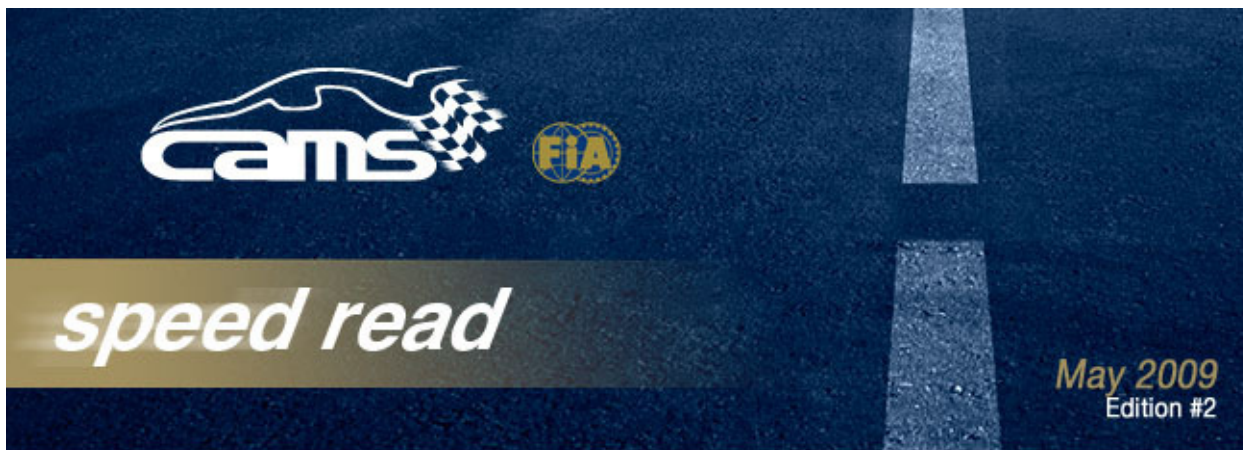


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CEO Welcome



I have received fantastic feedback regarding the first two editions of Speed Read as one of our new tools to communicate with our members. Our commitment to do this will continue and hopefully address some of the appropriate criticisms of the organisation.

The world economic environment is starting to be visible of its effect on the sport at all levels and we continue to carefully monitor this issue. There are no winners in trying to avoid this issue and I encourage all members not to adopt "it won't happen to me" approach and carefully plan your financial situation and seek the relevant support as necessary.

This month we have celebrated another milestone in the organisation with Tim Schenken celebrating 25 years service with CAMS and Liz Koblichke 10 year's service. Congratulations to Tim and Liz and your respective contribution to CAMS and the sport is very much recognised and appreciated – well done and we look forward to many more years to come.

This month I had an opportunity to present to the *Independent Sport Panel* established by the Federal Minister for Sport to advise Government on a range of issues involved with sport and the future direction and contribution of Government. This was a very successful meeting and ensured CAMS and motor sport were considered as part of this review process. In addition to this I met with our Minister, Hon Kate Ellis MP, last week and during this meeting canvassed a range of issues important to the long term viability of the organisation and sport. The Minister reaffirmed her recognition and commitment to motor sport and her appreciation for the opportunity to interact with the organisation at recent events. The changes being adopted within the organisation and tireless efforts of our volunteer officials are also recognised and supported by the Minister.

The new President and I continue to visit States and engage with clubs and members on important organisational issues. These visits are an important opportunity for the organisation to hear from and understand the thoughts and directions of the President and to discuss with him any issues relevant to them. The visits are also an opportunity for me to address a range of operational issues as part of this process. The feedback from this process has been positive and productive.



Graham Fountain
Chief Executive Officer

Trans Tasman Opportunities

During the President and my recent trip to the Hamilton 400 in New Zealand we met with senior representatives of Motor Sport New Zealand. During this meeting we canvassed a range of important issues to both agencies and reaffirmed our joint commitment to strive towards a more unified approach to the sport in a range of areas. This specifically aimed at increasing opportunities for members to participate in the sport more easily across the Tasman.

To take this discussion the next step, a meeting of relevant representatives from both organisations will meet in Brisbane on the 11 May 2009. This meeting will develop a plan to move these issues forward collaboratively to achieve this joint objective.

Historic Review Panel – Update

As previously reported the Board have convened a historic review panel to report on a range of matters relevant to the historic discipline. A copy of the full details of this panel is in the From the Boardroom edition of *Speed Read* which is available on the CAMS [website](#). It is important to clarify that this review in no way is convened to usurp the ongoing role and responsibilities of the Historic Commission, but the implementation of an independent body is necessary in order to address the impasse between two competitor groups and to take advantage of the opportunity to independently review the much more important issue of the transition of cars from contemporary competition into alternative forums, and ultimately historic.

After further consideration, consultation and in an endeavour to ensure the panel is truly independent and possesses the requisite skills and experience, the composition of the panel has now been confirmed as follows:

Graeme Emerton	Chair
Bill Cutler	Member
Kevin Bartlett	Member
Lyn Punshon	Member
Bob Piper	(Observer as Board Portfolio Holder)
Shawn Graetz	Secretariat

The review process will soon commence in earnest and the process to provide submissions and input into this panel will be provided in future editions of *Speed Read*.

Apparel & PPC Proposals

A number of Commissions have recently been circulated a copy of some apparel and personal protective clothing (PPC) proposals for "consideration". This process is part of CAMS commitment to *consultation prior to* considering whether or not these proposals are viable and should be approved for implementation (with an appropriate timeline for transition).

Unfortunately, select parts of these proposals have been subject to circulation across the organisation without this explanation and context, and this has caused significant opposition to the *consultation* process and threatened to undermine the whole process.

Members can be reassured that CAMS has not made any decisions in this regard and is acutely aware of the need to balance the requirements for apparel and PPC against risk and affordability within the sport. CAMS do not universally or automatically adopt FIA and other requirements and will assess this and other issues on merit accordingly to the above principles. This is consistent with CAMS renewed commitment to sport and club development and creating an environment of "*simple rules for simple events and adequate rules for other events*". This process is also fundamental in moving towards the implementation of CAMS *Integrated Motoring Management System (IMMS)*, which at its heart is about streamlining and simplifying CAMS existing processes.

Any feedback and/or suggestions on both the apparel and PPC proposal and your thoughts on how this should be managed across the sport would be gratefully accepted via your State Panel/s and the Commission process, as was intended when CAMS commenced the *consultation* process.

Event Permit Issues

CAMS are acutely aware of a number of recent issues involved with its event permit process. CAMS CEO Graham Fountain has recognised this and offers his apologies for the unacceptable drop in service delivery and adverse impact on the efficient conduct of events.

The Manager Customer Service & Special Projects Department has identified a range of contributing issues and is taking immediate and longer term action to rectify these problems. A major focus of this plan is to move to a more user friendly on-line environment which will not only rectify the extremely resource and manually intensive process that currently exists but also provide support to event organisers with assistance in developing supplementary regulations and removal of unnecessary paperwork and processes in order to achieve an event permit. The current process is extremely cumbersome and not helpful for any party involved in the process.

CAMS thank you for your patience in the interim.

Pandemic Advice

Consistent with its commitment to a Safety 1st environment, CAMS provides the following advice to its members and key stakeholders.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) and Australian Health Authorities continue to issue warnings regarding the recent swine influenza and possible pandemic. CAMS will not be exempt from these circumstances and in order to minimise the potential exposure CAMS members should acquaint themselves with the following:

- Raise awareness and monitor staff, members and relatives/friends returning from travel overseas if they have any symptoms or feel unwell;
- Any staff, member or relative/friend feeling unwell should not attend the work location, club or CAMS activity until they are cleared by their Doctor;
- Consider purchasing or having available P2 masks at home and/or club;
- Keep yourself apprised of the latest warnings and information issued by the WHO and Australian Health Authorities.

The following advice issued by the Centre of Disease Control (CDC USA) and Australian Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA Aus) should also be considered:

Everyday actions people can take to stay healthy:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw tissue away after you use it;
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol based hand cleaners are also effective;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way;
- Pass this information on to all staff, members and relatives/friends.

Try to avoid contact with sick people:

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people;
- If you get sick, CDC/DoHA recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

If the human-to-human transfer of the swine virus should occur in Australia, personal hygiene will be the key focus of prevention of the spread of the virus, along with P2 masks when in close contact with people outside the organisation. For further information refer to the relevant Government websites.

Look After Yourself and Stay Healthy!!

Alcohol Testing

Recently CAMS alcohol testing regime has been in full swing. The Certified Alcohol Testing Officials (CATO) using the CAMS breathalyser equipment has been undertaking testing at a range of events.

Unfortunately, this testing has detected a few people that have exceeded the acceptable limit of 0.01 and action has been taken accordingly. This program is specifically aimed at ensuring we maintain the safest possible environment for the sport in accordance with our Safety 1st approach. Please consider this important issue in your preparations to compete and/or participate in the sport in some way, because we would rather not detect anyone over the limit, but will not condone people putting themselves and others at risk.

AMSF Drive Day a success



The Australian Motor Sport Foundation (AMSF) conducted the first of its 2009 drive days at Eastern Creek in NSW, with the day proving to be an overwhelming success, as well as raising vital funds for the organisation.

Over 100 guests attended the event on 23 April, with drivers bringing a wide range of vehicles to test their skills around the exciting Eastern Creek circuit. Open wheelers and makes such as Porsche, Lexus and BMW were seen throughout the day; however the presence of two 1986 Ferrari Formula 1 vehicles deafened and thrilled the crowds.

Passengers were also given the opportunity to jump in vehicles and experience the thrill of a hot lap around a world class track. The day provided guests with the opportunity to network with key stakeholders of the AMSF, including board members, Network 10,000 members, fellow guests and staff of the AMSF.

However, the highlight of the day was the five time Australian Touring Car champion and AMSF Director Mark Skaife. During the lunch break, Mark was interviewed by motor sport and Channel 10 commentator Greg Rust. The interview covered topics including life after retirement and the new role with Channel 7, the current state of Australian racing, and how crucial the AMSF is in assisting young drivers in reaching the heights of national and

international motor sport. Mark also jumped behind the wheel himself and gave a few lucky passengers the opportunity of a hot lap.

A number of items were auctioned during the lunch break including framed Mark Webber, Kimi Raikkonen and Sir Jack Brabham prints.

AMSF General Manager Martin Stillman was very happy with the success of the day.

"The AMSF Drive Day was an enormous success with all of our guests thoroughly enjoying themselves. I'm sure all who attended will be back next year."

"The AMSF greatly appreciates the support of all who attended and in particular the support and assistance of the Australian Racing Drivers Club and Eastern Creek International Raceway."

The day was enjoyed by all involved. All proceeds from the drive day go directly to the AMSF in assisting, developing and supporting young Australian drivers.



To find out how more about the AMSF and how to contribute to the future of young aspiring drivers, please call 03 9593 7777 or visit www.amsf.org.au.

The AMSF acknowledges the support of their partners including the Australian Sports Commission, Borland Racing Developments, OAMPS Insurance Brokers, Mark Webber, GMP Racing Products, Kings Fibreglass, Azumah, VDO and Pozest Fire.

Anti Doping Policy - Therapeutic Use Exemptions

CAMS is reminding competitors that if they fall into the category of requiring a [Therapeutic Use Exemption \(TUE\)](#), then the submission to the appropriate authority, the Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee (ASDMAC), will require all the relevant information which is asked for on the application form.

In particular, this concerns drivers (who are referred to as "athletes" under the policy) who are seeking TUEs for asthma medications – which were previously known as "Abbreviated TUE".

To establish if you require a TUE, or may require one to be issued retroactively, please download the enclosed document. You will generally find that pre-emptive TUE application will only be required if you are competing at a very high level of national competition.

If you require a TUE to be issued, ASDMAC, the Australian Government organisation which issues TUEs to athletes in all sports, has advised that all TUE applications submitted for consideration must be accompanied with a comprehensive medical history and the results of all appropriate examinations

For example, for Asthma, a lung function test by way of spirometry or bronchial provocation test should be submitted in support of your application.

Any TUE application received by ASDMAC that does not have a medical report of results of examination will not be processed and will be returned to that athlete for resubmission.

If there are any doubts, please see the following websites:

[World Anti-Doping Code - International Standard](#)
[Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority \(ASADA\)](#)
[Australian Sports Drug Medical Advisory Committee \(ASDMAC\)](#)

CAMS Occupational Health and Safety Policy review

In 2008, the CAMS Occupational Health and Safety Policy was amended following a review of the appropriateness of the existing policy and its relevance to motor sport events, principally those which are organised and run by volunteers.

In line with the Safety 1st Strategy, the policy is now more acceptable to a larger number of event organisers and has created a great deal of interest.

The CAMS Occupational Health and Safety Policy is currently under review. As advised in the policy, it will be reviewed on an annual basis as it is a continually evolving document, and this will ensure that it reflects the current needs of the organisation.

We would appreciate your comments on this policy.

Please see policy attached or go to the [CAMS web site](#).

Please forward your comments to Andrew Fisher (andrew.fisher@cams.com.au) by **close of business (AEST) Friday 15 May 2009**.

CAMS Introduces New Nomination Process For Honours and Awards



CAMS has implemented a new honours and awards nomination process which allows everyone the opportunity to nominate someone for a national award.

CAMS gives honours to recognise those people in the community whose service and contributions have made a significant difference to CAMS and motor sport and we are now asking you to nominate someone who fits the criteria.

The CAMS honours and awards system recognises the actions and achievements of people who go above and beyond what could be reasonably expected, and in doing so, encourages aspirations and ideals of the highest standards and values within our sport.

So do you know someone in the motor sport community who stands out from others and whose contribution has made a significant difference to CAMS and motor sport?

Be sure to read the Guide to Preparing Nominations for CAMS Honours and Awards before you nominate by completing the Honours and Awards Nomination Form available on the CAMS website.

Nominations for 2009 CAMS Honours and Awards close on 30 June. Don't miss out on the opportunity to nominate someone for a national honour.

To find out more about the nomination process call Ashlee English on 03 9593 7777 or [click here](#).

Expression of Interest Chief Medical Officer - Formula 1™ Australian Grand Prix

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified candidates for the position of Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at the Formula 1™ Australian Grand Prix.

This exciting opportunity requires candidates to possess the requisite skills, experience and aptitude to meet the demanding and diverse requirements of this honorary position and also be eligible for accreditation as a CMO by the FIA.

The incumbent will lead the provision of medical services at this hallmark international event, including planning, recruitment, training, acquisition and deployment of resources (human and physical) within a finite budget and associated arrangements as well as the provision of operational leadership at the event. You will lead a dedicated team of primary volunteer medical professionals, be responsible for management of the contractual provisions for the on-site medical facility and be the principle liaison point for other medical service providers, including The Alfred Hospital and the civilian ambulance service.

The position reports to the CEO of CAMS via the event organisational structure and requires candidates to possess outstanding communication and interaction skills in addition to their medical qualifications and experience.

Expressions of interest addressing the requirements outlined above and a copy of your current CV (including medical qualifications and any motor sport experience) should be forwarded to:

Graham Fountain
Chief Executive Officer
CAMS
PO Box 147
Caulfield East VIC 3145

By no later than COB Friday 15 May 2009.

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Fuel for thought



LEV Automotive Partnership Forum

The move towards low emission and fuel efficient vehicles is ongoing. It will not go away. It will be unrelenting.

This is the message that resonated throughout the LEV Automotive Partnership Forum and Drive Day, held at

Sandown International Raceway on Monday 20 April.

The unique event included an interactive panel session, and also featured more than fifty of the latest low emission vehicles from sixteen different manufacturers, all of which were available to test drive.

A low emission vehicle (LEV) is one that emits reduced greenhouse gas emissions compared to others of a similar type and/or function.

The panel was led by Convener of LEV Automotive Partnership Mr Henry O'Clery, who is also the Managing Director of Climate Ready Consulting Pty Ltd, the company recently appointed as CAMS' environmental consultant. Mr O'Clery was joined on the panel by a high-calibre of representatives including:

- Ms Fiona Calvert – Victorian Department of Transport
- Mr Michael Case – RACV
- Mr Tony Robinson – Innovation Sureplan
- Dr Geoff Rose – Monash University
- Dr Graeme Pearman – GP Consultants
- Dr Peter Pudney – University of SA, and AutoCRC
- Dr Laurie Sparke – L Sparke Pty Ltd



While car manufacturers worldwide are all now focusing on improving fuel efficiency, the panel acknowledged that Australian car manufacturers have a lot of catching up to do.

At present, European-manufactured vehicles are producing emissions on average of 158 grams/km, whereas Australian-manufactured vehicles are producing emissions on average of 222 grams/km. The European Commission is mandating to reduce emission from the current average to 120 grams/km by 2012.

Dr Pearman discussed the need for the Australian automotive industry to look at several factors when setting targets to lower emissions. He advised that in order to reach such targets in the future, the industry will need to tackle every sector of the community and economy.

Global warming and the current economic crisis were raised as the two main factors influencing the adaptation to low emission vehicles.

"A lot of people will be asking themselves, do I do the right thing or do I do the economic thing?" said Mr Robinson.

Dr Rose spoke about the cultural change that is required in order for Australians to start buying low emission vehicles. When asked what will motivate people to make this change, Dr Rose put it simply, "Pollution of our oil and atmosphere – isn't that enough motivation?!"

The panel acknowledged that different messages will motivate different people. For some it may be saving money that motivates them, for others it may be the status of being a role model or a leader in the fight against climate change.

Ms Calvert reported that the Government was looking at the introduction of vehicle standards and the

development of carbon emission standards, and investigating whether these systems would be worthwhile.



She acknowledged that technology was not always an easy concept for everyone to accept and it can be a lengthy process.

"It is a big ask for the community to start using electronic cars from tomorrow," she said. "We need to look at educating the community, getting everyone to learn about the vehicles and growing confidence in this new technology."

While it will be a while yet before we are all driving around in electric cars and recharging them at power stations, it is something we should all start thinking

about now. When purchasing a new car, everyone can make a difference to the environment.

For further information on low emission vehicles, go to www.greenwheels.com.au

Historic News

The Historic Commission held a number of important meetings recently, below is an overview of each.

Eligibility Officer Conference

The first face-to-face meeting of Historic Eligibility Officers since 2005 was held in Melbourne on 28 February.

Historic Commission Chairman Bob Cracknell welcomed the group and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the management of eligibility in historic motor sport.

A number of newly appointed Eligibility Officers were inducted and refresher training was provided to those already serving in the role.

CAMS Manager of Historic Motor Sport Rebecca Drummond gave an overview of the updated and modernised administration processes and provided statistics on recent historic activity.

The group then divided into their respective Committees (HEC and HPBEC), and led by their respective Chairmen, tackled a number of outstanding issues relating to eligibility.

The conference was very successful and further meetings will be held via teleconference as required, however it is proposed that a similar meeting be held on an annual basis.

Historic Commission meeting

The Historic Commission met on 6-7 March in Sydney.

The minutes of this meeting can be accessed [here](#).

Strategic Planning Workshop

In March, the CAMS Historic Commission conducted a Strategic Planning Workshop to discuss a range of issues

affecting the future of historic motor racing in Australia.

The purpose of the workshop was to engage with key stakeholders to identify those issues and solutions to ensure the historic discipline remains viable in the future.

The workshop was attended by 25 representatives from clubs, promoters, the media and members of the wider historic community.

Historic Commission Chairman Bob Cracknell gave the opening address before handing over to CAMS Chairman Andrew Papadopoulos, who gave an overview of the Board's commitment to the historic discipline, engaging clubs and the membership, and the focus on safety, sport development and promotion of the organisation. This was followed by CAMS CEO Graham Fountain, who addressed the audience on a number of issues, including the CAMS Strategic Plan.

Peter Mohr then led the group through the workshop, covering a range of subjects including:

- Scope
- Administration
- Participants
- Decision making and roles
- Interaction with key stakeholders
- Regulation
- Safety and environment
- Training and succession planning
- Costs and funding

The workshop was very well received by those who attended and has provided an excellent basis on which the framework for Historic Motor Racing in Australia will be built for the next 10 to 15 years.

A draft of the Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the August Historic Commission meeting before being released to the public for comment and ratification by the CAMS Board thereafter.

Panel of Inquiry – Lucas Dumbrell

The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) has convened the Panel of Inquiry to investigate the incident that occurred at the Australian Formula Ford Championship at Oran Park in November 2008 which tragically left Lucas Dumbrell with severe spinal injuries.

The Panel is chaired by Jonathan Forbes, a barrister with significant experience in the commercial aspects of motor sport. Jonathan is joined on the Panel by Australian Institute for Motor Sport Safety Chairman Dr Michael Henderson; and V8 Supercar driver and former Formula Ford driver Steven Richards.

Members of the Panel were appointed by CAMS CEO Graham Fountain in consultation with the CAMS Board.

The investigation was convened on Tuesday 21 April and is expected to be concluded within the next month.

To ensure the deliberations of the Panel occur in a structured, independent and co-ordinated manner, CAMS is unable to make any further comment at this time.



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