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Benalla Auto Club Social outing to the Devenish, Dookie & District Charity Run was a great success! We left Winton Raceway bright and early with a group of 7 member vehicles and 3 guest vehicles and made our way to Dookie. The weather was perfect and lunch at the Dookie Hotel is highly recommended as the food was very good.

A fantastic display of vehicles consisted of more than 108 official entries and many more that didn't officially enter, making judging of the best vehicle rather difficult as there were some fantastic cars and bikes.

Judges were Jeff Grech, Murray Edgar and Ross Wood with assistance from some of the BAC members in attendance. The day's car show and auction raised approx \$10K for the Good Friday Appeal.

We look forward to attending this event again next year!



AMRS Announces Revamped Broadcast Package and Commentary Team

The Australian Motor Racing Series (AMRS) has unveiled a revamped broadcast package and refreshed commentary line-up for the remainder of the 2021 season, featuring some of the most highly respected talent in the sports broadcasting arena.

Headlining the on-air team will be prominent announcer Tony Schibeci, who comes to the AMRS with a wealth of experience as a sports and motor racing commentator and announcer.

Schibeci's career as a commentator started back in 1992, commentating the then-VFL before he was recruited by Channel 7 for their hit show Gladiators in 1995.

Since then, Schibeci has commentated numerous sports including AFL, soccer, cricket, baseball, boxing and wrestling, while also covering 2 Olympic Games and 2 Commonwealth Games. He has also been the ground announcer at the MCG for some 30 years.

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The Fuzzy Media

broadcast will include a live stream of the Sunday racing at each AMRS round.

AMRS manager, Matt Baragwanath, said the updated broadcast package will further enhance the presentation of the series within the motorsport community.

"Tony Schibeci is one of the most well-recognised voices not just in motorsport, but in the wider sporting community," Baragwanath said.

"Having someone of Tony's calibre will boost the public image of AMRS, while Kylie will continue to be the face of AMRS, uncovering the personalities up and down pit lane.

"We're looking forward to working with Rob and the Fuzzy Media team – they have already presented us with some fresh ideas and concepts, which we're very excited about."



The new-look broadcast package will make its maiden appearance in Round 3 of the AMRS at Winton Raceway, 11-13 June, after the scheduled second round of the series at Morgan Park was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns.



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Successful Super GT 4 Hour the Highlight of AMRS Opener

An epic four-hour endurance race for GT cars under lights was the headline act in the opening round of the Australian Motor Racing Series at Sydney Motorsport Park, 5-7 March.

The race was taken out by Vince Muriti and his high-profile co-driver, 2017 Bathurst 1000 winner Luke Youlden, who snatched victory on the very final lap of the thrilling encounter.

Youlden snared pole position in the Top 10 Shootout after Barton Mawer, provisionally the fastest qualifier, spun his Audi R8 at turn two.

The race began in the setting sun, with Sydney Motorsport Park's lighting system taking hold as the ambient light faded.

In the early laps, Matt Stoupas took the early ascendancy aboard the #23 Audi R8 he was sharing with Yasser Shahin, pulling ahead of the Nick Kelly/Barton Mawer Audi R8 and Garth Walden/Michael Sheargold Porsche 911. Muriti took control of the pole-sitting Mercedes for the opening stint and drifted a few spots during the early laps, but stayed in touch with the lead pack.

As the race progressed, the Lamborghini entries of David Wall/Adrian Dietz and Andrew Macpherson/Ben Porter also clawed their way into contention, Wall moving up to second position after each team had completed their first two compulsory pit stops.

The intervention of a Safety Car with around 70 minutes remaining (to retrieve the stranded Adam Hargraves/Daniel Jilesen MARC II car) shuffled team strategies. As the final pit cycle played out across the last hour of the race, it was the quiet starting and fast finishing combination of Wall/Deitz who emerged as the race leaders with just 30 minutes remaining. Unfortunately, the team was forced into an unscheduled pit stop on the very last lap, which saw the Lamborghini falling to third and handing the win to Muriti/Youlden, with Mawer/Kelly finishing second.

In the TA2 Muscle Car Series, it was Nathan Herne who snared the round win with victories in three of the four races, but Nash Morris – son of touring car legend Paul – produced an impressive drive to take victory in the fourth and final race.

Morris stalked Herne for several laps, before eventually making his move and pulling away. A consistent performance from Chris Pappas saw him securing the final place on the podium.

The Motorsport Sales Enduro Champs consisted of four one-hour races; on Saturday it was brothers Grant and Iain Sherrin who prevailed in their BMW M4. However, electrical problems forced the Sherrins into retirement in race three, allowing the father/son combination of Steven/Dalton Ellery to prevail.

The fourth and final race went the way of another father/son combination – Gerry/Leigh Burgess, who led home the Sherrins after their rear-of-grid start. Beric Lynton and Tim Leahey were third.

Tom Sargent dominated the opening round of the Australian Formula Ford Championship, with pole position and a clean sweep of race victories aboard his CHE Racing Mygale. Cody Burcher finished second for the weekend in his Spectrum, with Jude Bargwanna (Spectrum) completing the round podium.

Victories in two of the three Formula 3 races enabled former Radical Cup racer Mitch Neilson to claim the overall round victory; Ben Taylor won the final race to secure second place for the round, with Ryan Astley in third.

Jake Klein claimed pole position for the Miniature Race Cars, but it was David Halls who proved strongest in the races, winning a close fight with Peter Griffiths in race one, with Klein falling to third. Halls also won race two with Garry Roberts leapfrogging Griffiths into second spot.

Aaron Hills won the third and fourth races, however Halls' superior consistency saw him taking the round victory.

The final category on the program was the Stock Cars and Invited class, which saw Brett Mitchell taking a clean sweep of race wins to score the round victory ahead of Corey Gurney and Danny Burgess.

The second round of the AMRS was scheduled to take place at Morgan Park on 16-18 April. Unfortunately, a COVID-19 outbreak in Queensland saw the round postponed.

However, in the interim, there has still been plenty of positive news on the AMRS front, with



the series confirming a revamped broadcast package for the rest of the season.

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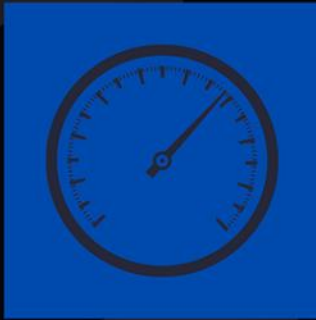
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The next round of the AMRS will be held at Winton Raceway on 11-13 June and will feature Super GT, TA2 Muscle Cars, Thunder Sports, Australian Formula Ford, Australian Formula 3, Enduro Champs and the Victorian Sedan Series.



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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	

Round 2/ Names	Class	Grid	Points	Lap points	Finish Session Pts	Bonus Pts for Day	Class Placing Pts	Total
Keith Menere	A1	5	25	5	5	25	65	
Eamonn Mathews	A1	5	25	5	5	20	55	
Peter Garrett	A1	4	20	4	4	15	47	
Joe Strickland	A1	3	15	3	3	10	34	
John Cutting	B1	4	16	2	4	25	51	
Stephen Brooks	B1	5	25	5	5	20	60	
Clem Mayberry	B2	5	25	5	5	25	65	
Nicholas Manks	C1	5	25	5	5	25	65	
Andrew Thompson	C2	5	25	5	5	25	65	
Peter Hill	C2	5	25	5	5	20	60	
Jackson Bryce	C2	4	18	3	4	15	44	
Blair Fraser	C2	1	2	0	1	10	14	
Frank Zeinstra	C2	5	25	5	5	5	45	
Daryl McRae	C2	3	15	3	3	4	40	
Andrew Van Schie	C2	3	15	3	3	3	27	
Colin Bau	C2	1	1	0	1	2	5	
Ian Tavare	D	5	25	5	5	25	65	

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Rob Hoskins
Admin · April 26 at 8:25 PM · 🌐

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WINTON 29/6/86

John Dozzi, Stephen Whyte and 8 others · 5 Comments · Seen by 93

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Mark Brient
Gary Scott in Nissan no 15 was disqualified .George Fury came 2nd in no 30.
Gary Scott and Glenn Seton shared no 15 in 1986

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Ian Watt
was there as the starter

Glenys Collins
Admin · April 26 at 8:25 PM · 🌐

It's not every day you take off

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David Dixon
We had a hot a BP Midlands

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Richard Weston
That is why th

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Barry Callanan
Gees. I've got

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · April 13 · 🌐

Some great colour photos from 78
Thanks Mark Brient for bringing them to my attention.
Enjoy.

Russell Garth
April 13 · 🌐

Winton, Oct '78. (photos Bob Garth)

Stephen Whyte shared a post.
April 24 at 7:44 PM · 🌐

Phil Wisewould Photography
April 24 at 7:36 PM · 🌐

Not wanting to take away from the sadness in Tas today but just showing a few pics from the **Holden Last Lap** event at **Winton Motor Raceway**.

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · April 3 · 🌐

Ed Holly
April 2 · 🌐

David and Goliath - 1098 cc great leveler! Roger Ealand showing the way to Bill Hemm Roger was the driving force b fierce but fair (well almost) co successfully initiated and ran has a very soft spot for the E we are all the poorer for that

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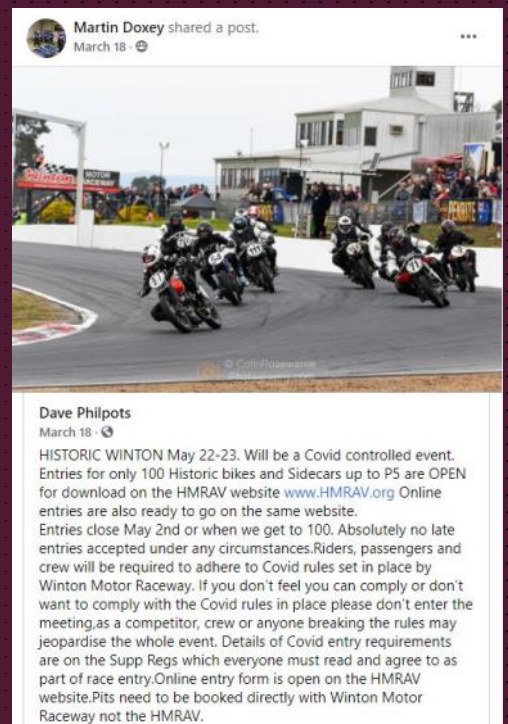
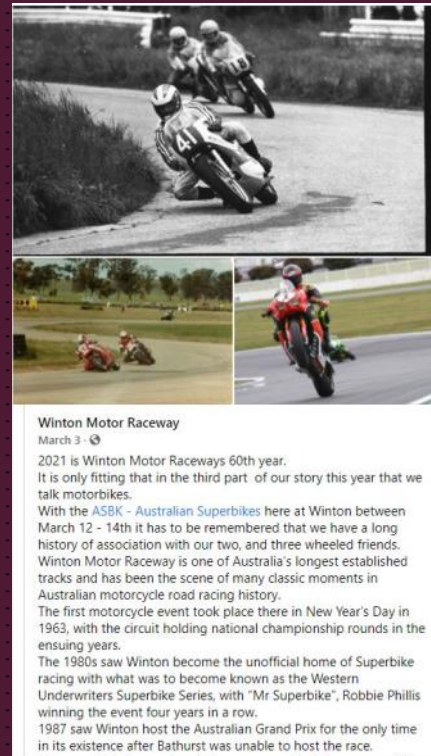
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Phil Wisewould Photography added 20 new photos to the album:
Extras @ Winton 24-25 Apr 2021.
April 27 at 11:20 PM · 🌐

Holden Last Lap photos by Phil Wisewould Photography

Phil Wisewould Photography added 50 new photos to the album:
Holden Last Lap @ Winton 24 Apr 2021 1/12.
April 27 at 11:23 PM · 🌐

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
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Winton Flashback.

Wayne Giles
April 7 · 🌐

The Gibson family Lotus 15 in the...
a weekend I was helping Rod Stev...
at Winton and we had a couple of...
gave us free access to his worksho...
night to make repairs so we could...
generous and trusting person who

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · April 16 · 🌐

Found on another site.
Enjoy.

Geoff Bower
April 16 · 🌐

Martin Arnold brought his Humpy over from Tassie to race at Winton and Calder in the mid 70's. Here he is on the start line at Winton, beside Max McGinley in his VW. Great days.

Martin Doxey
March 19 · 🌐

Allan Newton in the Esse.

Rob Hoskins
Admin · March 29 · 🌐

Memories Monday.
Pic of Alan Newton's car in the...
Alan sadly passed away recent...
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Believed to be the early 80's

Greg Smith
March 9 · 🌐

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Mark Brient
Lou Molina in the car now owned by John Anderson of Cobram maybe

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Again, believed to be early 80's

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issues on the Saturday. Hoot
p in Benalla on the Saturday
run on the Sunday. Such a
gave so much to the sport.

Stephen Whyte shared a post.
March 22 · 🌐

Winton in reverse direction

David Crowley
March 21 · 🌐

Winton 1984 superbikes.

Winton pits.
ly.
giving this pic to our attention.

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · March 13 · 🌐

Apparently this is the footwork required to get a fast lap at Winton.

Adam Marjoram
March 9 · 🌐

V8 Supercar footwork at Winton Motor Raceway!
Very busy stuff from 2019.

Rob Hoskins shared a post.
Admin · March 16 · 🌐

Sorry, I missed Monday.
Here's a couple of Bricks from back in the day.
Enjoy..

WINTON 14/10/84

Bob Williamson
March 16 · 🌐

David King POST:
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Winton Motor Raceway
March 24 · 🌐

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Winton Flashback #2 . Old turn 1

Grant Gibson
April 7 · 🌐

Rob Hoskins
Admin · April 19 at 8:46 PM · 🌐

"Memories Monday"
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Event?
Year?
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Martin Doxey
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Race Control it usually meant its a Australian Touring Car
Championship event

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Martin Doxey
Maybe around 87-88 Formula 2 ADC.

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AMRS: Nurturing Aussie Open-Wheel Talent

Australia's next Formula 1 superstar could be discovered within the ranks of the AMRS, according to one of the country's most respected open-wheel team owners and talent scouts.

Bruin Beasley, who has a distinguished history as a championship-winning team owner and manager over more than three decades, says drivers as young as 14 have the unique opportunity to make their first foray into "wings and slicks" racing through the Invitational Class of the Australian Formula 3 Championship.

While the F3 Championship is best-known for its F3-spec cars, other open-wheel race cars from categories such as Formula 4 and the New Zealand-based Toyota Racing Series (TRS) are eligible for competition within the Invitational Class. Beasley has imported some TRS cars to Australia and is encouraging drivers with overseas ambitions to get behind the wheel.

"Up until now, 14-year-olds haven't had a suitable pathway to progress from karts to a wings-and-slicks open-wheel category within Australia," Beasley said.

"The AMRS and F3 Championship are now perfectly positioned as the country's home of junior open wheel racing. Rising stars are able to learn the nuances of the cars in a competitive racing atmosphere where there are factors like starts, battles for track position, Safety Cars and changing track conditions."

Beasley said that previously, junior drivers with professional open-wheel ambitions were forced to head offshore.

"In recent times, we've seen a number of Aussie drivers who have pursued the overseas open-wheel dream, such as Oscar Piastri, Alex Peroni, Marcus Flack and Hugh Barter," Beasley said.

"The reality is that these drivers had no open-wheel experience at 14, because there simply wasn't a local open-wheel category that provided them with a sound platform to take on Europe at 15.

"The AMRS and F3 Championship Invitational Class provide that platform and the TRS cars are ideal for junior drivers making their first foray into circuit racing from go-karts."

Beasley said the AMRS strikes the right balance between exposure and pressure, as well as accommodating drivers at a young age.

"It's important to have a pathway for junior drivers to make the step into cars at as young an age as possible, to bring Australia in line with what happens overseas; by allowing 14-year-olds to race, the AMRS achieves that goal," he said.

"As a national series, the AMRS is professionally managed and there are features like the live-streaming package, which allows aspiring racers to earn recognition and provide a value proposition to potential sponsors.

"At the same time, there's not the burden of expectation or the massive pressure of heading straight to Europe and competing in a cut-throat open-wheel category without the proper preparation. I've seen talented drivers do that in the past and it has done their careers more harm than good."

Beasley has guided some high-profile names through the junior ranks; he has overseen drivers like Nikita Mazepin (current Haas F1 pilot) and Callum Illot (2020 Formula 2 runner-up). Closer to home, current Supercar drivers Jack Le Brocq and Todd Hazelwood both drove for Beasley's Minda Motorsport operation.

Having worked with such an illustrious list of drivers, Beasley is well qualified to recognise talent and said he is willing to assist those with potential.

“Many of my mechanics and engineers have worked for some of the top European teams, so we’re able to open doors and create opportunities for those who demonstrate their abilities,” he said.

“We’ll be aiming to get some drivers into the TRS cars, we’ll work closely with them and we’ll do all we can to help them pursue their international racing dreams.”

AMRS manager Matt Baragwanath is excited about the series providing a springboard for stars of the future.

“Over the last few seasons, the AMRS has already unearthed exciting young talent, in categories like the Australian Formula Ford Championship and TA2 Muscle Cars,” Baragwanath said.

“The Australian Formula 3 Championship, including the Invitational Class, provides an avenue for those who want to learn their craft in open-wheelers and potentially pursue a professional career in Europe or America.”

Parties interested in competing in the Australian Formula 3 Championship Invitational Class in a TRS car can contact Bruin via email – bruin@mtecmotorsport.com.au.

The next round of the Australian Formula 3 Championship will be held as part of the next AMRS round at Winton Motor Raceway, 11-13 June.

“Over the last few seasons, the AMRS has already unearthed exciting young talent, in categories like the Australian Formula Ford Championship and TA2 Muscle Cars,” Baragwanath said.

“The Australian Formula 3 Championship, including the Invitational Class, provides an avenue for those who want to learn their craft in open-wheelers and potentially pursue a professional career in Europe or America.”

Parties interested in competing in the Australian Formula 3 Championship Invitational Class in a TRS car can contact Bruin via email – bruin@mtecmotorsport.com.au.

The next round of the Australian Formula 3 Championship will be held as part of the next AMRS round at Winton Motor Raceway, 11-13 June.



Wakefield PARK RACEWAY



Launched: (From left) Roy Chamberlain, Tom Toparis, Cr Bob Kirk, Dean Chapman, and Chris Lewis at Wakefield Park on Tuesday. Photo: Zac Lowe.

Wakefield Park
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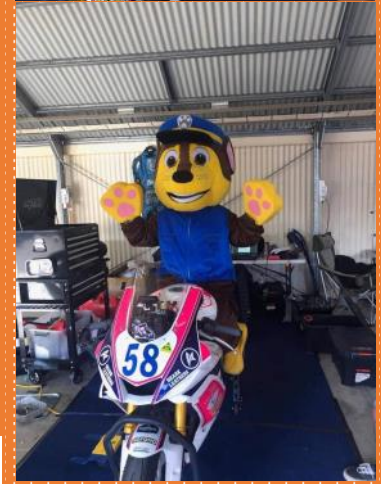
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Wakefield Park
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Wow! We are lost for words this morning!

That was some of the best racing and one of the biggest crowds Wakefield Park Raceway has ever seen!

A big thank you goes out to ASBK - Australian Superbikes, it's team, competitors and volunteers.

We'd also like to thank our team, the spectators, volunteers, charities, community support and everyone who helped to bring an amazing weekend to life!

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SIX TIME CHAMP REIGNS SUPREME IN SUPER TRUCKS OPENER AT WAKEFIELD PARK

Six-time Australia Super Truck champion Steven Zammit has prevailed in the opening round of the 2021 Hi-Tec Oils Super Truck nationals held as part of Round 2 of the Wakefield Park Motor Race Series presented by Goulburn Soldiers Club on the weekend.

Zammit qualified on pole position before winning three out of the four championship races, including the final, reverse-grid Super Prix where he charged to victory from the rear of the field.

The only blemish on Zammit's copybook was Race 3; while battling with Mark Noonan for the race lead, Zammit tagged Noonan and sent him into a spin on the exit of the notorious fish-hook and was subsequently handed a drive-through penalty by the officials. However, this incident was reviewed by the Clerk of Course and the penalty was reserved.

Taking advantage of Zammit's Race 3 misfortune was Marcus Prillwitz, who scored the race win; Prillwitz's consistent performances throughout the weekend saw him standing alongside Zammit and Frank Amoroso on the overall podium.

Lachlan Fern ended up as the best of the Light Truck Class runners aboard his Isuzu, while Barry Butwell (Mack Superliner) showed strong pace in qualifying but lost valuable points after his turbo blew in the second race.

The main support act for the trucks was the HQ Holden Hopwood 100. Originally formed to commemorate the life of former HQ racer Peter Hopwood and held each year from 2000 to 2013, the Hopwood 100 was resurrected after an eight-year hiatus.

A fast and flawless performance from Brett Osborn and John Baxter saw the former NSW HQ champs recording a comprehensive victory over David Proglio/Matt Barker; Chris Molle was the highest-placed solo driver in third position ahead of fellow solo runner Darren Parker, who gained ground on his rivals with a lightning-fast compulsory pit stop.

The Legend Cars returned to Wakefield Park for five sprint races, with



Lachlan Ward taking victory in each race. Ward's closest challengers were brothers Brendon and Josh Hourigan, the latter showing great pace in a brand-new car. The Hourigan brothers took the fight up to Ward early in each race, while Shane Tate also raced inside the lead pack in the final race of the weekend.

Dunlop Super2 Series racer

Zane Morse was entered for the weekend, but did not turn a race lap due to an engine failure on Saturday.

Rising female star Mia Bolton was another to strike mechanical problems, a clutch failure curtailing her promising weekend.

The BMW E36 Series made its maiden appearance as a stand-alone category and the four races did not disappoint, producing some close door-to-door racing and three different winners.



Polesitter Rob Boaden was victorious in the opener, but an off-track excursion caused him to slip down the order in Race 2. Paul Stanbrook took advantage to cross the line first, but was subsequently handed a 10 second penalty for jumping the start, handing the win to Jeffrey Barnes.

Barnes battled fiercely with David Bailey in Race 3 with Bailey taking the win; the duo resumed their battle in Race 4, with Stanbrook and Boaden also joining in the action before Boaden was forced into retirement with mechanical problems.

After several swaps of the lead, Barnes ultimately took first place to seal overall round honours.

The Clubman Series raced on Saturday only, James Dick scoring the round win with a trio of race victories after close competition with Stuart Shirvington, Ivan Srejber and the returning Chris Barry.

The most awkward moment of the weekend happened late in Race 1, when the husband-and-wife duo of Glen Coutinho and Sue Tahir tangled at Turn 10, necessitating an appearance from the Safety Car.

With the race meeting marking the first appearance for the trucks in around 18 months, Wakefield Park attracted a healthy crowd and operations manager Dean Chapman thanked the community for their support of the event.

“It was terrific to attract such a large audience, so our heartfelt thanks go out to those who supported the race meeting,” Chapman said.

“I’d like to acknowledge all our supporters, especially Goulburn Soldiers Club who supported us all the way through the COVID period of 2020 and threw their support behind this event as the major sponsor.

“I’d also like to thank our food suppliers for attending the event and as always, our ever-hard working team of volunteer officials.”





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Glider landing at Winton



Unable to find a thermal current a glider landed at Winton. A smooth take off saw them safely towed back to Benalla airfield. It must have been the weather for it as one had to land the previous day as well.



Thunder Sports

April 8 · 🌐

ANNOUNCEMENT: New Management

Effective immediately, management of the Thunder Sports category has been taken over by the [AMRS - Australian Motor Racing Series](#). A big thank you to John & Ana Ristevski for their tireless efforts in developing this category over the last few seasons.

As far as the category goes, it's business as usual.

Thunder Sports will proceed as it always has with the same rules in place as far as vehicle classification and class structure. We will also continue to maintain the friendly environment and paddock camaraderie by ensuring that whenever possible, all competitors will be garaged together.

Looking forward to seeing a big field of Thunder Sports cars at Winton on 11-13 June!



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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