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Shining the Light on V8 Supercars

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Vee Eight Media Association Newsletter

2013 Media Awards

Journalism Awards:

- Best Journalist
- Best News Story
- Best Feature Story
- Best Radio/Podcast
- Best Broadcaster/Commentator

Photographic Awards:

- Best Photographer
- Best on track photo
- Best off track photo

Public Relations Awards:

- Best PR Representative (Team, Manufacture, Sponsor)
- Best Activation or Stunt
- Best promotional video (broadcast or web)

Hall of Fame

There will be three (3) inductees in 2013 & 2014.

The selection process will see all nominated persons eligible. (i.e.: no shortlisting)

The two with the most number of vote will be inducted.

The 3rd position will be selected by the current Hall of Fame members from 3rd to 6th in the popular vote

Regards,

The Executive Team

Craig Revell

Grant Rowley

Peter Norton

Tony Schibeci

“At the end of the day, if we can cross the line at Bathurst 1-2 door to door, then it will probably feel pretty good.”

- Michael Caruso

“I might try a lunge if I’m in second, though.....”

- James Moffat

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The Queensland Fairy Tale

Photo: DJR

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The Sweep!

This year's V8MA sweep has been a great success. Thanks to all who have participated!

FAQ: Who makes the rules? Anyone in the media centre when the sweep is called.

Who sets the price? Your friendly sweeps coordinator. Yes it's currently a \$2 bargain, but some are advocating going to \$5 ...

Who can I complain to?

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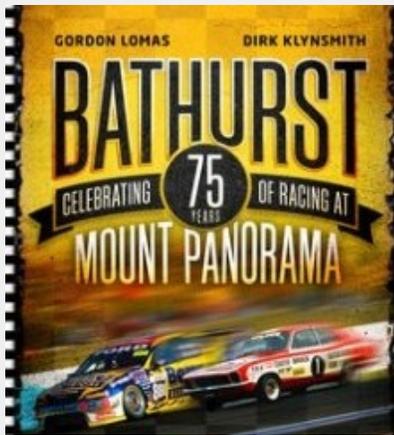
The QR challenge.

Queensland Raceway is ugly. There you go, I have said what everyone is thinking. It is boring, drab, featureless. In 2012 this was made worse by drought that took all colour from the trackside areas. So how can a photographer find inspiration for the 2013 visit to Ipswich? Hope for a crash fest? Didn't happen. Enjoy the spectacle and drama of Friday's 3hrs of testing? Without tyres this was never going to occur.

So what can you do? The key is to remember that the worst day at the track is better than the best day in the office. So it was time to go hunting for that rare angle of quality light that brings out the best in a portrait. The tin shed/carport pit lane is not the best starting point for this, but hey, with 3 hours to work with anything can happen. Then it was off to search for an on-track angle that showed QR in the best light. The best answer to this challenge? Make sure it did not look like QR by finding some colour for the foreground and blurring the background to make it unrecognisable.

I was not very optimistic going into QR, but I walked away pretty happy with the following shots.—Peter Norton

Celebrating 75 Years of Racing at Mount Panorama



The history of Australia's motorsport mecca has been celebrated with the release of a book telling the full story of Bathurst.

The book has been written by Gordon Lomas and features images from leading Australian photographer Dirk Klynsmith.

Covering Bathurst's history from its settlement in 1815, the book unearths details on the around-the-houses racing of the early 1900s through to the success of the modern day V8 Supercar event around the Mount Panorama Circuit.

Never-before-heard anecdotes from leading drivers and team personnel, in addition to first-hand accounts from former mayors and other Bathurst locals have been gathered from more than 80 original interviews.

"Bathurst and 'The Mount' is a compelling story. And so is the history of the region which is firmly entrenched as part of the fabric of Australia's birth as a young country.

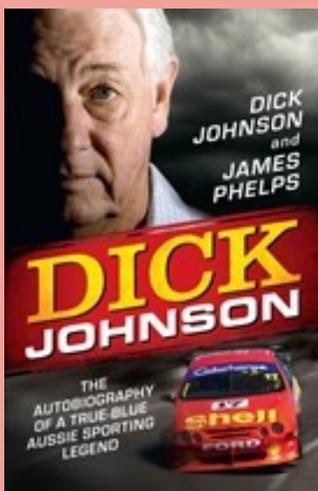
The book is being sold through all major book retailers and is also available [directly from Penguin Publishing](#)

Out Now:

The incredible story of Dick Johnson – the Aussie battler who became an all-time V8 great.

Ford legend Johnson did not get his break in motorsport until he was famously smashed out by a rock in the 1980 Bathurst 1000. But true to his never-say-die attitude, he went on to establish one of Australia's most successful V8 Supercar teams, amidst a dramatic career that, on many occasions, almost saw him lose his home, his team and even his life.

Through intimate revelations and blistering accounts of the motor racing industry, Johnson reveals the incredible strength and commitment it took to win three Bathurst titles and a record five Australian Touring Car Championships in a remarkable career spanning almost 50 years. - See more at: <http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/dick-johnson/dick-johnson-autobiography-9781742759777.aspx#sthash.xXyDoE1v.dpu>



Will Hagon

Will Hagon — Inaugural Hall of Fame Member

My first Mountain gig was October 1959. My car salesman step-father arrived home one evening with the question “some blokes at work are competing at Bathurst, would you (two) boys like to come”? A quick look between my younger brother and me, followed by a nod and “yeah, all right, sounds ok”.

So off we went on that October Sunday morning: dark and streaming rain. At Lithgow we met campers who’d abandoned the meeting, but a quick pow wow and we continued on. From there it became memorable. We stopped outside the Acropole for a warming refreshment. Just up the road was a bright red humpy Holden on a trailer, complete with race numbers. *Max Volkert* it said in the usual place.

On to the Mount, we watched at the bottom, where rooster tails of spray stood up from the rear wheels of the Coopers and other single seaters. Up the top, between McPhillamy Park and Skyline, we could stay dry in the car, which was one of few in the area. We saw cars go by, although we usually abandoned it to splodge our way to the fence to watch them pass. Among the competitors were David Finch in a white D-type and David McKay in his newly acquired and Victa sponsored Cooper.

I then became a regular attender, but it was 1965 before I worked there, as a co-commentator for Channel 7’s October telecast of the Armstrong 500 with Billy ‘The Ziff’ Reynolds, a successful driver of speedcars at the Sydney Showground, as well as being a sometime road racer. It was the same year I started commentary, firstly at Catalina Park, then Warwick Farm.

2013 V8MA Media Calendar

Sandown – Saturday 14 September

Launch Website

Open Nominations for the Awards (see below)

Friday 4 October - 5pm

Nominations Close

Bathurst - Saturday 12 October – 12pm

Unveiling of the Hall of Fame Wall in the Bathurst Media Centre

Announce Finalist

Open Voting

Gold Coast - Sunday 27 October

Voting Closes

Phillip Island - Date TBA

We are looking to find out how many would want to participate in a Media Go Kart Challenge, either Friday or Saturday night, so please advise your preference when you get back to us.

Sydney - Friday 6 December

Awards Presentation –7pm. Venue to be Advised

V8MA Runners' Club with Dr Carl Le

This year, Dr Carl Le, Medical Delegate for V 8 Supercars, has been running every circuit and is now joining with the V8MA to invite members to run with him at each of the upcoming events.

This month, we will kick off 'the Runner's Club' on Friday 23 August at Winton. Already committing to the challenge are photographers Peter Norton and Dirk Klynsmith, along with Craig Revell. Test your staying power ahead of the Pirtek Endurance Cup by joining in!

Start time will be posted in the Media Centre on Friday afternoon.

Sick List

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to the following members.

Mark Fogarty—
Tennis is a game and can cause a serious heart condition..

He has advised that while he was officially dead for 10 minutes, "and not greeted by ghosts of Girl Friends Past!"*

We all look forward to seeing you back at the track soon.

If you know of any other members who are not feeling the best, let us know.

*May not have actually been said this, but is believable that he could have! :)

Wanted:

Newsletter Editor

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