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## PITSTOP

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**AFJA Trophy Series** The final event for 2007 will be held at Wakefield Park NSW in November where our annual trophies for the most consistent drivers will be awarded at a dinner meeting on the Saturday evening in Goulburn. We have advised the HSRCA that we expect a larger than normal entry of Formula Junior cars, and have suggested that separate races for FJ/F3 should be considered for the program. See details re this weekend elsewhere in this issue.

**2008 Junior Tasman Series** As part of the world wide celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> year of Formula Junior, the AFJA have combined with the NZFJR to organise a series of events in both countries, commencing with January 26-27 at Pukekohe near Auckland, February 1-3 at Taupo central north island, March 1-2 at Calder Raceway Vic. with the final on March 7-9 at Phillip Island. To date there are 38 Australian cars expected to contest the local events, and it is possible there are enough cars to fill four 40 Ft containers for competition in NZ.

During the past month contestants should have received 4 emails from the AFJA requesting information necessary for the organization of the series, namely, we require asap

- Copy of your cars Certificate of Description, or application for same.
- Advice re type of CAMS racing licence currently held, and update arrangements if any.
- Height of cars roll bar from ground, if considering events in NZ.

Contestants and their crew will need to arrange accommodation in NZ, especially near the Taupo circuit where it will be at a premium, as it could also be at Phillip Island during the long weekend in Vic. We also need to know which cars need to be garaged in Vic. between Tasman events and round one of the AFJA Trophy Series at Mallala SA 2 weeks after Phillip Island.

**Committee Report** The AFJA committee have adopted By-Laws to assist with management of the Association that are identical to those proposed to members in March this year, together with an additional arrangement to facilitate committee meetings via the internet.

### KELVIN PRIOR - SECRETARY



*Close company at Morgan Park with Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) leading Peter Boel (Lola 5A), Don Thallon (Cooper T56), Graham Brown (BT2 Brabham) leaving the track, Mike Gosbell (Donford), and David Reid (Cooper T59)*

## EVENTS FOR 2007 TROPHY SERIES

1	March 10 - 11	Phillip Island Vic.
2	April 7 - 9	Mallala Historic SA
3	May 12 - 13	Morgan Park Qld
4	June 2 - 3	Oran Park NSW
5	Aug. 11 - 12	Morgan Park Qld.
6	Sept. 15 - 16	Eastern Creek NSW
7	Nov. 24 - 25	Wakefield NSW



*LeoGeoghegan  
FJ Trophy*



*Aon Aussie  
FJ Trophy*



*Nereo Dizane  
F3 Trophy*

## AFJA AND AON TROPHY SERIES CURRENT SCORES FOR 2007

Driver	Car	Group	Phillip Island	Mallala	Morgan Park 1	Oran Park	Morgan Park 2	Eastern Creek	Total
Jonathan Williamson WA	Lotus	FJ2	6 + 6	10 + 10	-	10 + 10	-	10 + 10	72
Don Thallon Qld	Cooper	FJ1	-	-	10 + 10	10 + 10	1 + 10	10 + 10	71
Mike Gosbell NSW	Donford	FJ2#	3 + 3	-	8 + 8	-	8 + 10	6 + 8	54
Peter Strauss Vic	BT6	FJ2	8 + 8	8 + 8	-	-	DNS	8 + 1	41
David Reid (Qld)	Cooper	FJ2	1 + 4	6 + 6	10 + 0	-	6 + 8	-	41
Peter Boel Qld	Lola	FJ2	-	-	6 + 10	-	10 + 6	-	32
Alan Telfer Qld	Lotus	FJ1	-	-	8 + 8	-	8 + 4	-	28
Dennis Neal NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	6 + 6	-	6 + 8	(26)
John Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	DNS	-	-	8 + 8	-	8 + 0	(24)
Geoff Medley NSW	Nota	FJ1#	DNS	10 + 10	-	-	-	-	(20)
Murray Bryden Vic	MRC	FJ2#	10 + 10	-	-	-	-	-	20
Graham Brown Qld	BT2	FJ2	4 + 0	-	-	-	4 + 1	4 + 6	19
Geoff Fry NSW	Jolus	FJ1#	DNS	-	-	-	10 + 8	-	18
Allan Conway Qld	Gemini	FJ1	-	-	-	-	6 + 6	-	12
Peter Johnson NSW	BT6	FJ2	2 + 2	-	-	-	-	3 + 4	11
Mike Shearer SA	T59	FJ2	-	4 + 4	-	-	-	-	(8)
Dick Willis NSW	Lynx	FJ1#	-	-	-	4 + 0	-	-	(4)
Roger Ealand NSW	Lotus	FJ1	DNQ	-	-	-	DNQ	-	0
Frank Hook Vic.	T76	F3	DNQ	-	-	-	-	DNQ	0
David Reid NSW	Elfin	FJ2#	DNQ	-	-	-	-	-	0
Frank Marshall Qld	Golford	FJ2#	DNS	-	-	-	-	-	0
Wayne Hocking SA	TAD	FJ2#	-	DNQ	-	-	-	-	0
Colin Haste NSW	BT2	FJ2	-	DNQ	-	-	-	-	0

# Denotes Australian built car with points towards the Aon Perpetual Trophy

(?) Where points are in brackets they apply to events in excess of 4 contested, or are subject to the provision of a suitable CAMS C of D to the secretary.

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*More action at Morgan Park where Mike Gosbell (Donford) leads David Reid (Cooper T59), Geoff Fry (Jolus), Allan Conway (Gemini 3A), and Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B)*

### **AUSTRALIAN FORMULA JUNIOR TROPHY SERIES**

During 2007 members were given the opportunity to contest 7 rounds in 4 different states of Australia, and currently after 6 rounds, with one to go, there are 5 cars that have entered 4 of these events, 3 of which could win the coveted AFJA Leo Geoghegan FJ Trophy, as Jonathan Williamson leads Don Thallon by just one point, and should either stumble at Wakefield in the final round, Mike Gosbell could upset their appplecart.

The Aon Trophy presented by Geoff Fry & Associates to the Australian built Formula Junior with the highest point score has been won by Mike Gosbell in the Donford (provided he does not win the AFJA Trophy) and he is to be congratulated for his consistent driving during the Series.

To date there are no contenders for the Nereo Dizane F3 Trophy, as most of the cars that comply with this Formula are currently under restoration, and not expected to appear before 2008, but then should a car race at Wakefield in November, it could win the first trophy.

The AFJA committee have had some preliminary discussions regarding the Trophy Series for 2008, and it is possible that there will be only 4 events for the series encompassing Mallala, Winton, Morgan Park and Wakefield Park in that order, as there will be other major events at the beginning and end of the year connected with cross Tasman competition in Vic. and NSW.

#### **HSRCA NSW – WAKEFIELD PARK AT GOULBURN 2007**

##### **ROUND SEVEN (FINAL) AFJA AUSTRALIAN TROPHY SERIES**

**CIRCUIT:** 2.2 km clockwise track 200 km south west of Sydney near Goulburn

**PROGRAM:** Voluntary private practice Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Racing Saturday & Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

**EVENTS:** Subject to there being sufficient entrants, the opportunity exists to repeat previous years FJ/F3 only races, two of which will count towards the AFJA Trophy Series

**ENTRIES:** Documents may be requested from HSRCA Fax. (02) 9988 4277, email [race@hsrca.org.au](mailto:race@hsrca.org.au), or download from [www.hsrca.org.au](http://www.hsrca.org.au). Please indicate on your entry that your car is eligible to race in FJ/F3 events.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Contact Goulburn Visitors Centre Phone (02) 4821 5343

**DISPLAY:** Anyone unable to race this weekend is encouraged to bring their car for our regular static display at the circuit promoting Formula Junior. Please contact Peter Johnson (02) 9517 3751 to make arrangements.

## NOTICE OF DINNER MEETING

**DATE:** 7 p.m. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2007

**VENUE:** The Chisholm Room  
Goulburn Soldiers Club  
15 Market Street, Goulburn NSW

**MEAL:** 2 course, 2 choice main menu and desserts plus coffee  
Fixed price \$25.50 per person  
Bar facilities at competitive prices

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Kevin Bartlett, CAMS competitor Liaison Officer and ex Lynx FJ works driver

**AGENDA:** Yet to be finalized, but will include

- \* Presentation of Annual Trophies
- \* Committee Report
- \* Discussion regarding 2008 Junior Tasman Series

**ACCEPTANCE:** All AFJA members and their guests are encouraged to attend this meeting, and indicate their intention prior to the weekend as we are required to confirm numbers for catering arrangements in advance.



*Formula Junior Racing at Morgan Park.*

*Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) leads Peter Boel (Lola 5A), Don Thallon Cooper T56 (partially obscured), Mike Gosbell (Donford), David Reid partially obscured in (Cooper T59), Geoff Fry (Jolus), and Allan Conway (Gemini 3A)*



## **RACE REPORT – MORGAN PARK – ROUND FIVE AFJA TROPHY SERIES**

The Queensland Historic Racing Car Club's major annual race meeting has in past years been held at Queensland Raceway, but rapidly rising costs at that venue necessitated a move to the 'country' circuit at Warwick. This was no great loss to the Formula Junior peddlers as Morgan Park is far more suited to these cars and with newly laid tarmac, lap times have dramatically tumbled this year despite the less competitive Dunlop 'L' tyres.

On a fine sunny weekend the eleven Formula Junior cars entered for the meeting were rewarded by the promoters with a feature race on the Sunday but in other races were mixed with various groups of J,K,L,M, O, and V cars depending on the 130% rule or grid capacity limits. On the Saturday this unfortunately had the three slowest of the juniors in one race with the remainder competing two races later. The three in the first group was further diluted by the withdrawal of Mike Goodfellow (Talisman) with engine problems leaving Geoff Fry (Jolus) to compete with Alan Conway (Gemini MK 3A) for the FJ honors with Geoff prevailing. Don Thallon (Cooper BMC) was absent from the subsequent race with engine problems while Peter Strauss (Brabham BT 6) had retired from the meeting with drive shaft failure leaving Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) to lead the way from pole position with Peter Boel (Lola MK 5A), and Mike Gosbell (Donford) in hot pursuit. These three competed in close company for the lead for most of the race but greeted the chequered flag in that order. Further back David Reid (Cooper T59) just managed to hold off Graham Brown (Brabham BT2) to the line with Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B) further back in the field.

The Sunday FJ feature race had 9 entrants with Don Thallon (Cooper BMC) returning to the field with a properly functioning motor. Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) again took the lead from pole with Peter Boel (Lola MK5A) and Don Thallon (Cooper BMC) in close pursuit. Don overtook Peter at the back of the circuit and these two closely contested second position until Peter spun off on the second last corner of the last lap. Meanwhile Roger Ealand easily maintained the lead to the chequered flag. Further back Graham Brown (Brabham BT2) retired early with a broken universal joint leaving Mike Gosbell (Donford) to take third from David Reid (Cooper T59) and a recovering Peter Boel. Geoff Fry (Jolus) and Alan Conway (Gemini MK3A) followed in that order after a close race long tussle and Alan Telfer (Lotus 20B) brought the field home.

Despite some confusion over the running order I think most of the FJ competitors enjoyed the meeting and its success probably means Morgan Park will remain the venue for all future HRCC meetings.

### **REPORT COURTESY OF PETER BOEL – QLD. REP.**



*The leading bunch at Morgan Park, Roger Ealand (Lotus 18) followed by Peter Boel (Lola 5A), and Don Thallon (Cooper T56)*

## TORQUE AROUND THE PITS

Graham Brown completed the rebuild of his BT2 Brabham in time for the Morgan Park event near Warwick in Qld. early August, and whilst there were some teething problems to contend with as there usually is, Graham assures us that the car is potentially better than before the altercation at Phillip Island earlier in the year.

Brian King from the ACT is moving to the north coast of NSW near Byron Bay, where he hopes to devote more time to his passion of preserving important historic racing cars, including the first Wren of the series, which just happens to be a Formula Junior.

Peter Johnson has also moved recently to new premises in the suburbs of Sydney where he is fully engaged in the restoration of a house as distinct from working on his BT6 Brabham Formula Junior.

Regret to inform that Noel Barnes from Tamworth NSW a long time member of the AFJA and owner of the ex Jon Leighton Lotus 20 for many years, died in April earlier this year, and on behalf of the members we offer our sympathy to his family.

Had a call recently from Howard Tucker in NSW when he advised of his progress in restoring the ex Bruce Powell Lynx Ford that Peter Wherrett used to drive, Howard has returned the car back to its Formula Junior spec's, and we look forward to seeing it in new livery in the near future.

AFJA member John Hartnett from Vic. is an engineer with considerable experience in the development and maintenance of competition vehicles, and true to form he has just completed the restoration of the ex Jack Hunnam Lotus 18 that he acquired from Dave Peters in SA some 5 years ago. Unfortunately, age has caught up with John reluctantly agreeing to sell what must now be the most original car in the country. See advert back page.

It would appear that the Manx Renault advertised from QLD.in recent issues of Pitstop, as the recreation of the original lowline Lynx prototype, has been bought by a west Australian restorer who hopes to return it to its original Formula Junior specifications, with a lot of help from his friends



*Jonathan Williamson from WA, past winner and current leader in the AFJA Annual Trophy Series seen here driving his Lotus 22 at Eastern Creek, where he gained maximum points in both races.*



*Peter Strauss from Vic. driving his immaculate BT6 Brabham Formula Junior at Eastern Creek during round 6 of the AFJA Annual Trophy Series.*



*This photo is of Bob Birrell from the UK paddling his BT6 raft, which just goes to show how wet it is in the UK, and the lengths that drivers will go to when racing in that country. Incidentally, Bob will be in Aust. for the 2008 Junior Tasman Series with a real BT6*





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