



# SHORT CIRCUIT TORQUE

The Short Circuit Motor Sport Association's Newsletter  
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## An Important Update from your President

Welcome everyone to the first 2021 newsletter which I sincerely hope you find informative. Thanks once again for renewing your support of your Association and we all look forward to an enjoyable competitive year of events.

Our Association held its AGM on January 30 this year and I congratulate those elected alongside me to the management committee, and those other roles on our committee, your commitment and dedication is the reason our Association continues to exist and flourish, thank you sincerely.

Despite the ongoing Covid restrictions placed on motorsport events by the Queensland government, your Association made the conscious decision to run this year's events as long as is necessary under Covid compliance.

Our first round conducted at Morgan Park was an absolute success and I pay special tribute to all of those who came together and made this happen. Thanks to Rod Sams our Event Secretary for the meticulous way you dealt with coordinating our event under a well planned and executed Covid plan.

Much thanks goes to Moss Lane for the coordination of so many volunteer officials, and we particularly welcome and Thank those who volunteered for the very first time assisting our Association with this event.

To everyone who played a part in making our first round a success, massive thanks!!

I do encourage you all to consider participation in our remaining events throughout 2021, and you can be assured we are working hard to enhance and streamline the way in which events are conducted so that you can thoroughly enjoy your motorsport experience with our Association.

Thank you one and all and God bless you always,

Derek Pingel  
President  
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association



**Bruce Chamberlain Racing Cars & Open Sport Car Class winner at Morgan Park**



**Mark Stevens winner of the Closed Sports Cars & Sedans Class at Morgan Park**

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## QLD & NSW DRIVERS DO BATTLE FOR THE COVETED SHIELD

The Short Circuit Motor Sport Association returned to Warwick's Morgan Park Raceway at the end of February for the running of Rd 1 of the QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge and Rd 1 of the Short Circuit Touring Car Series. It is 12 months since the Association has conducted an event due to COVID which proved to be a wonderful success.

The event attracted some of the best sprint competitors from both States while the Touring Car competitors produced some door handle to door handle racing. The racing over the two days could only be described as great.



**Tom Brelsford in action at Morgan Park**

The event consisted of two competitions, the first round of the 2021 Qld – NSW Sprint Challenge and the first round of the 2021 Queensland Short Circuit Touring Car Series. The touring car events were action packed in the four classes. The class for under 2 litre Improved Production was highly contested and was fought out between two young drivers, Brisbane's Tom Brelsford in a 1976 Ford Escort MK11 and Gold Coast's Jett Johnson in a 1998 Hyundai Excel. After heat 3 Tom Brelsford was leading in points, but did not contest Heat 4. At the end of the weekend Tom Brelsford and Jett Johnson were both on 39 points, and Warwick's Nathan Locke in a 1975 Datsun 120Y Coupe was second on 23 points, Brisbane's Sophia Buccini driving a 1998 Proton Satria GTI was third on 22 points.



**Sophia Buccini in her Proton Satria GTI**

The over 2 litre Improved Production class again produced some close racing. The class win went to Brisbane driver Paul Buccini in a 2006 BMW 130i on 26 points after a running battle with another Brisbane competitor Luke Beveridge, in a 2006 BMW 130i, who took second place on 19 points. Placid Hills' Guy Nawratzki in a 1982 Holden Commodore on 18 points followed closely in third spot.



**Paul Buccini winner of the Improved Production Over 2000cc Class**

The Sport Production class was won by Leonard Griffiths in a 1985 Holden Commodore.



**Leonard Griffiths winner of the Sports Production Class**

The super sprint event was run over four timed laps on the 1500 metre track saw some very interesting competition between competitors in the various classes being contested. The fastest competitor over a four lap heat in the Racing Cars and Open Sport Cars was Noosa's Bruce Chamberlain in a 2015 Minetti SSV1 with his fastest heat being 3 minutes 12.239 seconds. Cleveland's Brian Pettit was second in the 1995 Westfield Clubman SE with a time of 3 minutes 24.782 seconds. Brisbane's Ross Rundle in a 2017 Minetti SSV1 was third with 3 minutes 25.465 seconds,



**Brian Pettit in his Westfield Clubman SE**



**Coffs Harbour's Graeme Hardaker in action**

NSW competitors dominated in the Closed Sports Cars and Sedans. Fastest was Mark Stevens from Sawtell in a 1999 Holden Commodore with his fastest heat being 3 minutes 20.015 seconds. Coffs Harbour's David Wedd in a 2001 Holden Commodore was second with a time of 3 minutes 20.765 seconds. Another Coffs Harbour competitor Graeme Hardaker in a 2005 Subaru WRX was third with a time of 3 minutes 21.436 seconds.

A major highlight of the weekend was the last event on Saturday's programme, the team Shootout for the QLD – NSW Noel Simpson Memorial Shield. Each competitor completed one flying timed lap with the times added together with the fastest team being declared the winner. The teams members were on the pace from the word go, but it was the New South Wales team of David Wedd, Steve Roos, Greg Slade, Graeme Hardaker and Ceejay Hillier's day of glory with a combined time of 268.181 seconds to win from the Queensland team of Craig Manteufel, Chantel Holborn, Neil Esplin, Paul Buccini and Jeff Johnson with a combined time of 269.499. New South Wales last won the shield in 2017. With the Morgan Park win they go one up in the 2021 competition.



**Guy Nawratzki leads the field at Morgan Park**

The next round will be held at Cranell on 19 - 20 June. A full list of results is available on the Association's website [www.scmsa.com.au](http://www.scmsa.com.au).



**Chantal Holborn in her Holden Commodore**



**Graeme Hardaker in his Subaru**

### **2021 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge Series**

- Rd 2 - 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021 – Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe
- Rd 3 - 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe
- Rd 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – Carnell Raceway, Stanthorpe

# Rd 1 Morgan Park 27 - 28 February 2021 - Around the Circuit By Moss Lane

Pics Rod Sams

## Something Old



**Highfield's Alan Greenbury in his Hillman Imp**

Great to see the Dynamic Duo of Allan Greenbury and Keith Edwards prove the old adage that you are never too old to have fun. Alan impressed in the mighty Hillman Imp all weekend while Keith put Allan's



**Withcott's Keith Edwards in his Morris Minor**

immaculately prepared Morris 1000 through its paces. Both Allan and Keith are looking forward to our next round at Carnell on June 19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. . **Bring it on !!**

## Something New



**Gold Coast's Jett Johnson in his Hyundai Excel**

It was great to see a good turn-out of Juniors at the event. Jett Johnson arrived with his very well presented Hyundai Excel. While his Dad and Grandad were in Bathurst Jett came to the SCMSA Morgan Park Round to have some more track time in the car. Entered as part of the Junior group he raced well all weekend both in the Sprints and The Short Circuit Touring Car events. He won a place in our Qld vs NSW shootout which NSW won by the smallest of margins. Qld will be out to make amends at the next Round at Carnell in June.

## Girl Power



**Brisbane's Charlotte Beveridge in her Suzuke Swift**

As mentioned the Junior ranks were well represented with ten competitors seven of whom were first time competitors at a SCMSA event. These competitors included a number of young ladies who showed they could match it with the boys. First time competitors included Emma Crase in her Peugeot 206 Gti, Nikkala Hillier in a Mini Cooper and Charlotte Beveridge who ran a Suzuki Swift.

Morgan Rieck was also part of the contingent sharing a drive in a Toyota Corolla with her father Jamie. The Rieck family deserve special mention as there were



**Anthony's Morgan Rieck  
in her Toyota Corolla**

four family members competing with siblings Jordyn and Kayden also competing in Toyota Corollas.

**Have we seen some future champions in action??**



**Wamuran's Emma Crase  
in her Peugeot 206GTI**



**Tenterfield's Nikkala Hillier  
in her Mini Cooper**

Rounding out the newbies was Ceejay Hillier who shared the Mini Copper with Nikkala and Jake Bingham who set some good times in his Ford Falcon.

The event was a great success thanks to the support of those who entered and all the officials who worked hard to ensure everything ran well. See you all at Carnell in June



**Jimboomba's Jake Bingham  
in his Ford Falcon**



**Dylan Gourley, one of the newbies  
in the Junior ranks**



**Jordyn Rieck, trying his hand at short  
circuit competition**



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<b>Short Circuit Motor Sport Assn. caps with embroidery logo and lettering</b>	\$35
<b>Stainless steel coffee mugs with short circuit logo”</b>	\$20
<b>Pen Set with 2 extra refills</b>	\$20
<b>Led Torches with batteries with short circuit logo</b>	\$10
<b>Westhold transponder</b>	\$165
<b>Westhold LapCeiver</b>	\$95

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## COMING EVENTS



### MARCH 2021

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday 26-27-28**  
Rd 1 QLD Circuit Racing Championship  
Morgan Park, Warwick

### APRIL 2021

**Saturday-Sunday 10-11**  
Rd 2 “A” Series  
Warwick District Sporting Car Club  
Morgan Park, Warwick

**Saturday-Sunday 10-11**  
Wondai Street Sprints  
South Burnett Motors in Motion  
Wondai Streets

**Sunday 18**  
Rd 1 MAC Dirt Sprints  
Millmerran Auto Club  
Reserve Raceway, Millmerran

**Sunday 18**  
Rd 2 IWMAC Autocross Series  
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club  
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

### MAY 2021

**Saturday-Sunday 1-2**  
Rd 2 “B” Series  
Warwick District Sporting Car Club  
Morgan Park, Warwick

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday 7-8-9**  
Autumn Historic Nationals  
Historic Racing Car Club QLD  
Morgan Park, Warwick

**Sunday 16**  
Rd 2 MAC Dirt Sprint Series  
Millmerran Auto Club  
Reserve Raceway, Millmerran

**Sunday 16**  
Rd 2 IWMAC Autocross Series  
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club  
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

**Saturday-Sunday 22-23**  
Rd 2 “C” Series  
Warwick District Sporting Car Club  
Morgan Park, Warwick

**Friday-Saturday-Sunday 28-30**  
QLD Hillclimb Championship  
Mt Cotton, Brisbane

**Saturday-Sunday 29-30**  
Rd 3 “A” Series  
Warwick District Sporting Car Club  
Morgan Park, Warwick

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