



SHORT CIRCUIT TORQUE

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

Welcome everyone to our second newsletter for the 2021 season which I sincerely hope you continue to find informative and worthwhile.

Well, we are only just over eight weeks away from our next round at Carnell Raceway and much is going on behind the scenes to add freshness and excitement to our events.

For some time we have struggled with providing you our competitors with a time efficient system getting your run times out to you at the circuit, however this is being addressed and hopefully we can have these times available more quickly and effectively from now on.

One of the things you're committee has been keen to provide is a short circuit motor sport "Come and Try" Junior car, and I'm pleased to advise that this is close to becoming a reality, possibly by Round 2, however more on this in our next newsletter so stay tuned!! By the way does anybody know how to get a Hyundai XL started??

Also, I think you will all be pleased to know that we are looking into having our entries available online to save you the headache of manually filling in paperwork. For those who don't have the technology available to them, we will always still provide you the opportunity to provide your entries as has been done in the past by filling out the normal paperwork. This initiative was reinforced with our recent survey, so thank you to everyone who provided feedback.

Can't wait to see you all at Carnell Raceway for Round 2 so best wishes for your preparations and thank you always for your support.

Thank you one and all and God bless you always,

Derek Pingel
President
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association



Flavio Faggiaro putting his MG through its paces at Rd 1 at Morgan Park

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A DUMMIES GUIDE TO BEING AN OFFICIAL



While attending the AGM of SCMSA the issue of lack of officials was raised. The average meeting requires approximately 18 people to run an event and it was particularly noted there is a need for scrutineering staff. When explained what was needed Friday afternoon and Saturday morning I put my hand up to assist.

Thinking I might try to get ahead of the game I called Motorsport Australia and they registered me as a general track official. They suggested I go online to do the upgrade to bronze level. It was a couple of hours and no real hassle to complete.

Come race weekend Friday and Saturday scrutineering went well. It was just a matter of following instructions and passing any problems up the line. I particularly enjoyed the juniors with their enthusiasm, politeness and general conduct.

My race weekend ended after Round 1 (a long story short not the fuel pumps, not the Suzuki ECU but an aftermarket ECU issue). So being at a loose end I was quickly drafted assisting with dummy grid and track release which filled in the rest of the day.

Sunday morning I was informed that I was now looking after the dummy grid, track release with

the power of the red and green light and was now on radio communications. A definite promotion above my abilities. The grid marshalling was handled by the Godmother of the Juniors Claire Buccini so what could go wrong? Surprisingly very little, thanks Claire. At the end of the day Peter Herlihen signed off on our practical competency to complete our bronze level assessment.

After so many years of competing the weekend really displayed the amount of work/decision making that is required to keep a meeting running smoothly. At one stage a message over the radio to Lindsay "have a quiet afternoon?" his reply just like a duck on the pond smooth on top but paddling like hell underneath.

I would like to thank SCMSA and all the other officials for the opportunity and their support.

So please at some time jump the fence and have a crack at being an official.

Finally PEOPLE PLEASE CHECK YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER EXPIRY DATE.

Cheers
Ross Rundle



Brisbane's Ross Wheeler (Jnr) in his 1989 Holden Commodore at Rd 1 at Morgan Park



Neil Cope in his 1989 Peugeot 205 GTI at Rd 1 at Morgan Park

THE WAY FORWARD

By Moss Lane

Hi everyone, with the success of our first round at Warwick and the virus under control we can look forward to Stanthorpe in June to be even bigger and better.

Pat has let me know that the DAVID HACK CLASSIC MEET is on May 16 at the Toowoomba airport, it's a goer this would be a great opportunity to do some promotion of our association, so if we can get one or two cars and our event promotion centre along this would be good.

If you can help out please let Kevin Hunter know on 0409 270 430 so we can make it happen.

Our Junior Program is going strong with a great showing at Warwick. The next step will be for us to provide a setup car for a 'come and drive' for juniors who would like to get involved, so if you know where

we could purchase a a good 1600cc car that would be great.

Official's training is possible, we always need more officials and with a Motorsport Australia licence in your hands it can take you to events all over the WORLD SO PLEASE GET INVOLVED call KEVIN HUNTER and he will get you started or jump on Motorsport Australia web site you will find everything you need.

Well one other thing I would like everyone to think about is the one hour endurance events we used to run for the Short Circuit touring cars, I think this would create some excitement for Short Circuit touring drivers and I am sure we can attract more cars to get involved.

Thank you. Safe driving. See you at STANTHORPE



Tenterfield's Kylie Roos in her 2003 Mazda RX8 at Rd 1 at Morgan Park



Luke Beveridge second in the Improved Production 2000-3000cc class



Booabee's David Wedd second in the Sports Sedans Over 2000cc class at Morgan Park



Brian Pettit leads Tony Ellis into the main straight at Morgan Park

New Motorsport Australia app now available

All Motorsport Australia members can now access their licence on their mobile device, with the new Motorsport Australia app available on the App Store and Google Play.

The app will replace existing licence cards, providing competitors and officials with an up-to-date licence which can be viewed on any device.

This is one of many upgrades of Motorsport Australia's technology solutions, designed to make life easier for everyone taking part in motorsport events across Australia.

Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocca said the app would reduce delays for members waiting on hard licence cards in the post, as well as ensuring people had the most up to date details to show at Motorsport Australia events.

"We want to see more people, enjoying more motorsport, more often and this app is one of the latest developments to help achieve this," Arocca said.

"Once members have renewed their licence via the Member Portal or with our membership team, the app will update instantly, meaning there's no waiting for the card to be printed and then sent in the mail.

"Of course, anyone who still requires a physical card can be provided one on request, but as technology changes and people are more likely to move around without a wallet full of cards, we know our members will make the most of this app on their phone or tablet when attending events and needing to show their licence."



The app can be found in Apple's App Store and Google Play by searching 'Motorsport Australia'.

Members can log in to the app using their existing Motorsport Australia Member Portal login details. If you have not registered for the Member Portal, you will need to do so before using the app.

"We'd like to thank Melbourne App Development for their support during the creation of this app and we look forward to having our members embrace this latest technology to make their motorsport experience even easier," Arocca added.

"There are a number of exciting changes upcoming, following the recent Motorsport Australia Taskforce recommendations, and the app was certainly something a lot of members had been suggesting.

"While 2020 has been a tough year for many in the motorsport family, we're really excited about what lies in store for 2021 for all our competitors, officials, clubs and event organisers."

DARLING DOWNS DIRT TRACK REUNION DINNER

To be held at the
Warwick Golf Club

Saturday 22 May, 2021

Admission: Adults \$40.00
Admission by ticket only

RSVP: 30 April 2021

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BIG CROWD AT MILLMERRAN 100

Extract from The Chronicle 26 April 1996

The second round of the three round 1996 Touring Car Endurance Series, attracted one of the biggest crowds ever to attend the Reserve Raceway at Millmerran.

The series which is being conducted between the Millmerran Auto Club, Stanthorpe & District Sporting Car Club, and the Warwick Sporting Car Club included a strong field of short circuit drivers from around Queensland.

The crowd was treated to a top day of action packed motor racing with a few spills thrown in for good measure.

The main event of the day, the Millmerran 100 was won by Bill Campbell and Greg Byrne. The event was to be run over 100 laps of the fast Reserve Raceway with two drivers per car and a compulsory driver change at around the 50 lap mark.

When the starters flag fell Toowoomba short circuit champion Len Black in the Super Sports EB Falcon took the lead.

On lap 57 the Glen Krause / Brendon Kennedy's HQ Holden went into the lead, but on the sixtieth I Bill Campbell / Greg Byrnes's Torana took the lead.

With the dust starting to make it impossible for competitors to see on a section of the main straight, the Clerk of the Course made the decision to declare the event at 74 laps.

Local Sports Sedans star Murray Parker with co-driver Ross Harris finished in second place on 73 laps covered.

Con Rayan / Gary Beggs brought the Fiat home in third place with John Jones / John Robertson in their Laser in fourth spot. Glen Krause / Brendon Kennedy in a HQ rounded off the top five.

The day's events catered for five classes – Production, Improved Production, Formula Six, Sports Sedans and Super Sports, plus Junior drivers and Go-Karts.

The last round of the Endurance Touring Car Series will be the 100 lap race at Warwick in October at the South-east Queensland Championships.

Results: Outright: 1 Campbell/Byrne. 2 Parker/Harris. 3 Ryan/Beggs. 4 Jones/Robertson. 5 Krause/Kennedy . 6 Davis/Hansen. 7 Lindenberg/Mitchell. 8 D'arcy/Town. 9 Thompson/Kelly 10. Dawes/Dawes. 11 Campbell/Locke. 12 Kay/Thompson. 13 Simpson.Wilson. 14 Schelbach/Aspinall. 15 Nowlan/O'Mara. 16 Moffatt/Mitchell. 17 Suiel/Marshall. 18 Poole. 19 Whell/Layt.
Production: 1 Ryan/Beggs. 2 Jones/Robertson. 3 D'arcy/Town. 4 Dawes/Dawes. 5 Simpson/Wilson. 6 Suiel/Marshall. 7 Whell/Layt.
Improved Production: 1 Campbell/Byrne. 2 Lindenberg/Mitchell. 3 Campbell/Locke. 4 Kay/Thompson. 5 Poole
Formula 6: 1 Krause/Kennedy. 2 Schelbach/Aspinall. 3 Moffatt/Mitchell.
Sports Sedans: 1 Parker/Harris
Super Sports: 1 Davis/Hansen. 2 Thompson/Kelly. 3 Nowlan/O'Mara

SCRUTINEERING MODULE

Anyone wishing to attend a scrutineering module please contact

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Sunday 16th May 2021



Rotary
Club of Toowoomba North



Collection of

**CLASSIC & VINTAGE
CARS & TRUCKS**
**MILITARY
MOTOR CYCLES &
WARBIRDS &
CLASSIC AIRCRAFT**

Also, Adventure Flights
FLY- IN (not airshow)

*Charity Fundraiser for
Blue Care*

8:00 am to 2:30 pm

**AEROTEC HANGAR Spitfire Street
TOOWOOMBA CITY AERODROME**

Exhibitors: \$10 per vehicle (from 7:30 am)

Public: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under FREE,

Family: \$40 (2 adults & teenagers)



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David Hack Classic



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2021 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge Series

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



CLUB MERCHANDISE



POSTAGE EXTRA FOR ALL ITEMS BELOW
 Unless delivered at the next race meeting

Sport pole T-Shirts with embroidery logo and lettering	
(old stock)	\$35
(new stock)	\$50
Short Circuit Motor Sport Assn. caps with embroidery logo and lettering	\$25
Stainless steel coffee mugs with short circuit logo”	\$20
Pen Set with 2 extra refills	\$20
Led Torches with batteries with short circuit logo	\$10
Westhold transponder	\$165
Westhold LapCeiver	\$95



COMING EVENTS



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

Sunday 16

David Hack Classic
 Rotary Club of Toowoomba North
 Toowoomba City Aerodrome

Sunday 16

Interclub Motorkhana
 Holden Sporting Car Club of QLD
 Willowbank Raceway

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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