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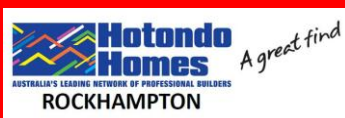
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## Official Newsletter of the Super Sedan Association

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Hello again and welcome to the October issue of the Super Sedan Association Newsletter. It certainly hasn't been an ideal start to the season with a lack of nominations for the opening two events putting us in difficult position in our relationship with the tracks. It is critically important that we are able to produce a full field of cars for every event. However, I am confident that things will improve for the upcoming shows.

Despite the low car count, the Rockhampton event was reasonably successful and produced some very good racing. I extend a sincere thank you to all those who attended and congratulations to the placegetters. The rain out at Brisbane the following week was disappointing, but it was probably a godsend for us in some ways as we had, once again, been unable to produce a full field of cars.

I would like to draw your attention to the following comments posted on a speedway website recently:

*"In the 53 years I have been attending speedway the feature race was the best or one of the best races I have ever seen. The race for first place...was unbelievable lap after lap they changed places in and out of the traffic GREAT RACE GUYS".*

This is the type of feedback from fans that is priceless. Unfortunately, the comments were about another race category with which we are competing in the marketplace. This is the reaction we should be striving for at every event. Who wins the race is not important. What's most important is the quality of the racing. Drivers, individually and collectively, need to make every effort to put on the best show possible every time we hit the track. Until we can attract this kind of feedback every week, we are not doing well enough in this regard. Any driver who is not 100% committed to providing the best possible spectacle for our fans at every race meeting obviously has no interest in the future prosperity of the category and is not working in the best interests of the Super Sedan Association. It is the obligation of every competitor to entertain the paying spectator and I look forward to your support in meeting these obligations.

I am more than happy to discuss any aspect of the 2011/2012 season with competitors. However, please be aware that I am unavailable between 7.00am and 4.00pm weekdays due to work commitments.

Outside of these hours, I am very happy to answer any questions, receive feedback/suggestions and clarify any matters of concern. In fact, I would much rather that competitors contact me than rely on misinformation (rumours, accusations, complaints etc) received from a third party. Of course, please make sure you have familiarised yourself with the SSA policies, procedures, rules and regulations regarding any area of concern as the information you seek may already be addressed in those documents, which have been emailed to all competitors who have provided a valid email address. They are also available on the SSA website.

Regards,

Chris Metcalf  
President

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### **2010/2011 Race Dates**

#### **Hotondo Homes Championship Series:**

Round 1	Rockhampton	8 October
Round 2	Toowoomba	5 November
Round 3	Gympie	19 November
Round 4	Maryborough	10 December
Round 5	Kingaroy	21 January
Round 6	Maryborough	28 January
Round 7	Toowoomba	11 February
Round 8	Kingaroy	3 March
Round 9	Blackwater	24 March
Round 10	Lismore	21 April
Round 11	Gympie	12 May

#### **Archerfield Track Championship:**

Round 1	October 15
Round 2	November 12
Round 3	January 14
Round 4	March 17
Round 5	May 26

#### **Think Money Development Series:**

Round 1	Rockhampton	8 October
Round 2	Toowoomba	5 November
Round 3	Gympie	19 November
Round 4	Maryborough	10 December
Round 5	Kingaroy	21 January
Round 6	Maryborough	28 January
Round 7	Toowoomba	11 February
Round 8	Kingaroy	3 March

### **Nomination Deadlines**

Andrew Jackson has been appointed as the SSA Race Director for this upcoming season. All nominations must be received by 6.00pm on the Sunday prior to each race meeting. Nominations can be submitted online at the SSA website, by text/phone to 0414 942599 or by emailing supersedans@gmail.com

However, please be aware that Andrew cannot accept phone nominations between 7.00am and 4.00pm on weekdays due to work commitments.

When submitting your nomination, please indicate the series for which you are nominating. If you do not specify for which series you are nominating, it will be assumed that your nomination is for the Championship Series. Therefore, drivers nominating for the Development Series must make this clear when submitting their nomination.

**Please Note:** In accordance with SSA regulations, any driver who nominates before 6.00pm on the Sunday prior to the race meeting and subsequently takes part in the race meeting will receive 25 additional championship points.

### **Development Series**

A minimum of eight (8) nominations must be received for any event to ensure that separate heats and a feature are allocated for the Development Series. If eight or more nominations are received, but less than eight cars front for competition, the SSA reserves the right to amend the race program accordingly. When there are less than eight Development Series competitors in attendance, these drivers will be seeded into the heats for the corresponding Championship Series round. These competitors will accumulate points in the heats and feature for both competitions.

The Development Series has been designed as an entry level competition to assist new or occasional drivers and/or low budget competitors. The Super Sedan Association reserves the right to determine the eligibility of any competitor and accept/reject any nomination.

## SSA You Tube Channel

The Super Sedan Association You Tube Channel now has a new short video posted. This footage is just whatever I could grab at Rockhampton and certainly does not take full advantage of the enormous potential that this channel offers as a way to promote our sponsors, our racing and associated activities.

For us to really capitalise on the potential of this media, I need volunteers who may be willing and able to assist in providing/capturing footage for broadcast on the channel.

Please let me know if you, or somebody you know, can assist in this regard.

## Transponders & One-way Communicators

It is the responsibility of all drivers to possess and use a transponder and one-way communicator at all SSA events. These are mandatory items and it is the driver's responsibility to make sure that these items are in working condition at all times. The SSA takes no responsibility for any disadvantage suffered as a result of this equipment not working properly.

In Rockhampton, we seemed to have several instances of miscommunication as a result of in-car communicators not working correctly. The potential consequences of such failures are very serious and pose a significant safety risk to competitors and officials.

In the interests of safety and to facilitate the efficient staging of our racing events, please make sure these items are working properly at all times.

## SSA Website

I am currently in the process of updating the SSA website to make it a more useful tool in promoting our activities. At the moment, the SSA is unable to upload information directly to the site as this is done by a third party provider, which has resulted in some delays in the posting/updating of information to the site.

However, there will be some significant improvements to the website in the weeks ahead, including a complete overhaul of the photo gallery. The SSA website address is [www.supersedan.com.au](http://www.supersedan.com.au)

## Posters

The Super Sedan Association will again be printing promotional posters this season. To be included on the poster, competitors must compete in one of the next three scheduled SSA race meetings (Toowoomba – November 5, Brisbane – November 12, Gympie – November 19). All drivers competing at these events will be included on the poster (subject to photographer availability and the provision of a suitable image). To present a professional image for the SSA, all photos used on the poster will be racing images and no pictures of cars in backyards or sheds will be used.

## Series Prizemoney

At the Committee Meeting held on October 18, it was agreed that a minimum of \$8000 would be paid to competitors at the conclusion of the 2011/2012 season. The prizemoney will be distributed at the Presentation Dinner to competitors taking part in the Championship Series and Development Series and is in addition to trophies and contingency prizes.

Any increase in this amount will be subject to the procurement of additional sponsorship and a review of the financial position of the SSA at the conclusion of the season.

There are still a wide range of sponsorship opportunities available and I urge all SSA competitors to let me know of any potential sponsors for the coming season. We have a great product and I am confident that we can offer them great value for their investment.



The placegetters from round 1 with Brett and Linda Louttit from Hotondo Homes (Rockhampton).

## Series Points



### ROCKHAMPTON

#### Championship Series

Mat Pascoe	338
Jason Campbell	326
Andrew Roberts	323
Ian Brims	302
Darren Hawkings	287
Lee Wilson	287
Mat Williams	284
Gordon Shaw	281
Darren Saunders	281
Dempsie Pails	280
Digger McCallum	266
Colin Moss	248
Scott Galea	203
Craig Shaw	155



#### Reminder

Nominations for round two of the Hotondo Homes (Rockhampton) Championship Series and Think Money Development Series close at 6.00pm on Sunday, October 30.



#### Development Series

Andrew Roberts	335
Darren Saunders	317
Gordon Shaw	317
Darren Hawkings	314
Colin Moss	284
Craig Shaw	155



#### Sponsor Decals

Drivers participating in the Championship Series and/or Development Series must have sponsor decals/stickers attached in a prominent location. These will be provided by the SSA.

Drivers who fail/refuse to attach these decals as directed will not accumulate points in heats or feature races and will not be eligible for any prize money. It is the responsibility of each driver to ensure damaged/removed decals are replaced when necessary.