



SHORT CIRCUIT TORQUE

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

To all our loyal and dedicated members, officials, drivers and teams as I reflect on the past 12 months of 2020 I realise that nothing ever stays the same. Who could have ever predicted the massive impact of a virus which affected all of our lives, families and plans for the year.

Our motorsport activities were curtailed and we all looked and wondered what was in store for us into the future. At least there is one shining light, and that is everyone must have saved a little money so we should see competitors returning to competition in 2020 with their cars in tiptop condition.

There have been some changes to the way in which our motorsport is to be conducted, and while we come to terms with this, please be assured we will do everything possible to provide you an exciting and competitive season in 2021.

Our AGM is coming up on January 30 and I encourage everyone to participate in this meeting, and for those keen to nominate for a position within the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association's Committee, make sure you get your nominations in by January 16.

I would like to pay a special tribute to our management committee and those involved within our Association for their commitment and efforts throughout 2020.

Also I want to wish each and every one of you a very happy and holy Christmas, and I pray that you and your families enjoy and celebrate this very special time together. Best wishes for the New Year and an exciting year of motorsport in 2021.

Thank you one and all and God bless you always,

Derek Pingel
President
Short Circuit Motor Sport Association



Lindsay Simmons our dedicated Clerk of the Course



Kevin Hunter the Assn's secretary and one of our stalwart officials

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WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FIND OFFICIALS to conduct the QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge & the Short Circuit Touring Car Events during 2021. Without officials we will not be able to run our events.

Officials are absolutely vital to conducting motor sport events. Whilst it is accepted that an event would not proceed without enough competitors, most people would not give a thought to the group of officials which are needed to make it possible run an event.

Becoming a motorsport official is the best way of getting close to the action without being in the driver's seat. Volunteer officials are a vital part of motorsport and without them the sport could not function. Officials ensure that events are conducted safely, fairly and that the rules and regulations are upheld.

Every motor sport event requires a number of officials with various skills to perform a wide range of tasks. Skill and knowledge is gained largely from experience, whether it be a specialised field such as vehicle scrutiny, flag marshaling, timing or general duties.

If you wish to go down the path of being an Official at any Motorsport Australia sanctioned event in Australia you need a Motorsport Australia Officials Licence. Your Motorsport Australia Officials Licence (together with you signing on at an event) ensures you are afforded coverage under Motorsport Australia insurances while participating in the event.

You can obtain a Motorsport Australia Officials Licence by completing our 'An Introduction to Motorsport Australia Officiating' online course. By completing this course you will be issued with a General Officials licence. Details about being an Official are available on the **Motorsport Australia Website** – select the **Officials** Tab under the **Get Started** Tab.

If you do not have time to get an official's licence prior to the SCMSA event contact the Secretary of Meeting and he/she will arrange for a trainee licence on the day.

At events early in your career you will be placed with experienced officials who will help with training and to assimilate you into your role at the event. If you wish to continue in a role as an Official Motorsport Australia provides a number of training courses and programs to accredit volunteer officials under its National Officiating Program.

The SCMSA events proposed for 2021 are:

- Rd 1 - 27th / 28th February 2021 – Morgan Park,
- Rd 2 - 19th / 20th June 2021 – Carnell Raceway,
- Rd 3 - 18th / 19th September 2021 – Carnell Raceway,
- Rd 4 - 6th / 7th November 2021 – Carnell Raceway,

We need your support. If you would like to be an official at any of these events please contact the SCMSA Secretary – Kevin Hunter
Mobile: 0409 270 430

2021 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge Series

In 2021 the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association have allocated four weekends –

- Rd 1 - 27th / 28th February 2021 – Morgan Park, Warwick
- 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



MOTORSPORT AUSTRALA RESTRUCTURE

A letter from Motorsport Australia CEO Eugene Arocca

To our dedicated motorsport community,

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I would like to share some initial plans intended to streamline Motorsport Australia's operations. This includes the acceleration of our planned IT improvements, as well as simplifying our licence and permit structures for officials, competitors and event organisers.

In early March we set up a dedicated Motorsport Australia Recovery Taskforce which included key external members and partners from all levels of the sport, from grassroots to Supercars. Together with Motorsport Australia staff, this Taskforce made a number of recommendations aimed at reducing the barriers to participation and making things easier for everyone to be involved in the sport, especially those looking to get their start in motorsport, which is crucial to the sport's growth and sustainability.

These recommendations, aimed at simplifying our processes for members and growing our sport, were recently endorsed by the Motorsport Australia Board. In the wake of COVID-19, Motorsport Australia, like many sporting organisations, is now operating in what is the 'new normal'. In the coming weeks and months, we will be in close contact to explain how these changes will benefit you, your club and everyone involved in the sport. Put simply, these changes will allow the sport to be easier to administer, utilising the latest technology as we continue to Return To Race. This technology will also allow us to meet ongoing COVID-19 restrictions as we make the most of contactless technology, including a new membership app.

I can also advise you that Motorsport Australia is moving to centralise its administration operations at its Melbourne head office to reduce unnecessary costs and further improve

our services to members. As such, our non-Victorian offices will now be permanently closed to the public. However, I can assure you that Motorsport Australia will continue to have a presence in each state and territory, with highly skilled staff dedicated to growing the sport and working with government and our affiliated clubs to increase participation at all levels

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit many sporting bodies hard and motorsport is not immune. Unfortunately, as a result of these necessary changes, a small number of positions will be made redundant. These decisions have been extremely difficult, however those individuals, whose roles are unfortunately redundant, will be well supported and also provided with professional assistance as they transition to new employment. Another Taskforce recommendation being adopted and implemented is a restructure and streamlining of our Commissions from 2021. These changes are aimed at reducing the administrative requirements of the Commissions whilst continuing to represent all disciplines of our sport in a more efficient manner. This streamlined, more effective structure will reduce the number of Commissions but will continue to promote ongoing consultation with the experts in their respective fields. More details about this new structure will be shared with you shortly.

Motorsport Australia continues to work hard behind the scenes to do everything possible to allow racing to resume. Where restrictions do not allow this, we are working closely with our members and clubs to ensure that when the time comes, they can return to action without delay. The highly publicised and successful Return To Race strategy will continue to be utilised and remain in place to allow the sport every chance to run safely and efficiently during this ongoing pandemic.

Please keep an eye on our website and look out for further email communications from us in the coming weeks and months. We will keep you regularly updated to ensure you receive any information about these planned changes and their impact on you.

On behalf of everyone at Motorsport Australia, thank you for your ongoing and loyal support.

We look forward to sharing our next chapter with you, as we transition to more streamlined administration processes that will benefit everyone in our sport.

Regards,
Eugene Arocca
Motorsport Australia CEO

SCMSA ANNUAL MEETING

The SCMSA annual meeting of the Short Circuit Motor Sport Association will be held at the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club rooms, 2 Rocla Court, Toowoomba on Saturday 30th January 2021 at 10.30 a.m. This is a very important meeting and we would like as many members as possible to attend.

Social Distancing will be adhered to. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SHORT CIRCUIT TOURING CAR RULE CHANGES

In an effort to ensure drivers absolute safety, and in line with rulings and recommendations from Motorsport Australia, all Short Circuit Touring Car competitors will need to now have an appropriate Frontal Head Restraint, compatible helmet, seat and 5 point safety harness for competition in 2021.

Please refer to the 2021 Short Circuit General Regulations and Vehicle Speciation Rule Book. For further information or any technical detail please refer to the Motorsport Australian website or contact the eligibility officer Len Falknau on 0412 070 325.

NEW SPRINT CLASS

The introduction of a Super Mini BMC class up to 1600cc and over 1600cc is to be included in our Sprint Series in 2021.

SCMSA MEMBERSHIPS

Due to the lack of competition available this year the SCMSA has decided that all memberships paid for in 2020 will be rolled over for the 2021 season in their entirety.

This means that if you have paid your membership in 2020 there will be no need for you to make any payment for the 2021 season.

A 2021 membership will be forwarded to all 2020 members. If you wish to help with the cost of the postage and processing of your membership card we would appreciate your donation.

CHANGE OF THE MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA ELECTED QLD DIRECTOR

Laurence Svenson who was the elected Queensland Director on the Board of Motorsport Australia since 2019 has resigned. The SCMSA would like to thank Laurence for his support over the years, he will be sorely missed.

Paul Woodward has been elected to take over the role of the Elected Queensland Director on the Board of Motorsport Australia. Paul has been the Queensland State Council Director since 2019 and President of the Brisbane Sporting Car Club since 2019. The SCMSA looks forward to working with Paul in the future.



COMING EVENTS



JANUARY 2021

Sunday 17

Come & Try
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park – Ipswich

Saturday-Sunday 23-24

Rd 1 “A” Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 24

Rd 1 IWMAC Dirt Sprint Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

FEBRUARY 2021

Saturday-Sunday 6-7

Rd 1 “B” Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick

Saturday-Sunday 13-14

Rd 1 “C” Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick

Saturday-Sunday 20-21

TTT & Sprints
Historic Racing Car Club Qld
Morgan Park, Warwick

Sunday 21

Rd 1 IWMAC Autocross Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

Saturday-Sunday 27-28

Rd 1 QLD-NSW Sprint Challenge
Rd 1 Short Circuit Touring Car Series
Short Circuit Touring Car Assn
Morgan Park, Warwick

MARCH 2021

Sunday 21

Rd 2 IWMAC Dirt Sprint Series
Ipswich West Moreton Auto Club
Willowbank Park, Ipswich

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

Saturday-Sunday 29-30

Rd 3 “A” Series
Warwick District Sporting Car Club
Morgan Park, Warwick

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