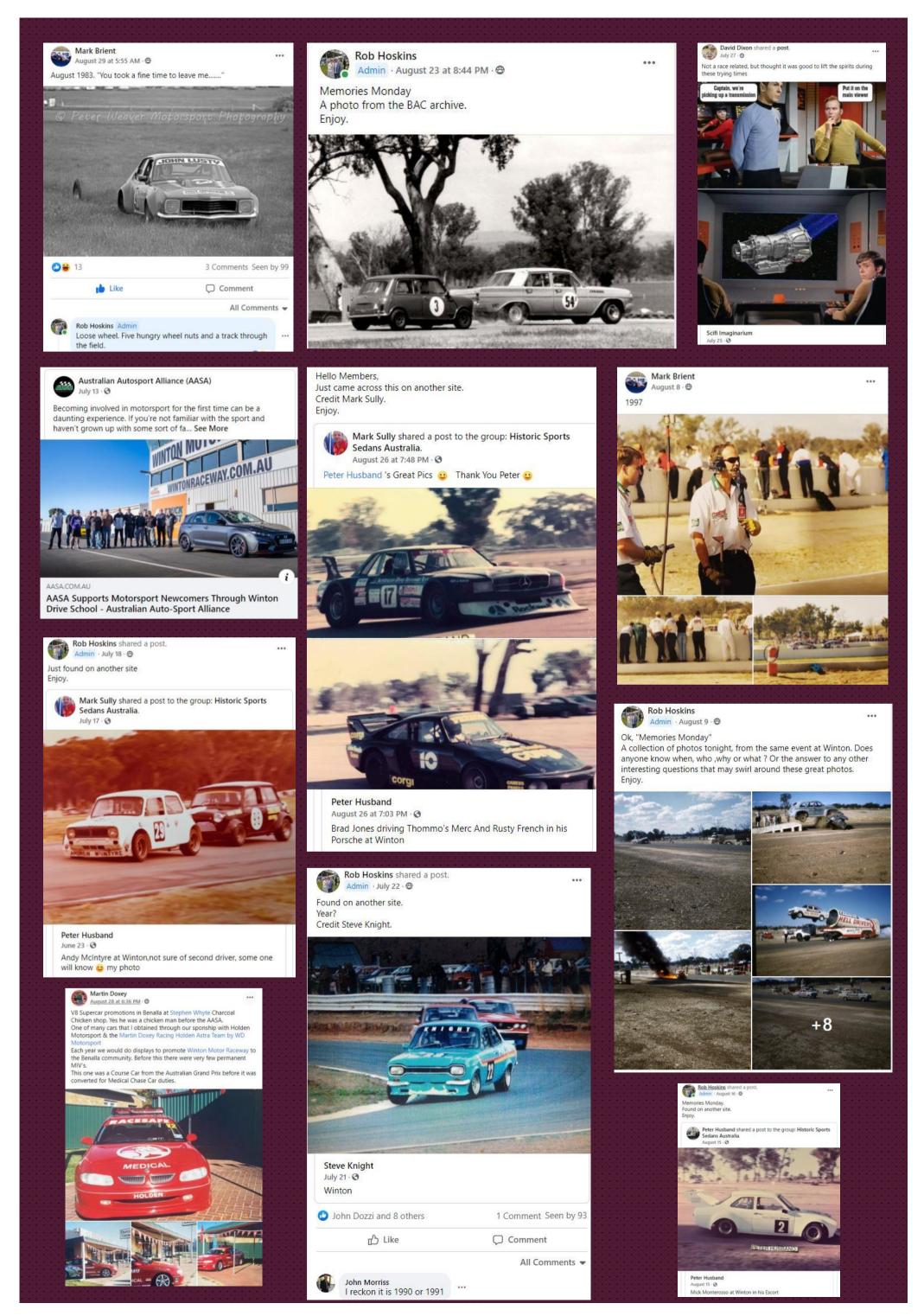




Andrew Goldman

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Great news for the sim racers amongst us.







Paul Trevethan being chased hard my myself in Monoskate Winton

82 I think. He was alway hard to beat. R.I.P. mate.

Wire wheel Wednesday



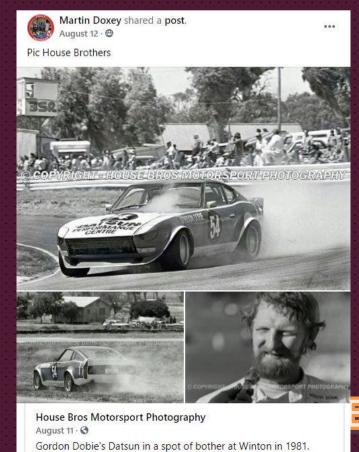
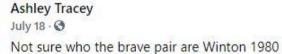


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Rob Hoskins shared a post.

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# Iconic Aussie Car Care Brand Supports AASA Competitors

Bowden's Own Premium Car Care is a familiar and well-respected brand within the Australian automotive and motorsport industries, providing support to an array of competitors, teams and categories, including many AASA-sanctioned events and series.

The relationship between Bowden's Own and AASA was a natural one, as both organisations share the same values – they are proudly Australian, passion-driven by people who love cars, and committed to supporting grass-roots motorsport.

Started by Dan and Chris Bowden, the Bowden's Own brand was created out of the desire to maintain and preserve some of the iconic cars from their father David Bowden's famous car collection.

Bowden's Own has been most generous in supporting AASA-sanctioned activities and series such as the Winton Drive School, Champion of Winton, Victorian Super TT's and The Australian Motor Racing Series, providing car care products as prize packs for the competitors.

Bowden's Own products have earned an enviable reputation within the motorsport community thanks to their high quality and ease of use. According to Bowden's Own representative Peter Bowden, this is because they have been designed with car fanatics in mind.

"At Bowden's Own, we're all people who love cars and like to keep them clean, so we're always thinking about how we can make our products better for car lovers, including racers," Bowden said.

"For example, we've designed our Rubber Off product to remove tyre fling and marks from race cars, and our Naked Glass windscreen and window cleaner ensures race drivers have good visibility when they're behind the wheel."



## ASBK ANNOUNCES CANCELLATION OF ROUND 5 AT WAKEFIELD PARK RACEWAY

In response to the continuing lockdowns and border restrictions across Australia, the ASBK Management Team has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel Round 5 of the mi-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship, presented by Motul, which was to be held at Wakefield Park Raceway, NSW on October 15-17.



The ASBK Management Team has maintained its commitment to creating the very best championship for its riders, teams, volunteers, fans and partners during the difficult time. A decision like this today is a tough blow to the championship which has produced edge of your seat racing in the early parts of 2021.

The ASBK Management Team take this opportunity to thank Wakefield Park Raceway management who have been a dedicated partner over many years.

Wakefield Park Raceway Manager Dean Chapman commented, "It's a disappointment that Wakefield Park won't be able to host ASBK again in October. After a great event in April earlier this year, which hosted thousands of spectators, the opportunity to do it again was something Wakefield Park wanted to be a part of.

"The decision taken by ASBK Management is one we support. The competitors and the spectators deserve a clear direction and I believe that this announcement achieves that," continued Chapman.

"We are looking forward to the next time we host an ASBK round at Wakefield Park in 2022, it's going to be a bigger and better event. Wakefield Park is a circuit that gets you up and close to the track and provides access to the paddock and the riders. It is something special that you don't get everywhere else in motorsport in Australia."

The attention of the ASBK paddock now turns to the remaining rounds of ASBK in 2021.

The next round of the 2021 mi-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship, presented by Motul is scheduled for October 22-24 for the Alpinestars Superbike class, joining the Repco Supercars at the Bass Coast Festival of Speed at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Keep up to date with the latest news on the mi-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship, presented by Motul via www.asbk.com.au and following ASBK on Facebook and Instagram.

You can also join our ASBK mailing list at www.asbk.com.au

#### **ASBK CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR**

Round 6 – Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, VIC (SBK Only 2+4 with Supercars) October 22 – 24

Round 7 & 8 – The Bend Motorsport Park, SA November 11 – 14\* (Double Header Round) \*Except SBK who will have a single round x3 races = 1x Race Saturday and 2x Sunday)

Round 9 - Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, VIC December 3 - 5

#### **WINTON MOTOR RACEWAY Drive School Track Day**

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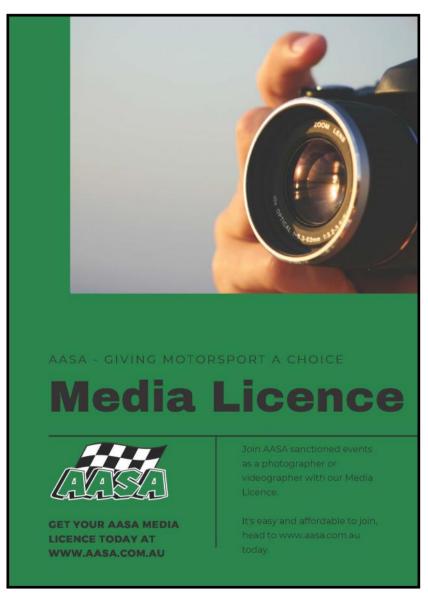
\$50.00 Come & Try Session Gift Certificates Available

Passenger Race laps in Holden Astra Touring Car Team cars \$150.00 per person.

Weekend Track Days can be made available POA.

Contact us for Drive options of race cars 03 5760 7100





### **AMRS Organisers Preparing for 2022**



Organisers of the Australian Motor Racing Series (AMRS) are channelling their energies into the 2022 season, after today announcing the series has been cancelled for the remainder of 2021.

This year's AMRS commenced with a spectacular event at Sydney Motorsport Park in March, setting the scene for an exciting and successful year of racing. However, the subsequent spate of lockdowns and border closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic forced series management to cancel the rounds at Morgan Park and Oueensland Raceway.

While further events were planned for Winton, Wakefield Park and Tailem Bend, the volatile outbreaks in New South Wales and Victoria have left organisers with no alternative but to cancel those rounds and divert attention to the 2022 series.

AMRS Series Manager Matt Baragwanath said while 2021 has not produced the desired outcome, he is appreciative of the support from categories and competitors.

"Our priority has always been to give our customers every chance of going racing – I can put my hand on my heart and honestly say we have explored every possible opportunity to enable our events to proceed," Baragwanath said.

"Unfortunately, strict health orders have made it impossible to conduct events in Victoria or New South Wales, and border closures have prevented our competitors and management team from being able to travel interstate.

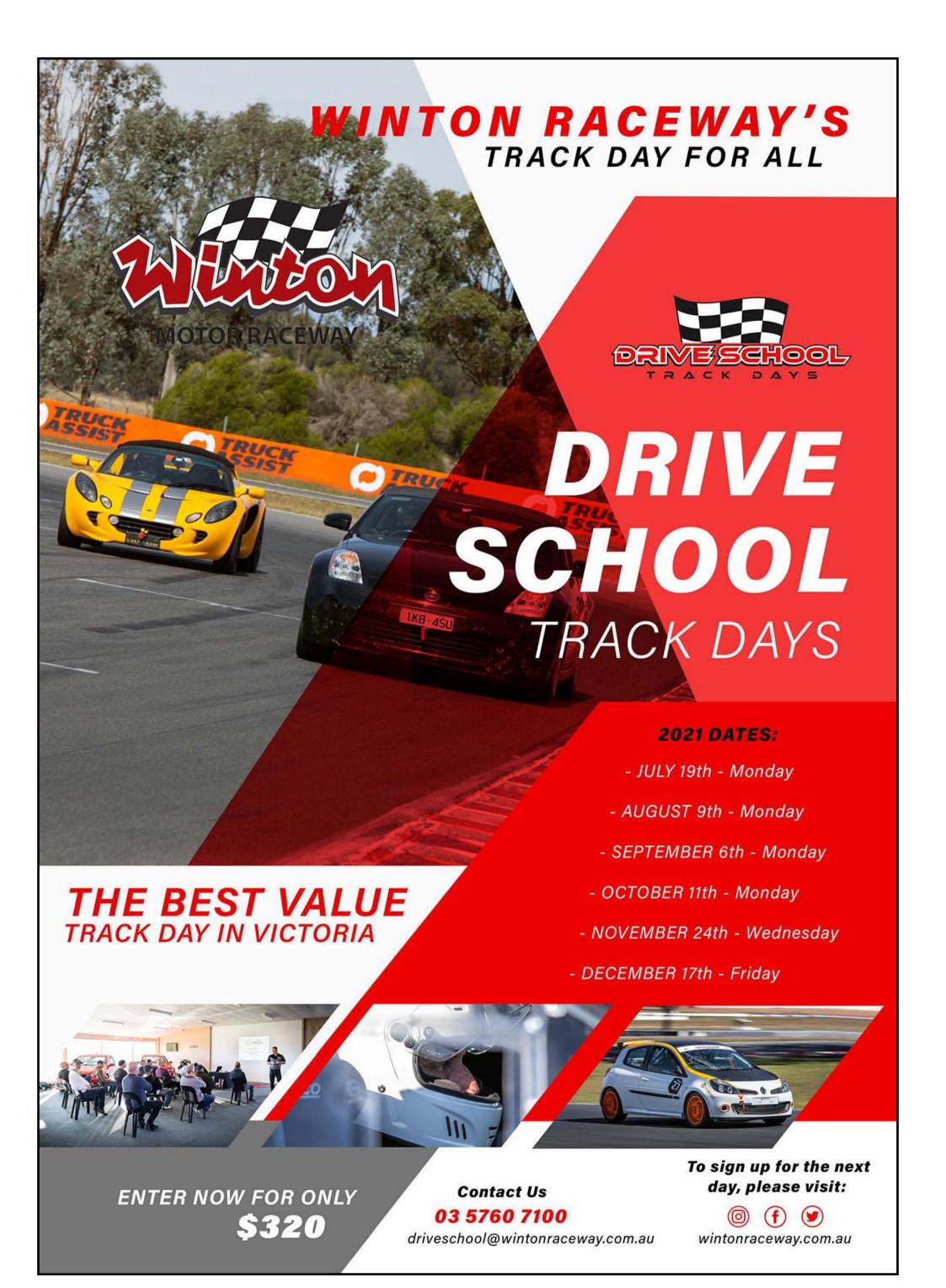
"It's frustrating for the AMRS to have been so severely disrupted for the second year, but I am greatly appreciative of the categories that have continued to support us.

"Our core categories have all committed to AMRS for the 2022 season and our preparations are in full swing. I'm confident with State and Federal Governments committed to reopening the economy and supporting businesses, we can look forward to a much more "normal" experience next year.

"I'd also like to thank the Benalla Auto Club committee for their continued support of AMRS and our shared values of value, respect, engagement, fun and innovation."

The 2022 AMRS calendar will be announced shortly.





# WAKEFIELD PARK RESPONDS TO COUNCIL MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

#### **Key points**

- Conditions imposed on the September 2020 Development Application (DA) at Goulburn Mulwaree Council's Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 13 July 2021 would have a devastating impact on Wakefield Park Raceway's future operation.
- No infrastructure investment will take place until there is a workable new development consent that provides certainty for the future.

At its extraordinary meeting on 13 July 2021, Goulburn Mulwaree Council voted to approve the development application (DA) Wakefield Park lodged in September 2020, but with conditions that drastically reduce the number of events which Wakefield Park Raceway is able to operate. The DA included improvements to existing facilities and the addition of new facilities to attract a wider audience and broaden Wakefield Park Raceway's offering to the community.

A number of the 90 conditions approved by Council are unworkable and would have a devastating impact on the Raceway's ability to operate into the future. Not only would they severely constrain the events that can be provided to the community, they would also impose significant additional regulatory costs. These conditions are much more onerous than measures previously agreed with Council in January 2020.

No infrastructure investment will take place until a workable new development consent is approved.

We had already commenced a deemed refusal appeal in the Land and Environment Court of NSW before Tuesday night's Extraordinary Council Meeting. We will proceed with that appeal.

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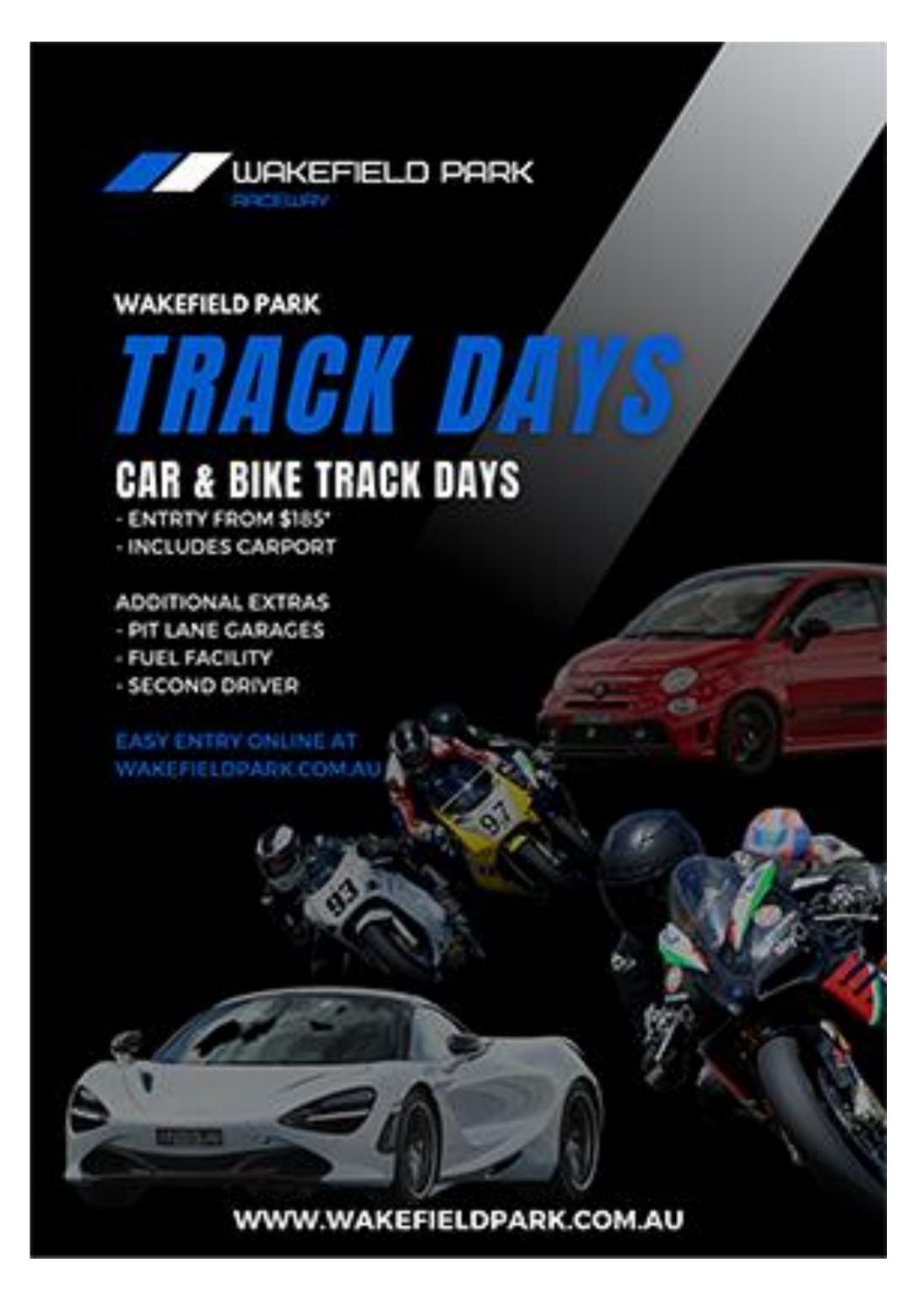
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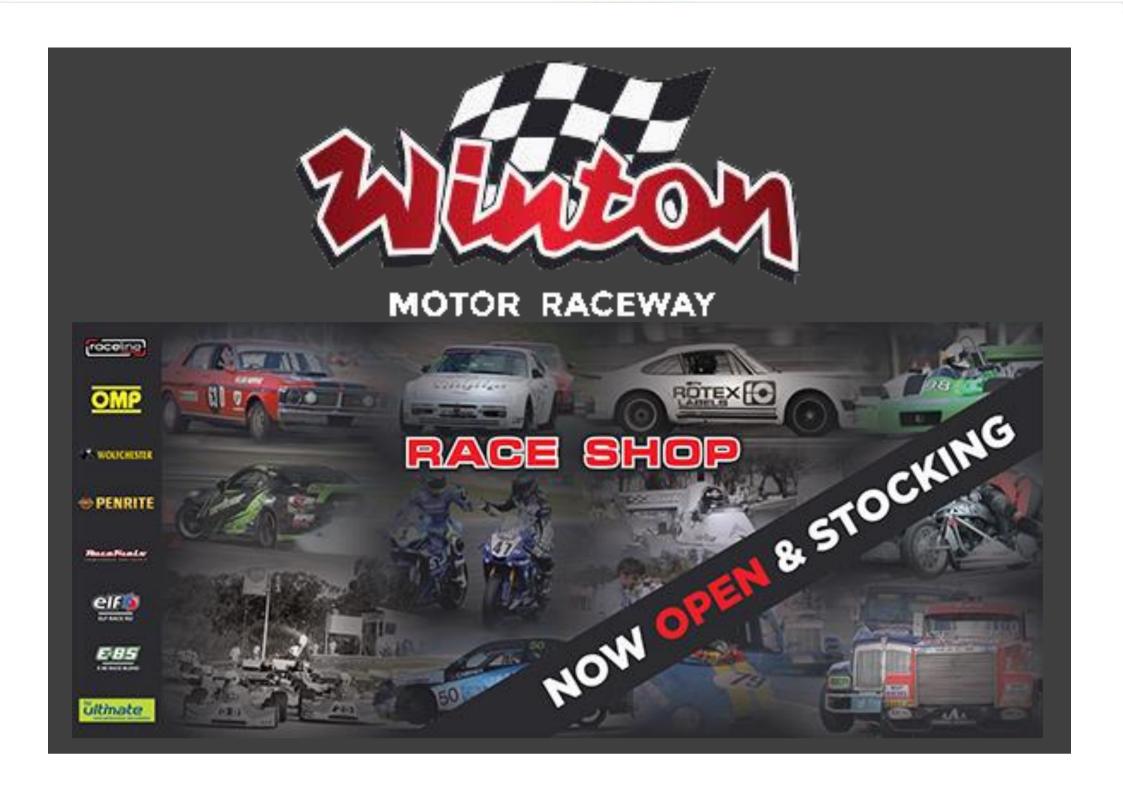
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