

Warren 'Wozza' Slater

Wozza's Report Card

I can remember Mom's words when she read the result of the traffic jams and enormous crowds from the report in the Mercury of the first race meeting at the new Baskerville Race Track, she said 'I'm glad we didn't go then'. We avoided the first race day but did regularly attend future meetings. Dad would drive the cream FX Holden, parking on the hill (where the Caretakers house is now). We would jump out and collect some rocks to put under all 4 wheels! Dad also took me to 1965, 66 and 67 Longford meetings (missing the wet 1968 meeting). He said 'We can always go next year'. We always stood on Mountford Corner, watching legend and future hero's in action. Attending Baskerville and Symmons Plains became compulsory once obtaining a drivers licence (unfortunately my red book had a permanent elastic band attached and extra pages stapled in!). In 1977 a mate bought the Andrew Perkins Cortina/BMW/ Division 2 Sports Sedan and I was the 'greasy mechanic'. I was rewarded with one lap in private practice as payment.

Fast forward to 1994 and I was building a replica Mini Cooper S and became involved with the Mini Car Club. Was invited to 'have a go' at a club day and did a 1.21.00 (must be a lap record I thought). Well times did improve slowly and in 1994 I bought a white MK1 Cortina (2ltr), took the plunge and went to open race meetings. The first (also the first for Marcos Ambrose who would start in the same race in our second meeting) in November 1995. I did six touring car rounds at Symmons Plains with the V8's and in 2004 competed against one Peter Brock (XU1 Torana) and finished in front of both he and Darryl Wilcox. Pete had to replace a coil wire and Darryl ran out of fuel.

Purchased the Darren Pearce MK1 Cortina (purple and yellow) in 2005 and went to Winton Victoria as our second meeting (stole the goodies off the Northerners', they were not impressed!). Then built the yellow FX Holden in 2011 and have enjoyed competing against legends young and old. Have had the occasional run in the Cortina's in regularity events and enjoyed rubbing shoulders (not panels) with some real legends.

The "Wozza" Gallery

