

# 2010 CAMS OFFICIALS GAZETTE

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## SPONSORS – WHO PAYS?

Over the years I have had the pleasure of dealing directly with a large number of quality sponsors and many of them are always keen to look at the speed and passion that motorsport creates to promote their products.

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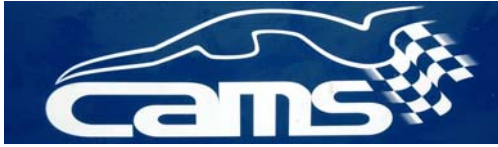
So give your thumbs up to QANTAS and the other sponsors and their guests in the grandstands, applaud them as they take rides in either road or race cars, because without them motorsport would not exist.

Kind Regards  
Richard McLean

## A LITTLE TOO MUCH LOVIN AT TURN 15



## FEEL THE ENERGY – STOP, SLEEP, SURVIVE



For the 2010 Formula 1 Qantas Australian Grand Prix, CAMS has a new Safety 1st Strategy - Stop Sleep Survive. The focuses are on increasing awareness and education regarding fatigue and in particular, sleep. Lack of quality sleep can adversely affect us all if not managed. All race officials were given a special package with an information booklet and a packet of almonds.



## BELINDA TAYLOR – STARTS ENGINES RACING



BELINDA TAYLOR of Melbourne is the new Assistant National Starter. She has worked at 11 AGP's in various capacities including Grid and Recovery. Although Belinda is a Starter at other Victorian circuit, this is her first time as Starter at AGP. She said she really enjoys the nice view from the Starter stand - it's great.

As with most race officials, Belinda finds people to be the big draw in coming back every year to AGP. It's the catching up with all the people - they're like family.

Belinda's favourite F1 driver is NICO ROSBERG. "His cute down to his Calvin Klein's." That's not as salacious as it sounds. Ask her about being Rosberg's Grid Girl for the

really hot F1 race. Her favourite F1 team is Lotus, because of the tradition of the name, and the current team has such a nice presentation. JAMIE WHINCUP is the favoured V8 driver because he can handle the pressure. But as a Starter, she doesn't favour any driver. Her little known fact is that she started 18 years ago in motorsports, as a Communicator.

## STEWARDING

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## WEDNESDAY REVIEW

Wednesday was relatively quiet at Albert Park in Melbourne leading up to the 2010 Formula 1 Qantas Australian Grand Prix. In Pit Lane many of the F1 teams were at work hidden behind screens totally blocking any view into their garages. Force India was one of the few who eschewed screens.



For three hours in the afternoon, the Pit Lane was mobbed with various spectator/fan tours with those who had spent the big bucks for the opportunity. They were rewarded with the McLaren team's pit stop practice.

## THURSDAY REVIEW

It was a stunning sunset which ended the first day of the Formula 1 Qantas Australian Grand Prix. The crimson sky and fireball setting sun at Albert Park in Melbourne had many a camera pointed its way.

All the National support categories had the track to themselves Thursday, including, V8 Supercars, Australian GT Championship, Tasman Formula 5000 Revival, Formula Ford, Mini Challenge, and Historic Demonstration. JAMIE WHINCUP/Triple 8 Holden has the V8 Supercar pole for Friday's race, which is for bragging rights rather than championship points.

Speaking of sunsets, it was a topic of discussion at the Thursday afternoon FIA F1 Press Conference among drivers VITALY PETROV/Renault, JARNO TRULLI/Lotus and MARK WEBBER/Red Bull Racing. The question was raised about racing again in the twilight, which was introduced last year, the bad sunlight conditions, and did they feel unsafe. Trulli said "We raised our concerns last year, but apparently nothing has changed. There is very little you can do on the safety side of the track, apart from starting the race an hour earlier, which probably won't hurt anyone. We have given our opinion and that's it. The FIA or whoever has decided to keep the twilight race at that time, so we just have to deal with it. This year, if we want to make a change for next year, we will say that we are very happy at the end of the race. That's the only way."

Webber said "Jarno has hit it on the head. If you picked the best time to have a high speed sporting motor race event, obviously it's not when the sun is at eye level with us. Anyway, that's how it is for lots of different commercial reasons. As Jarno says, next time we say it's fantastic and we should say we should have the race at 5 o'clock at every race in the season and I think they will move it somewhere else."

All 24 F1 cars went through initial scrutineering and were found to be in conformance. One of the things checked in the cars is the cockpit exit time and the clearance of the driver's knees. These were checked with Force India's test/reserve driver, PAUL Di RESTA of Scotland. Both Di Resta and American driver J.R. HILDEBRAND of Sausalito CA tested with Force India in December. While Hildebrand "worked very hard and was impressive in the test," according to team owner, Dr. VIJAY MALLYA, Di Resta got the ride.

The announced attendance for Thursday was 46,300, up from last year's 42,300. The race's theme is "Feel The Energy!" Maybe it takes a while. The TV monitors occasionally showed empty grandstands and open grounds. Even Brocky's Hill was not packed. Around town, I didn't see as much hype and promotion this year as I've noticed in year's past. The FIA scheduling of Melbourne as the second rather than opening race of the season, and on top of the season's start of wildly popular AFL (on the same four days) could be part of the lower-key atmosphere I sensed.

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER/Mercedes was looking quite fit Wednesday afternoon as he quickly rode literally into the sunset on a two-seater bike with a male passenger. He had arrived in town a day earlier than expected and had spent it making appearances in town.



## JENSON CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTOGRAPH? ME TOO! ME TOO!! ME TOO!!!

Outside the Formula One Paddock gate, the Fan Viewing Stand was filled all day with hopeful fans awaiting a glimpse or maybe an autograph from the F1 drivers as they arrived or left, while a corps of Security Guards kept everyone orderly. Several drivers had exotic chauffeured cars pull up to the entrance for drop off or pick up of their sought-after passengers. FELIPE MASSA detoured from his silver Lamborghini to visit the enthusiastic spectators, while teammate and current points' leader, FERNANDO ALONSO actually walked from the nearby car park. Both drivers signed and posed, as did several others including RUBENS BARRICHELLO/Williams, JENSON BUTTON/McLaren, and HEIKKI KOVALAINEN/Lotus. The eager gathering was well organized. One lookout would spot the driver, yell his name, and another would yell out what page in the race program, so they all could be ready for that treasured signature.

Keeping a lower profile was former F1 team owner, EDDIE JORDAN. Friday at 12:30 pm local time, the F1 cars have their first practice on the 3.295 mile/5.303 km circuit. The current lap record of 1:24.125 is held by Schumacher, set in 2004.



## MERRY PRANKSTERS

Another name for the A Team, which is a cadre of race officials who are unique to AGP; they are Team 39, which doesn't exist elsewhere in F1. One year the guys (no female members) even had their own A Team tabards. BERNIE ECCLESTONE was an early supporter and big fan of the team and its efforts. This group, formed for the second AGP, has worked the last 25 AGP's as well as many Adelaide street races.

In 1989 a dragster demonstration created an oil field Thursday on the front straight requiring massive cleanup - crucial as F1's were on track Friday. While Race Control was sorting it out, the A Team jumped in and had it cleaned up in record time. MAL HAMMERLING, then CEO of AGPC in Adelaide, called the team into his office, one at a time. Thinking they were going to be sent to the sin bin, they were surprised to get a special A Team shirt.



Hammerline was so impressed with their quick thinking clean up work that he also repaid them with slabs of beer. One year the A Team endeared itself to one F1 team but not to two of its rivals. The engines were delayed for the Williams team, and arrived the day before the cars had to be on track. The other teams, especially Ferrari and McLaren, wouldn't loan any of their fork lifts to move the late-arriving engines. So the A Team went to work and manually moved the equipment, without which Williams wouldn't have made it on track the first day. The Williams drivers were NIGEL MANSELL and NELSON PIQUET. One of the Williams sponsors was Beltin Beer of Germany, which rewarded the team with lavish amounts of its product.



The A Team is hardest at work in the early days of the week leading up to the actual race. Their work starts Monday morning when they do a thousand and one tasks to ready and set up the circuit for the race officials. Tuesday afternoon they were hard at it, off-loading ten immense fire bombs in Pit Lane - huge fire extinguishers. The five red ones were powder, while the blue ones were foam and water. Only once has a fire bomb been used at an AGP - long ago in Adelaide.

## RIK HAGEN

RIK HAGEN of Perth has been the Deputy Chief Medical officer for the last four of his six years working AGP. He was recruited by the retired Chief Medical Officer, DR. DAVID VISSENGA of South Australia, who worked all 25 of the AGP's. Rik met Dr. Vissenga at a Chief Medical Officer's conference in Paris and was asked to join the Medical Intervention team, which he did for two years before being promoted to Deputy.



Rik's involvement in motorsports goes way back twenty years to Rally Australia, where he was CMO in 2009. Before that he was the Team Doctor for the Toyota World Rally Team. He also has been CMO for Targa West, Forest Rally ARC, and the Australasian Safari, which is a local version of the Paris-Dakar Rally. The entrants are mostly motorcyclists with some buggies and cars. The bikers are the most susceptible to injuries. For the past two years, Rik has been the Chairman of the CAMS National Medical Advisory Committee.

Despite his involvement with motorsports, Rik admits he's not much of a petrol head. But he does like to organise things. Formula One is the easiest to organise because everything needed is on site. F1 has the same principles as other events, but not the tyranny of time and distance in other events.

Rik's favourite thing about AGP is the buzz - it's great, and incredible. There also is meeting old friends, of course. A little known fact about Rik is that he once appeared in mine at a charity concert as BRIAN FERRY. When not involved with motorsports, Rik is a country GP (General Practitioner) and also works in the Emergency Department and also with the Flying Doctors based in Perth.

## LAUREN CROFT



LAUREN CROFT of Melbourne is the new AGP Race Officials Coordinator. She has worked for CAMS the past two years in Club Sports. Lauren got her degree in Sports Management from LaTrobe University and went to work for AGPC for three years in credentials. Then she went to CAMS. Her AGP duties are varied, and include the distribution of new uniforms, processing all race official applications and team assignments, credentials, registration, inquiries and Officials Newsletters.

One of her perks was being the CAMS in-house administrator to organize the 37 CAMS race officials who worked the Singapore Grand Prix last fall. They were mostly Sector Marshals, Recovery Vehicle Marshals and PETER NELSON working in Race Control. It was a fantastic experience and she got to see some of the racing. The Aussies all stayed and played together. Most of the local race officials spoke English. The first year CAMS sent over its race officials it was more inclusive training. Last year it was a lesser force that went.

Lauren's favourite F1 driver is MICHAEL SCHUMACHER and Ferrari her favourite F1 Team. STEVEN RICHARDS is her favourite V8 driver. Lauren's favourite thing about AGP is when it's all over and she can say how well it went.

## MICHAEL SMITH

MICHAEL SMITH of Melbourne is the new Secretary of the Meeting. He works as the CAMS Senior Manager for Club & Sport Development. Michael worked in the family business before going to Victoria University where he got his degree in Sports Administration. His first degree related job was at CAMS, where he's been for the past eight years. This is his third AGP, and he previously was the Deputy Secretary of the Meeting.

Secretary of the Meeting is involved with the many entities that are part of AGP including but not limited to Promoter AGPC, Police, Emergency, FIA, CAMS and APP Corporation - the new company which is the Engineering Project Managers, working on behalf of the AGPC to construct the site. APP has been contracted by AGPC to build the circuit. Michael ensures there are sufficient race officials and equipment to conduct the event and that it is done to the rules. He is

a member of the Organizing Committee, which consists of the Clerk of the Course (TIM SCHENKEN), Secretary of the Meeting (Michael) and two AGPC members. They are responsible for the race.



Michael has always liked motorsports. Michael's favourite F1 driver is MARK WEBBER and team is Red Bull Racing. His favourite V8 driver and team is JAMIE WHINCUP of Triple 8. His favourite thing about AGP is all the officials and how well they all work together. They're the best in the world. A little known fact about Michael is that he is a Geelong Football Club Tragic.

NEW SECTOR MARSHALS - There no longer are Deputy Sector Marshals. All are seniors and are more aligned to a specific point or post on the track. Every post has a Sector Marshal. New ones include: MICHAEL ARNETT, STUART KING, ADAM LITCHFIELD, CHRIS MONK, DAVE PARKER, OWEN PERHAM, and KEVIN REDMAN.



**STODDART & BAUMGARTNER**



The Minardi F1 two-seater made eight runs Wednesday afternoon, four each with driver ZSOLT BAUMGARTNER and retired Aussie V8 Supercar driver, CAMERON McCONVILLE. The drivers will continue to provide the thrill rides throughout the weekend. Car owner, PAUL STODDART of Australia, was on hand watching and catching up with folks. When asked, he told me that he may have been misquoted in the media recently - he wasn't sure as he hadn't been following it.

Earlier in the day, the GP Girls accompanied that Minardi F1 two-seater to a downtown show and tell at the GPO, with a male model posing as the driver. For the first time in recent memory, the GP Girls weren't showing much skin. My comment on the all-black outfits - "Nice hats."

There were a few dog and pony shows going on around town, with some of the F1 drivers taking part in a variety of activities to promote the race. SEBASTIAN VETTEL/Red Bull Racing was the good sport, trying out Aussie pastimes such as throwing a boomerang and blowing a didgeridoo.

Behind the scenes, in the track's Medical Centre, the CAMS (Confederation of Australian Motor Sports) Medical Team went through its paces for the FIA F1 doctors. The obligatory Extrication Practice went well, with the Aussie team earning praise for being well under the mark. F1 has a programmable test dummy controlled with a remote held by the F1 Medical Director. The worst case scenario exercise included the dummy having cardiac arrest. Another Extrication Practice went on in the Lotus garage.

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**CAPTION CONTEST - SATURDAY**

What can be said about this photo? Is this a transition of power in the CAMS hierarchy or more than that?

Well, you know the drill! Dream up with your own caption for this photo. Just write your name, team, corner, and your caption in the area provided below and place it in the designated box in the muster tent.

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**1<sup>st</sup> PRIZE MECHANICS GLOVES & CAMS HAT**

**FRIDAY'S CAPTION WINNER –  
SEE LAUREN CROFT FOR YOUR PRIZE**

**Today's Winner: Mary Place Team 26 Turn 8  
"Rock, paper, scissors; who tells race control"**

Second Place: Brian Slater Flag 14.0  
"Have you got any plans later?"

Third Place Terry Bree Pit Lane  
"But we still need to find someone to run the sweep"

