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2011 RACING CALENDAR

FVAS	FEBRUARY 4/5	BATHURST
SC/CP	MARCH 19-20	EASTERN CREEK
SC/CP	APRIL 16-17	WAKEFIELD PARK
CP	MAY 15	EASTERN CREEK
FVAS	MAY 28/29	PHILLIP ISLAND
SC/CP	JUNE 18-19	EASTERN CREEK
FVAS	JULY 9/10	QUEENSLAND RACEWAY
SC/CP	AUGUST 20-21	WAKEFIELD PARK
CP	SEPTEMBER 25	RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB
NT	OCTOBER TBA	PERTH
NS/CP	NOVEMBER 19/20	WAKEFIELD PARK

CP-Club Pointscore, SC – State Championship, FVAS – Australian Series, NT - National Titles

POINTSCORE SYSTEM

Pointscores are as follows

State Championship 1600 – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc to 1, with 1 for all finishers. **DROP YOUR WORST RACE**

State Championship 1200 – 30, 27, 25, 23, 22, 21, 20, etc To 1, with 1 for all finishers **DROP YOUR WORST RACE**

Club Pointscore 1600 and 1200 – As above, for ALL race meetings throughout 2010.

Division Two – As above for Division Two drivers only for ALL races throughout 2010.

FVANSW PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Dylan Thomas



Well here we go with a new season again, and to quote what I said this time last year *“With the New Year upon us, we all start with hope and anticipation. Let’s hope that we can fill most of the objectives that we set for ourselves, but most importantly let’s remember to enjoy the year!!! As sheep station 101 does not go to the champion.”*

So this year we have already had one event in a national format at Bathurst and wasn’t there some cracking racing!! This event showed the close combat of our category, evidenced of how close we race is in the fact that 8 of the top 10 cars had some contact (some major) in the last corner of the last lap of the last race, everyone putting ultimate faith in each other that if there is one mistake no room for avoidance. All in all from a category point of view I would say that Bathurst was a success.

A hat was passed around at Bathurst and we all threw in a couple bucks and shouted Leigh and Liz a night out with dinner, accommodation, and a ghost tour, and thanks goes to them for all their hard work.

One NSW state member Steve Butcher lost his Bathurst lap record (at least in Team Stinger we don’t have to listen to it anymore!) to another NSW member Ben Porter - well done to Ben. The round was won by former dual NSW and National Champion Ryan Simpson, but he certainly didn’t have it all his own way. Current NSW Champion Daniel Reynolds looked to have the weekend in the bag with 60m left to run, but as they say in the classics “it ain’t over till the fat lady sings,” and wasn’t she howling on the last corner. Plenty of footage on you tube for those whom missed it.

With Daniel’s excellent driving at Bathurst, who is going to challenge him this year?? We have the return of Matty Pearce in a now sorted out Jacer, Gary Ogden in his self designed Corsica, and the return of Formula Vee Legend, Stephen Butcher in the new Stinger X, as well as Tim Hamilton coming across the border looking for stiffer competition. All of them missed last year’s NSW season and having tasted some success before will be looking for more.

Kinsella and Thomas should be up there, and Garry Hook hopes the purchase of his ex Kieran McLachlan Jacer will bring him into the lead group. Timmy Brook returns in his older LE100 to see if he can match some great results of last year. As to the car he drove to multiple wins and podiums, the Polar has been purchased by Leigh Hemmings, and he would no doubt love to have just some of the success Timmy had last year. Darren Williams, Simon Pace, and Dean Cav, would love to step up a notch this year with Darren finishing 4th in the series last year. Also after a sabbatical we see the return of Michael Cluderay and Clem Fama whom will also hope to run near the front, as would Morgan and Brumby like to see the tail of that group more often. We also expect to see some strong performances from both Leigh Porter and Corinne Black this year. Brendon Wood showed great form in the wet last Eastern Creek, and so he should be further up the field than usual.

The other great news is the addition of multiple newcomers to the category, so don’t be shy to say G’Day to them. Matt Harrison in a new Stinger, Lachlan Higgins in Reynolds trusty old Sabre (who would have thought he would let that go??) Stephen Cannon in the big Nimbus (I assume Bernie would run the Kingfisher but you never know as he seems to have some affection to the big girl).

FORMULA VEE RACING ON  RACING TYRES – FROM GARY’S

Rodney French in a lease Stinger (the one that used to have the Bathurst lap record) and Justin Bishop, Richard Nairn, as well as the return of Ben Oldfield.

I didn't see prolific 1200 champion Bruce Pearce on the entry list this year so all Cannons can be fired at the 1200 series with the rumour we will see 3 Cannons compete, but will need to be mindful of Michael Gale who I believe still has a set of tyres in hand after winning them last year. With more entries still to come in looks like we are in for a good year.

Other things of interest to watch this year is who is going to be the rookie of the year? Who will be best presented car? Who's most improved? Who will get the pit crew award and so many other awards? Who will win, Div 1, Div 2, Club point score? When will the Rayzor finally appear ready for combat???????

2 other points to keep in mind in this year's state series, Is it will have a drop your worst **RACE** (not round) to it. At the end of the year there will be some people thankful for it and others will say how it cost them. This has been brought in so members can have a bad race and feel they can still take something out of the year, it is designed to keep members entering and therefore hopefully keep large grids throughout the year so all your racing is more enjoyable. **PLEASE NOTE ALL RACES COUNT TOWARDS THE CLUB POINTSCORE.** Also at the club round at Eastern creek we will trail a reverse top 50% of race 2 to try and give some members a chance at getting better results and for some extra enjoyment. And we will see the hill climb once again as we may try and make it a family friendly event, still to be finalised.

At Eastern Creek we will be running timed races... time starts once we leave the dummy grid so we request all drivers to go as speedily as the can on the out lap to try to ensure we get our full laps. FVANSW was not in support of this but we just need to be conscious of it.....

HAPPY RACING

WHAT'S COMING UP FOR 2011?

January 16 2011	Eastern Creek CAMS Come and Try Day
February 4/5 2011	Bathurst R1 Formula Vee Australian Series
March 19/20 2011	Eastern Creek R1 NSW MRC/FVANSW Pointscore
April 16/17 2011	Wakefield Park R2 NSW MRC/FVANSW Pointscore
May 15 2011	Eastern Creek R3 FVANSW Pointscore
May 28-29 2011	Phillip Island R2 Formula Vee Australian Series
June 18/19 2011	Eastern Creek R3 NSW MRC/R4 FVANSW Pointscore
July 9/10 2011	QR R3 Formula Vee Australian Series
August 20/21 2011	Wakefield Park R4 NSW MRC/R5 FVANSW Pointscore
September 25	Ringwood Hill Climb FVANSW Pointscore
October TBA 2011	Wanneroo 2011 Formula Vee National Titles
November 19/20 2011	Wakefield Park R5 NSW MRC/R6 FVANSW Pointscore
November 23 2011	FVANSW Annual General Meeting
December 3 2011	FVANSW Presentation Night

2011 NSW RACING CALENDAR

As you can see above, the 2011 Formula Vee NSW Motor Racing Championship calendar has been confirmed. For 2011, three championship rounds will take place at Wakefield Park, and two at Eastern Creek – the reverse of 2010. This was decided by the committee to equalise the fairness from one year to the next, and to allow room in our calendar for the 2011 Formula Vee National Titles to take place at Wanneroo in Western Australia sometime in October.

There will also be a one-day multi-club at Eastern Creek on May 15, and a hill-climb at Ringwood on September 25, both of which will also form rounds of the FVANSW Club Pointscore.

FVANSW TYRE RAFFLE MICHAEL LLOYD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA WINS!

Congratulations to **Michael Lloyd** of South Australia on winning the recent tyre raffle, which was drawn in front of an enthusiastic crowd at the Bathurst Friday dinner. Thanks to all who bought tickets and special thanks to Gary's Motorsport Tyres for their support of FVANSW.



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All competitors should be aware of changes to the Apparel regulations in Schedule D of the CAMS Manual. From early 2010, various items of apparel, specifically footwear, socks, and gloves, must comply with new standards. These new standards are detailed on page 5 of Schedule D in the CAMS Manual.

Please check the standards listed on your apparel, and then check them against the new standards in the CAMS Manual. It is possible that at Eastern Creek your apparel will be checked against the current standards, and any non-compliances may be noted on your log book.

ADAM PROCTOR WINS COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR!

2008 NSW Formula Vee State Champion, Adam Proctor, has taken out the prestigious CAMS NSW Competitor of the Year Award following his giant-killing performances in his Fabcrete Linkspeed Ralt throughout 2010 in the Sports and Racing Cars class. Adam's nomination by his category representative was unanimously supported, with the other nominations not considered even close.

Adam follows in the footsteps of several great Formula Vee drivers who have their names on the NSW CAMS Competitor of the Year trophy, including Jason Cutts, Ryan Simpson, and the reigning State Champion, Daniel Reynolds.

Adam and his loyal team of Bob and Rick, and of course the other Bob, his Dad, are putting the finishing touches to a Stohr sports car which they imported from the US in recent months. The Stohr, which is similar to the West Sports Cars which are now common in Sports Car racing, but has several unique engineering touches which Team Proctor believe will give them the advantage over the factory Wests and Radicals.

Congratulations to Adam and his team.



GOODBYE JAYSON WILLIAMSON – FOR NOW!

One of Formula Vee's most focussed and committed drivers, Jayson Williamson, is taking an indefinite sabbatical from Formula Vee, and so won't be racing with us in 2011.

Jayson first raced with us in 2005 driving a Mako. He soon gained a reputation for being a no-compromising and assertive racing car driver, but without the expert support needed to set up the Mako, he experienced limited success. However, once he jumped across to the ex- Ryan Simpson 2006 Nationals winning Jacer, he was taken in by the crazy Team Cavanagh boys and his results improved. His highlight was racing at the front throughout 2010, finishing fourth in the State Championship by the end of the year.

Thanks for all the good times, mate!



A number of other Team Cavanagh friends will not be racing at the first round with us, including Mark Williams and John McDonald (who is taking his family on a long trip around Australia). We hope to see them on the track again with us soon.

2011 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS

The Formula Vee Appendix I of the CAMS State Championship Regulations have been slightly amended for 2011. The changes are as follows;

- The Chief Scrutineer for the race meeting now has the authority to direct one or more Formula Vee cars to parc ferme after any qualifying session, as well as after any race. Previously, official authority to direct cars to parc ferme was allowed only after any race.
- Now, 1600cc Formula Vee cars do not need to have yellow bands placed on the roll hoop and the front H-beam. 1200cc Formula Vees still need to place pink bands on the roll hoop and h-beam. This change was made because the identification of only one class of Formula Vee with coloured bands was sufficient to separate the two classes visually – 1200cc cars were chosen due to an excess of pink coloured bands being in the possession of the FVANSW.
- Now, any competitor's worst race result will be dropped from the progressive Championship pointscore, reflecting a motion passed by the membership at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Please carefully read the above Formula Vee Appendix I Regulations, as well as the General Regulations that apply to all categories, all competitors, and all cars.

The General Regulations can be viewed at www.nswracer.com.au

Appendix I – 2011 Formula Vee NSW Championship

I.1 CATEGORY ORGANISERS

- (i) The organiser of the championship shall be the Formula Vee Association of NSW, herein referred to as “The Organiser”

The Championship Director is **Ray Filetti**

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The Organiser’s website is <http://www.fvansw.asn.au/>

I.2 ELIGIBILITY

- (i) The objective of the championship is to promote and foster the competition of Formula Vee racing cars complying with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) regulations. Formula Vee NSW State Championship is open to all competitors whose vehicles comply with the Formula Vee 1600cc and 1200cc rules as defined by CAMS.
- (ii) Each vehicle competing in the championship shall have a current CAMS logbook. Engine and gearbox sealing cards may be required to be presented at any time during the competition.
- (iii) At the conclusion of championship qualifying or races, vehicles can expect to be directed to parc ferme without returning to the pits or paddock, and without having been interfered with. Such vehicles shall remain under the control of the Chief Scrutineer. Competitors may also be directed to the scrutineering bay prior to qualifying or a race for checks.
- (iv) Any competing car may be impounded at the discretion of the Chief Scrutineer in accordance with the race meeting standing regulations.
- (v) Any inspections shall be conducted by the chief scrutineer in accordance with the provisions of the Formula Vee Technical Manual and the CAMS Manual. An FVANSW Eligibility Officer, or his representative, as appointed by The Organisers, will be on hand and able to assist the Chief Scrutineer. The Eligibility Officer is the Scrutineering Director of the FVANSW.
- (vi) Inspections may be carried out on any competing car in the paddock at any time during a race meeting by the FVANSW Eligibility Officer or his representative. Any irregularities discovered during such inspections will not carry a penalty but the competitor will be advised to correct the irregularity or be directed to parc ferme at the end of the next race where the irregularity will be brought to the notice of the Chief Scrutineer if not corrected.
- (vii) All cars must qualify within 130% of the fastest time set, otherwise they may not be permitted to race. If there are unforeseen problems that contribute to the slow lap times, it will be up to the Clerk of Course to review the reasons and give the competitor the permission to compete as per the CAMS Manual.

I.3 CLASS DEFINITION

- (i) Classes for the championship shall be as follows:
- Outright – open to all Formula Vees racing cars.
 - 1600cc cars have a yellow band on roll over hoop and front H-beam (yellow band 100mm wide).
 - 1200cc cars have a pink band on roll over hop and front H-beam (pink band 100mm wide).

I.4 REGISTRATION

- (i) To be eligible to score points in the championship, the registration fee must be received by the organiser's prior to practice at the first race meeting entered.
- (ii) The registration fee for the championship shall be \$100, which includes membership of the organising club. Life Members of the FVANSW are regarded as having paid the registration fee.

I.5 POINTSCORE

- (i) Points for the championship shall be awarded as follows:

1 st - 30 points	15 th - 12 points
2 nd - 27 points	16 th - 11 points
3 rd - 25 points	17 th - 10 points
4 th - 23 points	18 th - 9 points
5 th - 22 points	19 th - 8 points
6 th - 21 points	20 th - 7 points
7 th - 20 points	21 th - 6 points
8 th - 19 points	22 th - 5 points
9 th - 18 points	23 th - 4 points
10 th - 17 points	24 th - 3 points
11 th - 16 points	25 th - 2 points
12 th - 15 points	26 th and on - 1 point
13 th - 14 points	
14 th - 13 points	

- (ii) The points to be awarded to each driver for each round will be the aggregate of the points obtained from each of the races comprising each round. In the event that one of the races comprising the round cannot be commenced or completed for any reason, then the points for the round will be determined from the points obtained from the completed races. The finishing position of a driver at each round of the championship will be taken from the promoters official result sheet of the appropriate race meeting forming the round of the championship.
- (iii) Points awarded to each driver after each round will be aggregated to the points obtained by each driver during previous rounds as the championship proceeds, minus the points obtained for the worst single-race result in any or all rounds so far in the championship. The winner of the championship will then be the driver with the highest accumulated points after the last round minus the points obtained for the worst single-race result in any or all rounds so far in the championship.

- (iv) In the event of a tie between one or more drivers on placing in the championship, awards will be determined on comparison of the number of first placing gained in the rounds. If then not resolved, comparison of the number of second placings, then third placing, etc. Then, if after all comparisons are effected and the awards still not determined, the relative placing in the final round will be the decider.

I.6 AWARDS

- (i) Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd outright in the championship shall be presented at the CAMS Presentation Dinner on a date to be advised.
- (ii) Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in the classes for Formula Vee shall be presented at the FVANSW Annual Dinner.
- (iii) Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in both Formula Vee 1600 & Formula Vee 1200, shall be by the round promoter based on the finishing order of the feature/or trophy race at each round of the Championship.

I.7 COMPETITION NUMBERS

- (i) The number "1" shall be reserved for the sole use of the winner of the previous year's Outright championship.
- (ii) Competitors may request a competition number, other than the number 1, 20, or 69, from The Organiser, which shall be allocated for their use at each round of the championship.
- (iii) Any request for a change in competition number shall be made with The Organiser, who maintains the register of competition numbers, which is to be provided to the promoters of the race meetings.
- (iv) The competition numbers on the cars must comply with Schedule K of the CAMS manual, with the exception of the size of the numbers which may be as set out in Clause 9 of the Formula Vee 1600cc and 1200cc rules.
- (v) The contact for the issuing of race numbers shall be the FVANSW Competition Secretary.

I.8 SPONSORS

- (i) Competitors shall carry any decals in a clearly visible location as nominated by The Organisers for the championship sponsors.
- (ii) Failure to comply with 8(i) shall render the competitor ineligible for points at any rounds where the stickers are not carried and/or clearly visible.

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OUTSIDE LINE - FORMULA VEE GOSSIP FROM NSW AND INTERSTATE

Garry Hook surprised us all when he announced he has bought the beautiful (now ex) Kieran McLaughlin Jacer, to replace his trusty Manta. His first drive in the Jacer revealed a slight foot-room problem. However, if his size ten racing boots were a problem with the Jacer, he must have worn steel caps in his Manta!



Carter Thomas, new son of FVANSW President Dylan Thomas, was brought into the world just before Christmas, to add another in the long list of FVANSW's contribution to the population crisis. Stephen Butcher is building a Stinger Junior for Carter, which will be ready in 2026!



Leigh McGarvie worked tirelessly during the CAMS Come and Try Day. But he had to rush home to finish his packing for a business trip to Paris where he built a 5 metre long linear sled in the School of Biomechanics at Paris Tech for linear acceleration testing and training. Phew! No wonder Leigh nearly got a flight on the Space Shuttle a few years ago!



Former Formula Vee great, Ian Chivas, made another appearance to Formula Vee at the Bathurst meeting, again helping out the Beacham racing team. Could we be seeing a Melba soon?



ROOKIEdriver

Justin Bishop has swelled the ranks of our ACT colleagues by purchasing the Andrew Curnow Spectre, complete with its gold-on-black spiderweb paint scheme.

ROOKIEdriver

Mat Harrison attempted a debut at the last Eastern Creek round last year, only to suffer engine failure on his Stinger during Friday practice, which was followed by an oil pump problem at the Come and Try Day. All will be ready for Round 1 this year.

ROOKIEdriver

Lachlan Higgins has never raced before, and so purchasing the great Daniel Reynolds 2009 and 2010 championship winning Sabre is a hell of a way to start!

ROOKIEdriver

Richard Nairn is another rookie driver to enter Eastern Creek, this time with more practice laps under his belt behind the wheel of his perfect pearl white Jacer.

ROOKIEdriver

Anthony Mitchell is another newbie ready to start racing with us in the 1200 class later in the year. Anthony purchased a Sabre from Victoria several months ago, and is slowly preparing himself to tackle the big time in Formula Vee.

ROOKIEdriver

Rodney French is leasing one of Stephen Butcher's Stingers. He is in for an interesting weekend, if any typical Team Stinger weekend is anything to go by!

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Leigh Hemmings strictly speaking is a rookie, but his Come and Try Day lap times point otherwise.

ROOKIEdriver

Steven Cannon has been lurking in dad Bernie's background for several years, but now its his turn to have some fun.



NSW Formula Vee Legend, **David Cutts**, debuted his famous Spectre at the Tasman Revival Historic event at Eastern Creek last November, and in true form, Cuttsy left his competitors eating his carbon dust throughout the weekend.



Former young Formula Vee racer, **Jon Collins**, had a stellar 2010 by winning the CAMS NSW Young Achiever of the Year. He has now obtained a position with the CAMS Rising Star Formula Ford team for 2011 following a steady year in State-level Formula Ford last year. Jon will have to follow strict lifestyle and training rules, including limited access by his parents on race weekends. Lucky Jon!



Speaking of Jon's parent, his mum, and also former Vee racer, **Sue Hughes**, is also making news for herself by ditching her M3-powered BMW 318 for a Radical. Sue, being a "playgirl" of sorts, couldn't resist mixing it with the business types in the Sports Car class.



Incidentally, **Jon and Sue** teamed up to race in the recent Wakefield 300 endurance race, and in the process became TV stars when their pairing was highlighted on SBS's Speedweek.

Victorian Formula Vee maverick, **Andy Goodall**, is hoping to race his entire Andy Goodall Racing Academy team of four cars in the 2011 NSW State Championship, probably starting at the next Eastern creek round in May. With a new engine coming from a top NSW engine builder, Andy and his "scholars" have the "unknown factor" on their side.



Corinne Black rearranged her wedding date so she could race at Eastern Creek, but things nearly turned into a complete disaster when she forgot to send her race entry in! Oh yes, the wedding went OK. Congratulations Corinne!



Leigh Porter is usually known as a nonsense straight down the line sort of guy. But next time you call him on his mobile, you might get a big surprise. Sean Birk got such a surprise one night before Bathurst, and was thrown right off balance when Leigh answered with "Sorry I am not available to take your call, please press 1 if you want to talk about Bathurst Formula Vee business, press 2 if this is about general Formula Vee business, or press 3 if this is a personal call". Leigh then heard beeps as Sean then started pressing numbers on his mobile. Leigh could be heard laughing kilometres away!



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TIMED RACES AT EASTERN CREEK – ROUND 1 2011 MRC



Pre-timed races will be trialled for the first round at Eastern Creek to see if race meetings can be run closer to schedule by penalising as much as possible the classes that cause the crashes and delays during the weekend. The timed period commences when the boom gate on the dummy grid is lifted, and ends when the last lap board is presented to the leading car. If there are many stranded cars around the circuit in a race, then the Clerk of the Course will judge if the last lap board could be presented to the leading car no more than one lap earlier than the pre-determined time. If a Safety Car is deployed, then the race will be maintained strictly to the time schedule. The implications for Formula Vee are as follows;

- 1) We need to depart the dummy grid, complete our warm-up lap, and form up on the grid, as quickly and safely as possible to ensure maximum race time. As a result, there is great onus and pressure on all competitors to drive quickly and as closely behind the cars ahead, and on all competitors not to fall behind.
- 2) Due to the uncertainty when the last lap will be shown, this will affect our race strategy.
- 3) We need to make extra effort in staying on the track and not crashing during races - in other words, drive with your brain and use skill and daring and not stupidity. Our recent form has shown that we are more than capable of a high standard of fast, but safe, driving.
- 4) We will probably get less proportional track time compared to previous Eastern Creek race meetings.

We will be closely monitoring what the impact was of timed races on our class during and after the weekend.

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RACING TYRES – FROM GARY'S

AT LAST - NEW EASTERN CREEK CIRCUITS FOR US TO RACE ON!

At last, ARDC have “bitten the bullet” and decided to spend the money to unlock the potential for a great Eastern Creek motor racing complex by creating three circuits in one.

A new 1.9km north circuit and a new 2.8 km south circuit can be operated at the same time, or can be combined back into the original great Eastern Creek circuit we know and love. The North circuit is created by forming a new link between Turns 4 and Turns 9 (A), while the South circuit has a new section on the outside of Turn 7 and Turn 8 (C), with a connection from Turn 9 to after Turn 4 (B). A new pi/paddock complex for the South circuit will be located on the outside of the circuit after Turn 5.

The entire project is due for completion before the end of 2011. Formula Vee should be there for the first race meeting on both the north and the south circuits.



GARY OGDEN DEBUTS HIS NEW CORSICA FORMULA VEE

After years of waiting, Gary Ogden and his dedicated team of designers and fabricators debuted his Corsica Formula Vee at the recent CAMS Come and Try Day at Eastern Creek in its resplendent Marigold colour. Despite some teething problems on the Saturday practice session, the Corsica ran reliably during the Sunday ten minute warm up and the four lap race. “Corsica” comes from “Corey” (his son) and “Jessica” (his daughter). Cor(ey)(Jes)sica. Get it?



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CAMS COME AND TRY DAY – EASTERN CREEK JANUARY 16

The CAMS Creek Come and Try Day held at Eastern Creek on January 16 was an outstanding success, with over 230 people attending to learn about all aspects of motorsport. Up to four serious enquiries were made about Formula Vee during the day. Rookie Leigh Hemmings made his debut drive in front of other Vee drivers in his ex-Mark McHenry Polar, while Gary Ogden also debuted his Corsica Formula Vee.

Thanks go to Brendan Woods, Dylan Thomas, Gary Ogden, Jayson Williamson, Leigh McGarvie, Leigh Hemmings, Stephen Butcher, Bernie Cannon, Leigh Porter, Colin Contessa, for helping out on the day, including “coaching” prospective race drivers in their road cars around the circuit.



The Formula Vee stand at the Come and Try Day.

The Stinger Team used the Come and Try Day as an opportunity to showcase their cars, and especially their latest Stinger X chassis, which Stephen Butcher will drive at Bathurst.



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2011 NSW MRC REVIEW – WHAT A YEAR AWAITS!

The 2011 CAMS NSW Motor Racing Championship (better known as the NSW State Championship) kicks off at Eastern Creek on the 19th and 20th of March with a great grid of over 29 cars, nearly 25% more than 2010. In addition, a total of six Formula Vee rookies debut at this meeting, the biggest rookie turnout in years. Things are looking good for the future of Formula Vee! But who would you place your money at Centrebet?



Sean Birk is on the lookout for a suitable Formula Vee which will allow him to demonstrate his top three (in 1200's in 2008) talent and ability.



Nathan Brumby makes a welcome return to racing after missing a few rounds last year, and improved reliability will allow him to race faster and more often



Justin Bishop has swelled the ranks of our ACT colleagues after purchasing the Andrew Curnow Spectre, complete with its gold-on-black spiders-web paint scheme



Stephen Butcher returns again for another crack at the title, although his last corner Bathurst crash may be a setback. Never underestimate the old boy!



Corinne Black now doesn't need much encouragement. She is fast and confident enough after a solid first year of Formula Vee racing. A top ten by December should be a good bet.



Bernie Cannon is proving to be one of 1200's greatest ever supporters, and following some bad luck during 2010 that cost him a championship placing, he will be returning with his trusty Kingfisher.



Tim Brook returns after a brilliant 2010 which proved his great talent, this year back to driving his trusty Spectre which has been dusted off for 2011, but he has a secret weapon!



Stephen Cannon commences his racing career driving his dad's faithful Nimbus.



Dean Cavanagh's good performances at Bathurst mean he is certain to be at or near the front from the first lap of qualifying at every event.



Michael Cluderay took 2010 away from Formula Vee to concentrate on business and rebuilding his Jabiru, but 2011 will bring new enthusiasm to winning the title with the help of his mate Nathan Sansom.



Clem Fama also returns to race with us after a year in the wilderness following major engine problems, and he could be near the front if he can find the time to practice.



Morgan Freemantle hasn't quite returned to his race leading 2009 form, but his solid driving will get him back during the year.

Rodney French has joined Team Stinger, driving a Stephen Butcher owned vehicle, and so is certain to have an interesting weekend.



Michael Gale scored a podium title in his first championship year, and now has two places better to aim for.



Tim Hamilton is another to return to race in the best Formula Vee series, and following his deserved Bathurst success, he WILL be at the front of the racing throughout 2011.

Mat Harrison has taken the hard road to get into Formula Vee, with he and his Dad, Alan, building their Stinger themselves, including the mechanicals, and so with such commitment, they are certain to be a force later in the year.



Leigh Hemmings After unsuccessful attempts to bring him down to Earth in Historics, Leigh is out to make his mark in the open category. His January practice times showed he may do so.



Lachlan Higgins starts his racing career with us driving the supreme 2009 and 2010 1600 championship-winning ex-Daniel Reynolds Sabre.



Garry Hook has had some troubles coming to terms with the ergonomics of his new Jacer, but once he amputates his toes he should be a regular in the top ten.



Mick Kinsella is virtually a Formula Vee Legend, always racing for wins since his debut in 1999. Nothing should be any different for 2011.

Richard Nairn has been practising behind the scenes, and will make sure that his second crack at racing goes well.



Gary Ogden Being a car builder is a new experience for the former Nationals winner, but subject to engineering teething problems on his Corsica, Gary should be fun to watch and tough to beat.



Ben Oldfield should have every reason to believe he is top five material this year, and with a freshened engine coming, plus heavy reworking of his Jacer, his expectations should not be unreasonable.



Simon Pace demonstrated his raw speed on several occasions throughout 2010, as well as a great performance at Bathurst in February. With some confidence under his belt, Simon will be the lead Mako man for 2011.



Mat Pearce's brilliant debut of his new Jacer at last year's Eastern Creek proved Mat has lost nothing of his tail-sliding style and speed.



Leigh Porter's seniority has nothing to do with him being an inspiration to all competitors, which comes from his commitment to Formula Vee on and off the track.



Daniel Reynolds retention of his 2009 Championship has marked him as one of FVANSW best ever drivers. His recent Bathurst form most likely makes him the 2011 favourite, but he will face his stiffest-ever competition.



Dylan Thomas is a race leader and winner, and is as committed to his motor racing as he is to his family, which means



Darren Williams is throwing down the gauntlet down to all his 2011 competitors, and with a few years of good experience behind him, a new paint scheme, and now factory support for 2011, Darren won't be in the exhaust of the leading pack.



Brendon Wood finally showed his real ability with great drives at the last Eastern Creek in the rain, so expect him climb up the charts now that he has his Jacer fully sorted by the Jacer factory.

CLEMENGER INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT AUSTRALIAN FORMULA VEE SERIES TAKES OFF (LITERALLY) AT BATHURST FOR 2011

– THE GREAT FORMULA VEE WIPEOUT!



The front row for Race 1



The Vees under the AmorAll Bridge

Round 1 of the 2011 Clemenger International Freight Australian Formula Vee Series finished with one of the biggest proverbial bangs in the history of 46 years of Formula Vee in Australia when the four leading cars wiped each other out on the last corner of the last race, allowing Queensland's Tim Hamilton to emulate the amazing 2002 Winter Olympic achievement of the great Steven Bradbury, by going from several places back to winner in the dying seconds.

But what may have been deserved celebration for the reliable Hamilton in the last corner wipeout was undeserved tragedy for the reigning NSW State Champion, Daniel Reynolds, and also the former Australian Series Champion, Ben Porter, when they were robbed of their podium places.

The Bathurst weekend started in unusual Vee fashion, with a clear first practice session on a hot Friday morning allowing all but two of the huge 45 Vee field finishing as they started, with only the beloved FVANSW President Dylan Thomas not recording a lap time. The session also ended early for Category Manager, Leigh Porter, following a stone perfectly penetrating a rocker cover. However, after seven laps, the FVANSW re-stamped its authority on national racing with the top four places; Ryan Simpson, Ben Porter, Daniel Reynolds, and the amazing Michael Kinsella in his completely self-built Jacer.

Qualifying took place during an even hotter late Friday morning, but the clean run of practice was not repeated when smeared oil caused cars to rest in the traps. But by the end of the session, Ryan Simpson and Michael Kinsella retained their front row for the upcoming racing, while Ben Porter swapped places for the second row. Dylan Thomas made a spectacular recovery to from dead last to take the eighth grid spot, one spot ahead of his NSW mentor, Stephen Butcher. For the FVANSW, Dean Cavanagh, Darren Williams, and Jayson Williamson then took the eleventh to thirteenth places for NSW, followed by Simon Pace, Mark Williams, Michael Cluderay, Garry Hook, Morgan Freemantle, Geoff Chappell, Corrine Black, Leigh Porter, Kent Shepherd, Bruce Pearce, Gary Ogden, Sean Birk, and Michael Gale, spread throughout the remainder of the grid.

Race 1, and the heat was stifling, but the end was cut short after another excursion into the sand trap, no doubt to the rejoicement of Daniel Reynolds, who took the early lead in the Clemenger International Freight Australian Formula Vee Series pointscore, followed by Ryan Simpson, Michael Kinsella, and Ben Porter, in a slightly rearranged top four.

Race 2 on Saturday morning proved to be the race of the weekend, with wheel-banging going on throughout the field lap by lap, corner by corner, and no Safety car to cut the laps short. The view of the fabulous mayhem at the head of the field from Tim Hamilton's sixth place finishing Jacer can be seen on Youtube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGU5LMqQ70Q>

By the end, 2005 and 2006 Formula Vee Nationals winner, Ryan Simpson, made a triumphant return to Formula Vee racing by crossing the line ahead of Ben Porter and Daniel Reynolds. Another FVANSW podium lockout! Mick Kinsella, Tim Hamilton (a defacto FVANSW member), Dylan Thomas, Stephen Butcher, and Darren Williams, made it eight out of the top ten for the FVANSW, with Jayson Williamson, Gary Ogden, Leigh Porter, Michael Cluderay, Simon Pace, Corinne Black, Geoff Chappell, Kent Shepherd, Garry Hook, Bruce Pearce, Glenn Moulds, and Michael Gale, all finishing the race for the FVANSW. Unfortunately, the FVANSW's Mark Williams, Dean Cavanagh, Morgan Freemantle, and Sean Birk, DNF'ed.

Race 3 spectacularly ran through to the end with no Safety Cars, but could not have ended more dramatically with the now forever famous last lap wipeout by the top five cars, allowing Tim Hamilton to deservedly passing the five stranded leading cars after the last corner.

The wipeout, including another classic Mick Kinsella dive, can be seen from various on and off track angles on Youtube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-J-z_C3Ep5U at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NMA17v1xnv> and also at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sl6HsV0Lk68>

Tim was joined on the podium in third place by Ryan Simpson, who fortunately recovered from the wipeout, then Dylan Thomas in fourth, Darren Williams, Jayson Williamson, and Simon Pace, to make it six out of the top ten for the FVANSW. Michael Cluderay, Leigh Porter, Corinne Black, and Mark Williams, finished in 11th, 12th, 13th, and 16th, ahead of the tragic wipeout victim, Daniel Reynolds, who perhaps should have been the race winner, in 17th.

Daniel was immediately followed by the FVANSW's Garry Hook and Morgan Freemantle, with Bruce Pearce, Glenn Moulds, Kent Shepherd, and Michael Gale, not far behind. The last finisher, of the race and for the FVANSW, was another of the wipeout victim's, the great Ben Porter in the great Checkmate.

Stephen Butcher (wipeout victim number 7), Geoff Chappell, (wipeout victim number 8), and finally Dean Cavanagh, all DNF'ed the race.

Congratulations and thanks to all the competitors and administrators (Leigh and Liz Porter in particular) who allowed Formula Vee to race on the circuit following a two year break, including all those competitors who travelled thousands of kilometres to race with us. Commiserations to all those competitors who suffered bad luck during the weekend.



The FVANSW's Ryan Simpson, Mick Kinsella, and Daniel Reynolds, lock out the Bathurst grid



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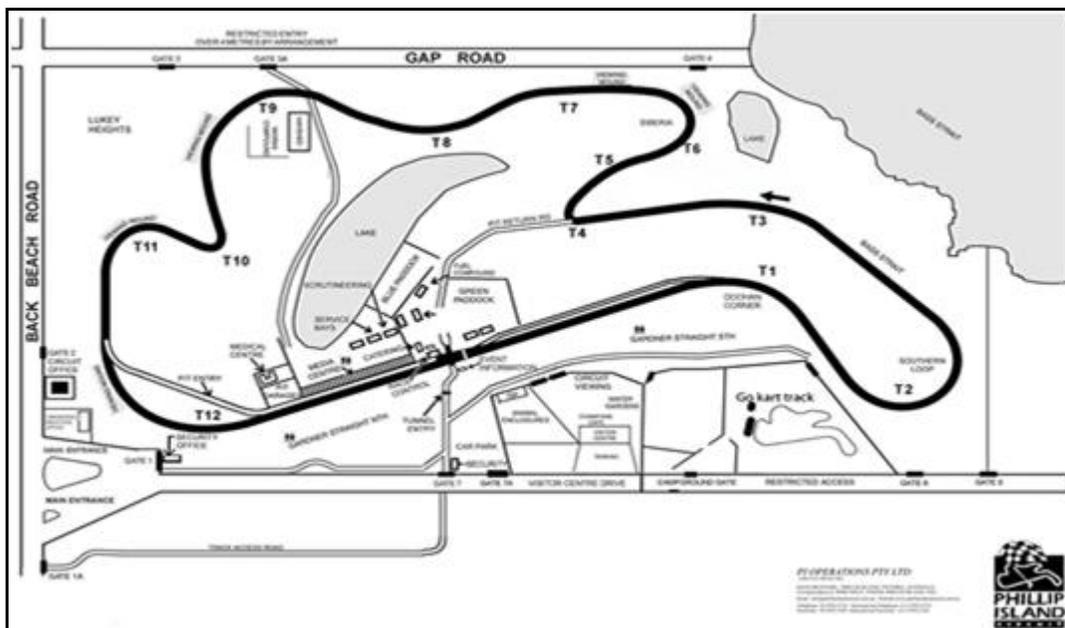
Round 2 – Phillip Island 28-29 May

The second round of the 2011 series will be held at the fabulous Phillip Island track on 28-29 May. Only 4 categories are taking part in this meeting we will get plenty of track time. The current proposal is practice, qualifying, and 2 races on Saturday, and 2 races on Sunday.

For those who have not been to PI before, it's a great flowing circuit with an excellent surface and in a great location. Formula Vee racing is always fantastic on this circuit.

Tow money from the pool provided by the Clemenger sponsorship will be provided at the end of the series for all competitors who compete in the 3 rounds.

Please come along, support the series and the Clemenger sponsorship, and have a great weekend's motor racing. Final details will be made available shortly.



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