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December 2018

## Awesome Alex!

*We interview 2018 Club Champion  
& Nb Champion Alex D'Onofrio,  
Overall Runner-up Luke Broadhead  
and Nc Champion Adam Walton*



**UP NEXT: 23-24 February, CAMS State Championship, Wakefield Park**  
**AND THEN: 30-31 March, the HSRCA's Autumn Festival, Wakefield Park**

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- 2019 calendar announced
- Tasman Festival 2018 - what a way to end the year!
- Hear from our club champions
- And more!

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# A Thank You from Outgoing President Ray Dean

Monday, 19th November, 2018

Ray Dean

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Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the support that you have given me as president of Historic Touring Cars of NSW.

It has been an enjoyable journey and an honour to play a role in growing the club and moving it forward in many ways. One of the aspects of the role that I have enjoyed the most is the special and personal association it has given me with many members. The club's social atmosphere has been more like family than a club, and I thank you.

I would like to thank the executive committee John Battersby, Jennifer Tierney, Paul Tierney, and in addition Stephen Pitman, Ian Johnson, Mark Lenstra, Vince Macri and David Noakes for their support.

The newly elected executive committee for 2019 is:

President – Vince Macri  
Vice President – David Noakes  
Secretary & Treasurer – Nic van den Berg

I wish them well in the future for the benefit of the club and its members.

## Presentation Dinner

Our 2018 Presentation Dinner was held once again at Concept 33 in Rooty Hill. Everything went off very smoothly, and the evening was a suitable celebration of the year that was.

We would like thank our invited guests Don & Judith Holland. Unfortunately Judith could not attend, but their son David attended instead. David's been racing Formula Vee for some time and has plans for another project in the future.

Our traditional auction was held during the event, and we would like to thank everyone for their involvement in it. The results are as follows:

John Battersby - F150 ice truck - \$2000.00  
Sue Swain - VW Beetle ice car - \$1000.00  
Willow recovery vehicle trolley - \$300.00

## Parting Notes

I would like to thank you all once again for the role that you have played in the club this year. Your involvement and support is very much appreciated by everyone in the club and I would personally like to thank you for your support, efforts and friendship throughout this year and others.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and summer break. I look forward to seeing you all in the future.

Regards,  
Ray Dean



# President's Report: December, 2018

Vince Macri,

HTCA NSW President



Dear members,

Welcome to what is an exciting, energetic and motivated NSW Historic Touring Car Association.

First, we would like to again thank the outgoing committee for all their work and efforts over the past 12 months, up to and including the recent presentation dinner event. For those that were there I'm sure you will agree it was a great social night, with no expense spared to celebrate our 2018 championship year.

On behalf of the new committee we would like to take the opportunity to share some first thoughts and plans we have in our new roles. Whilst it's only been a few short weeks since the AGM, we have taken on-board the feedback from a host of members and, as importantly, the recent survey has provided us with fantastic feedback of what you, the members, do and don't want your club to focus on and put energy into.

Importantly we will take on your thoughts and, as your committee we are pleased as it's your feedback that has provided us some clear direction and priorities to work on, key messages were:

- Your priority is to go racing
- You want to compete on a level playing field
- You want more done for you about the costs of competing
- You want greater transparency and effectiveness with the management of our Club

We are going to do some important things to enable us to get our cars out and compete, our plans include:

- Contribute to a national annual racing calendar by becoming an active member of the Australian Historic Touring Car Association
- Collaborate with other NSW clubs, such as ARDC, HSRCA and FOSSC to maximise our influence and input to events conducted by them
- Build our relationships with interstate clubs so that they support us, and we support them
- Make sure that there are more opportunities for all cars, not just Group Nc, and in particular, Group Nb, so that you can bring these cars out to competitions that are tailored for you

All of us like to get the most out of ourselves and our cars, and there has always been a healthy debate about the interpretations of the 5th Category rule book! Couple this with the fact that we want to stay true to the spirit of our category and the fact that parts are becoming harder and harder to get, and you will know how expensive parts are now becoming as our cars get more sought after.

We will place great effort be in a position where we can be of influence and have a greater and more informed voice at the CAMS Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission with issues like voltage and electrical systems and the use of electronic equipment in our cars.

We have formed a powerful sub-committee to handle this. We will also be working closely with the larger states, particularly Victoria, to make sure that rule interpretations are made and then applied nationally. In this way we will remove any potential for non-compliant cars being an issue when we compete interstate or where interstate people come to our events.

We are going to introduce some new things to improve the content of our Club meetings, the standard of our cars and the standard of our driving.

We are going to build on the Code of Conduct that was developed using information from our own website, the 2016 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport and the Heritage Touring Cars Code of Conduct. I would take this opportunity to thank Ed Singleton for allowing us to use his Code of Conduct.

We are going to make sure that there is a Driving Standards Observer at every meeting. The DSO will be there to guide and advise drivers.

We are going to have technical evenings at our general meetings so that we can give out information to Club members about things to watch out for with our cars. We want to help keep your cars running at events and make them a spectator attraction. We do not want avoidable mechanical failures to happen, and not just because the spectators might be disappointed. These days, a red flag resulting from a mechanical failure means that we have travelled a long way, spent a lot of money and worked really hard for two racing laps a session. That is not satisfying to anyone, is it?

We want to make sure that all competitors can turn up to events and not be worried with administration and eligibility hassles. By the time we get ourselves to a venue, all we want to do is get in our cars and go racing.

We care that our Club members and other visitors in our category have someone to go to and get quick, accurate and simple answers to questions about events. We have done this at Bathurst for four years and that has been received very well by everyone, including the event organisers.

For each event, we are going to nominate a single person as the co-ordination point for

Club members. This person will be the 'go-to-person' for any enquiries about the event, including things like how to get a garage, or a camping spot, or where support vehicles can be parked.

Like all of you, we are very aware of the costs of motor racing, even if most of us do the majority of the work on our own cars. At our recent Club meeting we announced that we will be implementing a rebate scheme for our Club for the 2019 calendar and the full details of the operation of that scheme will be coming out to you in January.

Turning to costs again, we will be looking for more corporate sponsors. We are fortunate to have PAYCE on board again, and they have been with us for some years. Importantly, we acknowledge the significant help that Mrs. Swain from Statewide Car Carriers has provided us for sponsorship and a perpetual trophy.

We will be ensuring that ALL corporate sponsorship monies are allocated DIRECTLY to securing events and rebating the entry costs to our Club members. As said earlier, we will provide more information to you about the rebate scheme in January 2019.

We are presently negotiating with Bowdens Own, Castrol and a number of other corporate companies to increase our total sponsorship pool. We are not stopping there. We want to have as many sponsors on board as possible and will be looking to identifying these possibilities through an extensive marketing plan. A sub-Committee has been established to do this work and it is headed by David Noakes.

We know that we need to market ourselves as a product and we have engaged a photographer to take shots of each of you and your car so that we can develop individual posters of each of you.

Believe it or not, spectators enjoy this material and look for it all the time. Just think, soon your poster might be on the wall of a child's bedroom, or a Group N follower's garage wall!

What you have told us is that you also want variety with racing venues, rather than focusing on a single place like Sydney Motorsport Park. We have already started lobbying to get race events at other circuits like Mount Panorama and Wakefield Park and track days at Wakefield Park. Wakefield Park is under new management and they are certainly looking for opportunities to have their facility used more by Clubs like ours.

Finally, we will be modernising our website and improving our internet presence in a range of ways. In the first half of next year, we will have a members' section of our website that will enable you to look at, and update your own information. This information is kept by the Club on your behalf for our, and for CAMS purposes, including your CAMS licence, and we want to make sure that you can keep it current and do that when it suits you.

We will also have a place for all our committee publications, such as our Constitution, our Code of Conduct, our Committee meeting Minutes, so that you can find out all about our Club, what we are doing and where we are up to by going to that website when it suits you. We will also keep things like competitor results, rebate scheme amounts and accruals, and our financial situation up-to-date for you on our website.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for taking the time to read about our plans for our Club in 2019 and beyond. We are very honoured to be your new Committee members. We will do our best, which I hope you will agree will be good, given the considerable talent, racing history and Club membership of your new Committee.

Regards,

Vince Macri  
HTCA NSW President



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## Vice President Update: December, 2018

David Noakes,

HTCA NSW Vice President



Hi all,

WOW! It's been a busy time in the brief period since the new committee was voted in at the November AGM. So, what has been going on besides what Vince has already shared?

- Multiple discussions and negotiations with a range of new sponsors, not only people that can support us but businesses with a valuable brand that can lift the profile of our club
- Encouraging and positive dialogue with existing and long-term supporter PAYCE
- Creation and development of our race calendar for 2019
- Some focus and emphasis on social media
  - Facebook regular updates and information to encourage fans and enthusiasts on what's happening in our category before, during and after race meetings. As the platform importantly allows us to promote our sponsor relationships please get on there and like, tag, follow and share
  - Creation of the official NSW Historic Touring Cars Instagram page @nswhtca please get on there and like, tag, follow and share
- Greg Tkacz joined our committee to tackle the opportunity of historic vehicle registration. This can attract and bring new engagement and membership to our club
- Getting our “back end” house in order. We want to make going racing easy, fun and enticing, not administrative, cumbersome and demanding
- Planning, discussions and negotiations around content for our general meetings including a variety of locations to try and support the varied areas we all live in. We can't satisfy all, but we would like to try and improve in this area
- Last but not least we will improve not only our communication, but our communication platforms. Our goal is to provide more content, more stories, more support and most importantly do so in formats and mediums that make it simple and easy to keep up to date with all that's going with the club and its members

### Race Calendar 2019

Following this report you will find your 2019 race calendar. This was quite the task to pull together in the closing weeks of 2018 with many event organisers already having planned and “sold” their spaces to a variety of categories. That said I think we can be pleased with the result. Via the survey earlier this year your feedback was a focus on tracks, two-day meetings and aim by the majority to attend events for the year.

For 2019 our championship will be conducted over a total of seven rounds, and you will note we also have two single-day non-championship points rounds.

Importantly, we are expanding our reach with attendance at Round 1 of the CAMS NSW State Championship and towards the end of the season, a position on the Benalla Auto Club's Australian Motor racing series (AMRS). This is particularly exciting with the opportunity to develop our on track time as we would like to a chance to bring some new and different formats to Group N racing in NSW, not to mention the likely hood of a live streaming of the event or perhaps even a package of highlights for 7mate – watch this space!

## **Rebate Scheme**

This is still in its infancy and we are optimistic there is more to come. That said it is prudent right now to only offer what we can stand behind, which is a commitment of a rebate to all members of the NSWHTCA for four of our 2019 championship rounds. We are doing this for two reasons:

- Our club is a non-for-profit club and any income and sponsorship that we can entice our way should go to the members and with the highest priority being what we all joined this club for - to get on track and go racing!
- The survey spoke volumes of the request for more competitors on track = more fun. Your feedback also asked the club to focus on reducing costs of racing. This we believe, along with a multitude of initiatives we are working on, has us fulfilling your request for more support to get on track from your club! I promise you one thing, we are giving 110% to achieve this BUT if you have contacts, know people or you personally are interested in developing a mutually-beneficial partnership with the NSWHTCA please call me and let's talk!

Regards,

David Noakes  
HTCA NSW Vice President

# 2019 Race Calendar

<p><b>1 - 2 DEC</b></p>	<p><b>Round 1 - HSRCA Tasman Festival at Sydney Motorsport Park</b> Organisers: HSRCA Points: <b>Yes</b> <i>Rebate Round</i></p>
<p><b>23 - 24 FEB</b></p>	<p><b>Round 2 - CAMS State Championship at Wakefield Park</b> Organisers: CAMS State Championship Points: <b>Yes</b> <i>Rebate Round</i></p>
<p><b>30 - 31 MARCH</b></p>	<p><b>Round 3 - HSRCA Autumn Festival</b> Organisers: HSRCA Points: <b>Yes</b> <i>Rebate Round</i></p>
<p><b>13 APRIL</b></p>	<p><b>Round 4 - MRA One-Day at Sydney Motorsport Park Druiitt</b> Organisers: Motor Racing Australia Points: No</p>
<p><b>8 - 9 JUNE</b></p>	<p><b>Round 5 - HSRCA Sydney Classic at Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner</b> Organisers: HSRCA Points: <b>Yes</b></p>
<p><b>21 JULY</b></p>	<p><b>Round 6 - FoSC One-Day at Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner</b> Organisers: FoSC Points: No</p>
<p><b>31 AUG &amp; 1 SEPT</b></p>	<p><b>Round 7 - Muscle Car Masters at Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner</b> Organisers: ARDC Points: <b>Yes</b> <i>Rebate Round</i></p>
<p><b>19 - 20 OCT</b></p>	<p><b>Round 8 - Australian Motor Racing Series at Wakefield Park</b> Organisers: Benalla Auto Club Points: <b>Yes</b> <i>Rebate Round</i></p>
<p><b>30 NOV &amp; 1 DEC</b></p>	<p><b>Round 9 - HSRCA Summer Festival at Sydney Motorsport Park Gardner</b> Organisers: HSRCA Points: <b>Yes</b></p>



## TEST IT!

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\*Weather and availability may vary

# 2019 General Meetings

<b>5 FEB</b>	Tuesday, <b>5th February 2019</b> SMSP Suite 2 at 7:30PM
<b>2 APRIL</b>	Tuesday, <b>2nd April 2019</b> SMSP Suite 2 at 7:30PM
<b>4 JUNE</b>	Tuesday, <b>4th June 2019</b> Location <b>TBD</b>
<b>6 AUG</b>	Tuesday, <b>6th August 2019</b> Location <b>TBD</b>
<b>1 OCT</b>	Tuesday, <b>1st October 2019</b> Location <b>TBD</b>
<b>3 DEC</b>	Tuesday, <b>3rd December 2019</b> Location <b>TBD</b>



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# 2018 PRESENTATION NIGHT



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# Historic Touring Car Association NSW Perpetual Trophies

*December, 2018*

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Appendix J Association of NSW Club Champion

*Alex D'Onofrio*

Appendix J Association of NSW Nc Drivers Champion

*Adam Walton*

Appendix J Association of NSW Appendix J Cup, Nb Div

*Alex D'Onofrio*

Brian Muir Trophy, Appendix J Group Nb

*Alex D'Onofrio*

Appendix J Association of NSW President's Trophy for Fairest and most  
Consistent Driver

*Francis Meier*

Appendix J Association of NSW Encouragement Award

*Ian Johnson*

Appendix J Association of NSW The Bob Asher Memorial Sportsmanship Award

*Daniel Berry*

Appendix J Association of NSW Testicular Trophy

*Ray Dean*

Mark Broadhead Memorial Trophy

*Luke Broadhead*

Best Presented Nc

*Alan Mayne*

Best Presented Nb

*John Shuttle*

# Historic Touring Car Association NSW Category Winners

*December, 2018*

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## **Nb Overall Championship**

Overall Champion: Alex D'Onofrio  
Overall Runner-Up: Luke Broadhead

## **Nc Overall Championship**

Overall Champion 2018: Adam Walton  
Overall Runner-Up: Chris O'Brien

## **Nb Category Results**

0-1300cc Champion: Alex D'Onofrio  
0-1300cc Runner-Up: Luke Broadhead  
1301-1600cc Champion: John Shuttle  
2601 - 3000cc Champion: Ray Dean  
2601 - 3000cc Runner-Up: Stephen Pitman  
3001 - 4500cc Champion: John Shuttle  
4501cc and over Champion: Wayne Cooper

## **Nc Category Results**

1501 - 2000cc Champion: David Noakes  
1501 - 2000cc Runner-Up: Mark Lenstra  
2001 - 3000cc Champion: Steve Land  
2001 - 3000cc Runner-Up: Alan Mayne  
3001 - 3500cc Champion: Rod Wallace  
3001 - 3500cc Runner-Up: Paul Tierney  
3501 - 5000cc Champion: Adam Walton  
3501 - 5000cc Runner-Up: Jamie Tilley  
5001cc and over Champion: Chris O'Brien  
5001cc and over Runner-Up: Ross Muller



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# 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP INTERVIEWS



**ALEX D'ONOFRIO  
LUKE BROADHEAD  
ADAM WALTON**

**PAYCE GROUP N HISTORIC TOURING CAR RACING SERIES**

## 2018 Championship Interviews

*Club Champion: Alex D'Onofrio*

*Nc Champion: Adam Walton*

*Runner-Up: Luke Broadhead*

*Nb Champion: Alex D'Onofrio*

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**HTCA:** *Alex, Luke and Adam - congratulations on a successful 2018 championship! Describe in your own words what it means to you.*

**Alex:** Thank you! Being the 2018 Club Champion means a lot to me. I've been racing a Group N Mini since my early 20s, and every time I'm in the car I can't wipe the smile off my face.

This year has been a great year and definitely one of the most reliable years I've had in racing, which I think is key in receiving this awesome title. It will be tough to defend my title next year and be able to hold the number one spot for two years running, but I will certainly give it my best shot.

**Luke:** I'm proud that in my first year of racing with the club I was able to achieve runner up in the championship. At every race meeting I got to experience a high level of professionalism displayed by other competitors with close, clean racing. Everyone at the track was willing to help out with anything they could to make sure at the end of the weekend everyone was still racing.

**Adam:** To be recognised as the 2018 Nc champion was a great surprise and will be an achievement I cherish, especially considering that this was my first year of competition and there are many competitors who are more worthy of this. I'm sure 2019 will demonstrate that! Saying that, I've had a ball!

**HTCA:** *Can you tell us a little more about your motorsport journey? In particular, what led you to compete in the Group N category with the Historic Touring Car Association of NSW?*

**Alex:** My first car was a Mini, which Dad and I built from scratch not knowing anything about them.

In my early 20s, Dad and I decided to go watch some racing at Sydney Motorsport Park and that's where we saw the Group N category racing. Watching the Minis dicing with the bigger cars was awesome, so not long after I sold my road Mini and bought a half-complete Nb Mini.

On that same day at the track we spoke to a lot of drivers, especially in the Mini paddock, where everyone was very happy to help out, so I think the awesome racing and the people drew me to the class.

**Luke:** I grew up watching my dad race, wishing that one day I would be able to race as well. Seeing how much support the club and his friends within the club gave him throughout his motorsport career was phenomenal and this inspired me to follow in his footsteps and show other people the same level of respect.

**Adam:** I raced dirt track when I was younger and grew up watching Mustangs and Minis doing battle. I've been closely watching this category for the past five years and wanted to get involved.

***HTCA:** What was your most rewarding race in 2018 and why?*

**Alex:** My most rewarding race in 2018 would have to be race three at Muscle Car Masters when I was chasing Andrew Bergan and broke my lap record of 1:52.0. With a lap and a half to go my oil cooler split and I just made it to the checkered flag with only a couple of litres of oil left in the car.

**Luke:** I can't narrow it down to one particular moment, but being able to come to the track with a good bunch of people that have helped me improve throughout the year was very rewarding

**Adam:** My first meeting was the most rewarding for me. It was at Wakefield Park in Regularity and I was thrilled to finally be out there doing it

***HTCA:** We are all motorsport tragics, but what appeals to us as individuals varies from member to member, so what is it that you enjoy most about motorsport and, in particular, historic touring cars.*

**Alex:** I love the close racing between the variety of classic cars, the fact that everyone is always willing to help out when something goes wrong with our temperamental cars, and the thrill of holding my foot pedal to the metal around turn 1 at Eastern Creek.

**Luke:** The atmosphere at the race track and camaraderie between the competitors. No matter the circumstances or difficulties, everyone is willing to help out and get you back out on the track again for the next race

**Adam:** I love how passionate the people around historic touring cars are about their cars.

***HTCA:** Do you have any new goals or targets for 2019? Whats next for you?*

**Alex:** I'm looking at doing as much racing as I can in 2019. Every year I seem to be getting more and more keen to get on the track. I would love to do a few out of state events like Phillip Island in March and Morgan Park in July, depending on how well my engine holds up. My main goal would be to stay out in front of Luke of course.

**Luke:** To keep improving my lap times, driving skills and develop my cars to a high level of reliability and speed, to get back out on the race track meet new people and make new friends. Continue to enjoy motor racing with the people within the club.

**Adam:** Going in to 2019 I'd like to improve my lap times and hopefully work my way into the top three cars in our category



*HTCA: Finally, we all rely on many people to help get us on track and I'm sure you have a few people to thank.*

**Alex:** I would have to thank Dad for starters because if it wasn't for all the hours he spends on my car to keep it on the track I wouldn't have the chance to race.

I'd like to thank my neighbour Gary White for the endless hours he dedicates to researching and finding new ways to improve my car. My girlfriend Gab, for her patience with me for being in the garage a lot of the time, as well as her ongoing support. Also the fellow drivers for close clean racing all year and Luke for the VBs after the weekend is done.

**Luke:** Mum, my stepdad Ben, Chris Collett, Ben Tebbutt, Alex, D'Onofrio and all the Mini drivers for sharing their knowledge and experience, Statewide Car Carriers and all of the HTCA NSW members.

**Adam:** People I would love to thank are:

- Brad Tilley for the car build and dedicating the 11 months I think it took him to complete
- Brad and Jamie Tilley to help me steer the Mustang
- Tony's Bodyworks in Newcastle to prep and lay the paint
- And a big thanks to Candice for the time spent in the build process also compliancing with CAMS and the big thing was paperwork for my licence
- Also Tony, Bill, Brian, Grant and Barry for the help at the track
- And my number 1 supporters, my wife Terri and the family

*Huge thanks to Alex, Luke and Adam for taking part in this story!*





## Historic Touring Cars Association of New South Wales 2018 Final Point Score

	HSRCA	FoSC	HSRCA	FoSC	MCM	FoSC	FoSC	HSRCA	
	SMSP	WP	WP	SMSP	SMSP	WP	SMSP	WP	
	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	Total
Alex D'Onofrio		16.5	16		22	15	22	22	113.5
Luke Broadhead	16	3	11.75	14		11	18	16.5	90.25
Adam Walton				15	9.75	12	15	19	72.75
Francis Meier	16.5	15.75	10.5		10.5		11		64.25
Chris O'Brien				15	12.5			22	50.5
Rod Wallace	4		15		10			12.25	41.25
Ross Muller	13.5			11			11.65		36.16
Jamie Tilley					19	16.33			35.33
Seve Lind	18.25							16	34.25
Wayne Cooper			16.75		16				32.75
Alan Mayne				14			18		32
David Roberts		10.5		13			3		26.5
Chris Collett		19.75		3					22.75
Gerff Pike				9	4.5		9		22.5
John Shurtle					9.5			13	22.5
Cameron Womer							22		22
Nathan Stephanson					9.75			12	21.75
Paul Tierney			5				14	3	20
Nathan Goulding					3			16.5	19.5
Chris Thomas					19				19
Andrew Bergen					18.75				18.75
Steve Beazley		6.25			12.5				18.75
Ray Dean	7				11.5				18.5
Wayne Rogerson				3	15.25				18.25
Dale Parry						9		9	18
Allen Burke	17.5								17.5
Brad Tilley						17			17
Ben Wilkinson					15.75				15.75
David Nookes Jr.			3		11.75				14.75
Michael Rose	13								13
Andrew Taire					13				13
Grair Harrington					13				13
David Wall					13				13
Stephen Pittman					12.5				12.5
Mark Lenstra					12.25				12.25
Quentin Bland					12				12
Peter O'Brien								12	12
Alf Bargwantha			7.75				4		11.75
Jared Cox								11	11
John Harrison					10.5				10.5
Daniel Berry					9				9
Greg Schwente					8.5				8.5
David Wheatley					8.25				8.25
John Boutke							7		7
Jerry Lenstra							7		7
David Gray							7		7
Rob Owers			6.25						6.25
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# THE HSRCA's 2018 TASMAN FESTIVAL SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK

PAYCE GROUP N HISTORIC TOURING CAR RACING SERIES

**RACE REPORT: The HSRCA's Tasman Festival  
1-2 December, 2018**

*By David Noakes*

*Images: Jeremy McGrath & Seth Reinhardt*





## The HSRCA's Tasman Festival

*Sydney Motorsport Park, 1-2 December, 2018*

*Report by David Noakes,*

*Photography by Jeremy McGrath & Seth Reinhardt*

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### **Terrific Tasman**

2018 has sadly seen some lean fields, however I think the Tasman Festival was a sign of things to come. A great field of 31 cars rolled out for qualifying on a warm Saturday morning.

The beauty of our category is in the sights, sounds and colours of our cars - all unique, all spectacular. A track like Sydney Motorsport Park with its long straight appears to be a horsepower track on face value, however Chris Thomas in the XU1 proved that it's not all about horsepower by grabbing pole, what a terrific way to kick off his 2019 Championship campaign and just holding out Jamie Tilley in the Mustang by a couple of tenths, brilliant!

Throughout the rest of the field we saw more pleasing results, including Adrian Macri in the spectacular Macri Family Racing Camaro who did a great job qualifying in the top three on his Camaro debut! Andrew Bergen led the swarm of Minis with a time that saw him well into the top ten and right amongst the big horsepower cars.

With a great field set and four races ahead of us we were set for some great racing across the weekend and I think as a category we can be proud of the show we put on. Throughout the field there was some great action - Minis VS Mustangs, Mazdas VS Camaros, Toranas VS Capris, as it was in the day good hard fair racing between a variety of cars with strengths and weaknesses in different areas.



Sunday's trophy race saw Jamie Tilley and Chris Thomas again battling away to finish once more separated by just tenths of seconds, with Wayne Rogerson not too far behind in the Mazda.

All in all, a great weekend racing and the perfect way to kick off our 2019 Championship. As we move forward into the 2019 calendar year, we want 31 cars to be our minimum entry list.

A big field supports many of the reasons we partake in this sport – to compete and challenge ourselves, to develop our cars and abilities and of course so that we can come in from a race and share a laugh and a story, get sorted and go and do it all again. In that respect, the camaraderie was great over the weekend. All competitors were in great spirits and I can't help but think this is due to the level and volume of cars on track to 'get our fix'. We have ten weeks, give or take, to get prepared and set for our first meeting in late February 2019, and remember it will be our first rebate round, so get involved!

Enjoy some great pics over the next couple pages. To finish, I felt it appropriate to capture a couple of samples of the positive feedback that was shared with the committee.

*“Great weekend! Thank you and your team.” – Alf Bargwanna*

*“G'Day Vince, you did a great job over the weekend, doubled the Group N entries over 2017 ✓” – Ross Donnelley*

*“Hi David, thanks for a great weekend – it was the best one I have been involved with thus far, great incentive for all people involved with the rebate, hopefully it brings many more to the meetings” – Adam Walton*









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# THE HSRCA's 2018 SPRING FESTIVAL WAKEFIELD PARK

**PAYCE GROUP N HISTORIC TOURING CAR RACING SERIES**

**RACE REPORT: The HSRCA's Spring Festival  
22 - 23 September, 2018**

*By Stephen Pitman*

*Images: Seth Reinhardt, Syd Reinhardt & Mark Walsh*



## The HSRCA's Spring Festival

*Wakefield Park Raceway, 22nd & 23rd September, 2018*

*Report by Stephen Pitman,*

*Photography by Seth Reinhardt, Syd Reinhardt & Mark Walsh*

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Drought is seriously affecting New South Wales regional areas, including Goulburn and Wakefield Park. To draw a positive from this, the extended dry period provided perfect track conditions for competitors at the HSRCA's Spring Festival, who in turn put on an incident-free meeting.

After some ups and downs throughout 2018, competition numbers seem to have stabilized at 16 entrants. This provides some interesting combined Nc and Nb grids and good historic racing.

Notable at the spring festival was the number of interstate competitors in attendance. Peter Baguely (Holden Torana) and Chris Mcilwain (Datsun 1600) joined us from Queensland, while Greg Menzies brought his Mark 2 1960 Jaguar up from Victoria. We haven't seen Greg in an awfully long time and he was a welcome site. A little more local to Goulburn, Chris O'Brien (Ford Falcon) and Dale Parry (Ford Mustang) came up from the ACT to compete.

John Shuttle also represented Britain's contribution to muscle car racing, bringing his big Jag out for a run. Rod Wallace is a frequent competitor and quick to boost our grids and he did just that at the Spring Festival, bringing his Holden Torana out to play. Regular competitor Steve Land competed in his Ford Capri.

The Nb category was dominated by the Mini Cooper S Group, with Alex D'Onofrio once again leading the charge and punching well above his weight. He completed several impressive finishes over the weekend that saw him in amongst the Nc ranks. This left the remaining Cooper S competitors fighting over the rest of the places, with Nathan Goulding, Luke Broadhead and Nathan Stephenson contesting the minor honours.



*Alex D'Onofrio harassing the upper class. Syd Reinhardt Image*

## Results

### *Qualifying Nc*

1. Chris O'Brien Ford Falcon, 1.08.7
2. Adam Walton Ford Mustang, 1.08.8
3. Peter Baguley Holden Torana, 1.09.7

### *Race 1 Nc*

1. Chris O'Brien Ford Falcon
2. Adam Walton Ford Mustang
3. Peter Baguley Holden Torana

### *Race 2 Nc*

1. Chris O'Brien Ford Falcon
2. Adam Walton Ford Mustang
3. Peter Baguley Holden Torana

### *Race 3 Nc*

1. Chris O'Brien Ford Falcon
2. Adam Walton Ford Mustang
3. Peter Baguley Holden Torana

### *Qualifying Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio Morris Cooper S, 1.11.5
2. Nathan Goulding Morris Cooper S, 1.14.1
3. Luke Broadhead Morris Cooper S 1.14.2

### *Race 1 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio, Morris Cooper S
2. Nathan Goulding, Morris Cooper S
3. Luke Broadhead, Morris Cooper S

### *Race 2 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio, Morris Cooper S
2. Nathan Goulding, Morris Cooper S
3. Luke Broadhead, Morris Cooper S

### *Race 3 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio, Morris Cooper S
2. Luke Broadhead, Morris Cooper S
3. Nathan Goulding, Morris Cooper S

One certainty in our sport is that historic cars are unpredictable and mechanical failures occur from time to time. We all face and learn from this challenge, endeavouring to make our race vehicles more reliable and hopefully sharing our stories and solutions to assist all members in having reliable race cars.

Paul Tierney is one member experiencing many issues of late. One such issue was a crack in the side of the engine block, which Paul repaired with a common product that fixed the leak but completely blocked the radiator core, ending his Wakefield Park expedition.

I urge you to attend our HTCA general meetings, not only to gain valuable knowledge about our vehicles, but also to share your own experiences and advice with others so that they too can enjoy the on track experience.

*Stephen Pitman.*

*Syd Reinhardt*





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**FoSC's**  
**September**  
**SMSP One-Day**

**PAYCE GROUP N HISTORIC TOURING CAR RACING SERIES**

**RACE REPORT: FoSC's SMSP One-Day**  
**8 September, 2018, Sydney Motorsport Park**

*By Stephen Pitman*  
*Photography by Mark Walsh*



## FoSC September One-Day

*Sydney Motorsport Park North Circuit, September 8, 2018*

*Report by Stephen Pitman*

*Photography by Mark Walsh*

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September's FoSC one-day event was conducted in perfect weather on Sydney Motorsport Park's North 'Druitt' circuit.

We are pleased to say that entry numbers are showing improvement, but we still have some way to go to achieve the full capacity grids that we have enjoyed in the past. The healthier our grids are, the less necessary it is for organisers to combine us with other categories and the more enjoyable our racing will be.

It was good to see competitors like John Burke in the Valiant Charger, Alf Bargwanna in the Torana and veteran campaigner Bruce Stewart in his Torana returning to competition at Sydney Motorsport Park after some time.

Ross Muller flew the Chevrolet flag over the weekend, bringing some variety to the field amongst the onslaught of Ford representation.

Qualifying and much of the day was completed without incident, however this trend was sadly broken in the last event of the day. A start line incident saw the Ford Falcon of Cam Worner a little out of shape and coming in to contact with the Mazda of Alan Mayne, resulting in some panel damage to both cars.

Adam Walton in his well-prepared Ford Mustang has continued to impress and scored strong finishes in all events outside of a five-second penalty incurred in race two.

The Mini Cooper S group was very well subscribed. Luke Broadhead, Geoff Pike, Francis Meier, David Gray and Dave Roberts headlined the group, although Dave suffered transmission gremlins that resulted in a frustrating day for him.

John Burke took pole position in the Charger, but would go backwards from there with mechanical issues. Rolling a fan belt led to a burst radiator hose and a DNF in the first race, leaving even the experienced competitor to wonder why? John recovered and moved through the field in the last race to finish the day in a respectable fourth place.

Gerry Lenstra returned to competition after a reasonable break and was quickly back on the pace with a strong showing in his Ford Escort. Unfortunately he also experienced mechanical issues and recorded a DNF in race one.



### Summary

FoSC's September one-day meeting was a near perfect race day with the majority of entrants enjoying a full day of motorsport in a relaxed atmosphere and good company.

That said, we must remain focused on the on-going goal of incident-free meetings by constantly re-enforcing the code of conduct with all of our members.

Thanks to all involved for supporting FoSC's efforts and putting on a great day's racing.





## Results

### *Qualifying Nc*

1. John Burke Valiant Charger 1.14.6
2. Cameron Worner Ford Falcon 1.14.7
3. Adam Walton Ford Mustang 1.14.9

### *Qualifying Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio 1.17.2
2. Luke Broadhead Mini Cooper S 1.17.9
3. David Roberts Mini Cooper S 1.24.9

### *Race 1 Nc*

1. Cam Worner Ford Falcon XW
2. Adam Walton Ford Mustang
3. Alan Mayne Mazda RX2

### *Race 1 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio Mini Cooper S
2. Luke Broadhead Mini Cooper S
3. Francis Meier Mini Cooper S

### *Race 2 Nc*

1. Cam Worner Ford Falcon XW
2. Alan Mayne Mazda RX2
3. Adam Walton Ford Mustang

### *Race 2 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio Mini Cooper S
2. Luke Broadhead Mini Cooper S
3. Francis Meier

### *Race 3 Nc*

1. Cam Worner Ford Falcon XW
2. Alan Mayne Mazda RX2
3. Adam Walton Ford Mustang

### *Race 3 Nb*

1. Alex D' Onofrio Mini Cooper S
2. Luke Broadhead Mini Cooper S





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## Tailem Bend South Australia

*The Bend Motorsport Park, 21-22 October, 2018*

*Report by Ray Dean*

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The Historic Touring Car Association of South Australia very kindly extended an invitation to join them at the new The Bend Motorsport Park for a meeting this October. So, after making their way across the Hay Plain, ten Historic Touring Car Association of New South Wales members arrived at Tailem Bend to experience the new circuit.

We were not disappointed. What a track! That said, some members had difficulty dealing with the numerous twists and turns that were a challenging feature of the circuit. The event catered for a number of categories including Group N Historic vehicles, Porsches, Formula Fords, Formula 3, Hyundai and Improved Production vehicles.

A total of 38 combined interstate entrants turned out to represent the group Nb and Nc historic touring car category. The HTCA of NSW entry consisted of ten members, with Morris Mini driver Geoff Pike coming along as a spectator to provide help and support our group as well.

Private practice on the Friday consisted of five practice sessions for Group N. On Saturday members had a qualifying session and a practice race. Then on the Sunday, we enjoyed three group N races.

I was lucky enough for the EH to get two and a half practice sessions in on the track to experience some of the unique features of this circuit before the head gasket seal failed, dropping compression in the surrounding cylinders.

With the support of our very patient partners and the assistance of a few others, especially encouragement from Paul Tierney who had his own issues in his Torana XU1, we worked into the night and finished Saturday morning to have both vehicles ready for the day's activities. Paul's Torana blew a manifold gasket and dislodged the muffler in sympathy for my EH Holden's problems. So, Saturday night was again spent in the workshop to rectify the ongoing issues.

All good and Paul completed the remainder of the racing events successfully. On a positive note for Paul the previous external crack in the block had not presented any problems and the Araldite solution worked well. Some frustrating issues still continued with the EH so in disappointment I parked it for the rest of the meet, but that's race cars.

At the completion of the event on Sunday I decided to put the EH on the trailer and it back fired through the carburettors, causing a fire under the bonnet and some superficial damage that will take some time and effort to rectify. A big thank you to the Bend fire guys for coming to the rescue, but I managed to empty my extinguisher and put it out.



Race one was a bit of disaster for quite a few participants and the field finished with a record 13 DNFs! These were made up of a combination of damage and mechanical failures, with some competitors venturing off to see how well the grass was sprouting through the dirt on the edge of the black stuff or checking for short cuts - not an option at The Bend.

Ross Muller in the big Chevrolet Nova started at the rear of the grid due to timing issues not being recorded correctly in qualifying but did that stop him? No! In an impressive drive Ross made his way through the field towards the front allowing him to start from position 6 in race two. Great job Ross!

Race two on Sunday morning got off to a smoother start, although Victorian entrant David Brown in his Datsun 1600 swerved to avoid a spinning car exiting the track at turn four, hit the apex and then dipped into a culvert somersaulting three times some two metres off the ground, landing right side up on all four wheels.

Western Australian competitor Tony Gilfuis stopped to help the Datsun driver get safely out of the car, which was completely totalled. David was a bit shaken up and sore, but otherwise healthy. A lot can be said for the Hans Device - big save for the neck.

Race three, with the field down a few cars, presented much cleaner racing. Towards the end Paul Tierney in the Torana XU1 decided to drop a wheel off on turn seventeen and in correcting it ended up dropping a wheel on the opposite side of the track. After some manipulation of the steering wheel Paul got it straight and also trimmed a lot of grass for the maintenance

guys, which he brought back to our garage. The things people will do to take home souvenirs!

Race four was again down a few competitors, but turned out very well with the exception of Ross Muller's rear right hand guard being modified by a Mazda RX2. Greg Toepfer's Mustang performed well taking into consideration of his difficulty to come to grips with the many camber and off camber corners the track layout presented, but he wasn't the only one grappling with the situation - great job Greg!

The Minis of Francis Meier, Dave Wheatley and Dave Roberts went well all weekend. All finished every race on four wheels, which can be rare for a Mini, and no blown gearboxes which can be a common occurrence for these vehicles.

The HTCA South Australia put on a welcome spread on the Friday night for Group N entrants and some kind words of welcome. On Sunday afternoon after our last race there was a trophy presentation with more nibbles and cool drinks.

Paul Atkins from the Historic Touring Car Association of South Australia was incredible from the initial contact stages of the event and all the way through the weekend with assisting, advising and supporting the Group N entrants. A big thank you to the HTCA South Australia from Historic Touring Car Association of NSW.

*Ray Dean,  
Historic Touring Car Association, NSW*



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