

# MOTORING

## Melton Toyota makes time for local footy

Toyota Good for Footy is back, and thanks to Melton Toyota players from the Melton Auskick, Melton Football Club and Riddell District Umpires Association will be receiving some much needed sponsorship support to help them thrive on and off the field.

Dealer Principal, Grant Harrison, says Melton Toyota is proud to be supporting the local footy clubs and leagues via the Toyota Good for Footy program.

"The local footy club is an Australian institution, bringing communities together in a unique way. In

order to help the selected local clubs run a little smoother, we're committed to provide sponsorship assistance via the Toyota Good for Footy program," he said.

"The partnership between Melton Toyota and the clubs will see some valuable improvements to facilities and equipment making it that much easier for players, officials and volunteers to make the most of their surroundings," he said.

Coordinator, Peter Lowe, for the Melton Auskick program said Toyota Good for Footy support is invaluable,

and they're grateful for Melton Toyota's involvement in the current season.

"Toyota Good for Footy really makes an incredible difference to the Melton Auskick. Most local clubs depend heavily on volunteers to raise funds and carry out maintenance. This takes the pressure off a bit, and allows people to just sit back and enjoy the game," he said.

"We have around 300 players in our Auskick program this season, so Melton Toyota's sponsorship is helping a huge number of our young kids," he said.

## Davison sets new qualifying record

Alex Davison has set a new qualifying record on his way to securing pole position for Race One of the Porsche Carrera Cup at Oran Park Raceway.

In a session in which the three fastest drivers all beat the previous qualifying record, which Davison himself set a few years ago, Davison lowered the bar the most on his way to a 1:07.978.

Bob Jane T-Marts David Reynolds backed up his fast times yesterday by securing second spot on the grid with a 1:08.100, while Premium Collections/Advance Energy's Dean Fiore produced his best qualifying result of the season by snaring third spot.

Craig Baird (VIP Petfoods/STIHL), who sits in equal-second spot in the Championship qualified fourth - over half-a-second off the pace - while David Russell (Boom Logistics) rounded out the top five.

Davison said he didn't know what it was, but Oran Park always brought out the best in him.

"For whatever reason I've always been good around Oran Park so I was pretty confident I was going to be on the pace, and so far it's all going to plan," he said.

"But I have qualified on pole before and not been on the money during the race so there's still a lot of work to do."

Fiore meanwhile was

thrilled with his best performance of the season.

"Having a good qualifying is the best thing because it sets you up so well for the weekend," he said.

"Now I need to make sure that I have a good start because if I do, it makes the race so much easier."

Rodney Jane (Bob Jane T-Marts) is the best of the TAG Heuer Challenge drivers after he qualified seventh overall, some six spots ahead of his nearest rival, Peter Hill (Boost/Globe).

James Koundouris (Dare), who is one spot further back in 14th, was the third best qualifier in the TAG Heuer Challenge, which is for non-professional drivers over the age of 30.

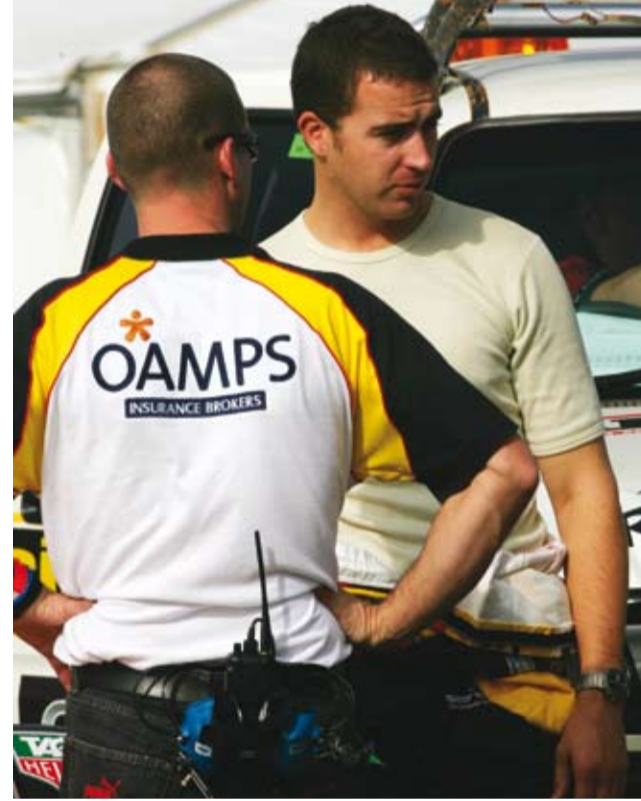
"I'm about half-a-second quicker than I was last year so I'm pretty happy with that," Jane said.

Hill sits in third spot in the TAG Heuer Challenge but aims to better his position after Race One.

"Rodney is just at the tail end of the very best guys and really we have to rely on him making mistakes to catch him, but if I can finish second behind him I see that as a good result," he said.



Peter Lowe (left) from Melton Auskick and Grant Harrison, dealer principal of Melton Toyota, with excited Auskick participants



Alex Davison

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