

Editorial #1 - 2026

Australian Pulsar Racing Association **NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the first APRA newsletter for 2026! We've already kicked off the season and successfully completed Round 1, and what a great start it was. It's exciting to see so many drivers and members back on track, ready for another thrilling year of racing and community.

This year promises plenty of action both on and off the track, with strong driver participation, great events, and the continued support of our sponsors and volunteers who make it all possible. The newsletter will keep members up to date with race meeting results, important announcements, sponsor highlights, and club news throughout the season.

2026 is shaping up to be a special year for the Winmax Australian Pulsar Racing Association (APRA). As we approach Round One, there is a great deal to be excited about, and even more to be grateful for as a proudly Australian grass-roots motor racing category built on community, affordability, and competitive racing.

APRA is delighted to complete our entire championship alongside Terry Denovan and Motor Racing Australia (MRA).

Terry has been a long-standing supporter of APRA, and we sincerely thank him and the MRA team for their continued commitment and hard work in delivering an outstanding seven-round racing calendar for 2026.

The partnership between APRA and MRA continues to provide our members with professionally run events, competitive racing environments, and opportunities for drivers at all levels to participate in national-standard motorsport.

For further information on MRA, APRA, and the 2026 calendar:



[Motor Racing Australia](#)



[Australian Pulsar Racing Association](#)

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Winmax Brake Discount Code

Winmax



To help drivers prepare for upcoming race meetings, MSB Garage will activate a Winmax brake discount code two weeks prior to each round.

All drivers will be able to use this code to purchase Winmax brake pads at a discounted rate ahead of the event. To ensure your brakes arrive in time for race day, please place your order early. A unique round-specific code will be emailed to all drivers prior to the validation date for each round.

Thank you to our 2026 Sponsors

APRA is proud to enter the 2026 season supported by an incredible group of partners, both long-standing supporters and new organisations investing in Australian grass-roots motorsport.

We are honoured to welcome back Winmax Brake Pads, supplied locally through Marty and Motorsport Brakes, as our Title Sponsor for a third consecutive season.

Our partnership continues to grow stronger each year, with Winmax remaining APRA's controlled brake pad of choice and a product trusted and endorsed by our competitors across the category. More information found via logo link below



APRA has always been more than a race category, it is a community.

We are especially proud to recognise our member-owned sponsor partners for 2026:

Townsend Signs – <https://www.townsendsigns.com.au/>

Noizee Engineering – <https://noizee.com.au/>

Pure Property Group – <https://purepm.com.au/>

Eggy – <https://www.eggy.as/>

Ashcrofts Group – <https://www.iga.com.au/stores/ashcrofts-iga-summer-centre/>

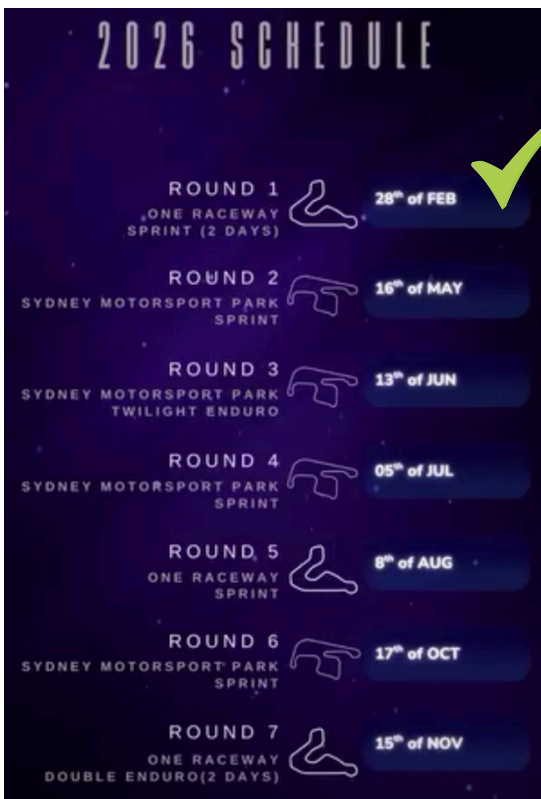
We also warmly welcome several new partners to the championship.

Your support of APRA and Australian grass-roots motorsport is sincerely appreciated:

Sunnyholt Auto Electrics – <https://www.sunnyholtautoelectrics.com.au/>

HMO Customer Racing – <https://www.hmocustomerracing.com.au/>

Direct Plasterboard Outlet – <https://dpo.com.au/>



Round 1 Recap – The Season is Underway!

Qualifying | Race 1 (15 min sprint) | Race 2 (45 min enduro)

	Driver	Category
1st	Karl Raper	Opens
2nd	Adam Tomsett	Opens
3rd	Scott Tidyman	Opens
1st	Ian Ashcroft	Masters
2nd	Jerome Pirozzi	Masters
3rd	James Garrett	Masters



WinmaX

When it comes to brake pads in performance and motorsport markets, the debate usually revolves around bite, fade, feel, and durability. But there's one name consistently winning trust in everything from grassroots time attack to World Rally stages and now, even Aston Martin GTs: WinmaX.






For teams and drivers chasing reliability, performance, and pedigree – WinmaX deserves consideration.


Who is WinmaX?

WinmaX is Japan's longest-standing dedicated motorsport brake pad brand. Launched in 1984 as a high-performance division of MK Kashiya Corp, WinmaX was designed from the start for motorsport and performance use. Unlike many brake pad brands that bolt on a racing line as an afterthought, WinmaX was born fit for purpose.

What makes them different? They design, test, and manufacture every pad in-house at their Japanese plant – the same way they've done it for decades. No outsourcing. No relabelling. Just obsessively engineered friction materials proven at every level of competition.

Motorsport isn't just about speed – it's about control. Your brake pads are the first and last line of defence between you and the tyre wall. Here's why WinmaX stands out:

-  Made in Japan, Built for Performance
- Full in-house R&D, compounding, and production = unmatched quality control.
-  Proven in Global Motorsport
- Used in WRC, TCR, GT3, Dakar, Drift, and more.
-  Massive Compound Range
- From low-noise street pads to full metallic race-only options, WinmaX gives drivers precision control over their braking setup.
-  Disc-Friendly Compounds
- Engineered to minimise rotor wear while maintaining performance – especially important for endurance racers and high-end builds.
-  Backed by Pros
- Champions like Dani Sordo, Hayden Paddon, and now Aston Martin GT teams rely on WinmaX under pressure.

 [Click here for more information](#)

BE PART OF THE ACTION.....

It's great to see our club members getting on board with our social media and engaging with the community. By connecting with the club on Facebook and Instagram, members can support what we're doing simply by liking, commenting on and sharing our posts so they reach a wider audience. We also encourage everyone to subscribe to our YouTube channel and join the YouTube community page to stay up to date with videos, news and club updates. These small actions make a big difference in helping us promote the club, reach more racing fans and continue to grow our community. Every like, share and subscription helps strengthen the visibility of the club and the passion we all share for car racing.





TCR TEST OPPORTUNITY

As part of this collaboration, the **2026 APRA Champion** will receive the opportunity to participate in a test day in a Hyundai TCR car, prepared and run by HMO Customer Racing.

Importantly, the APRA Directors are currently finalising the eligibility conditions associated with this prize to ensure the opportunity is awarded fairly and reflects the values of our category. These conditions may include participation requirements and sporting considerations aligned with APRA's principles of commitment, respect and positive contribution to the category. Full eligibility criteria will be released to members once finalised.

We appreciate your patience while this work is completed and we will keep all members informed.

Additional Member Opportunities / TCR Ride Experiences

In addition to the Champion's test, we are pleased to confirm that two APRA members will also have the opportunity to experience a ride in a HMO TCR car during 2026.

These experiences will be awarded via a member raffle, ensuring the opportunity extends beyond championship results and recognises the broader APRA community.



Further details regarding:

- Eligibility
- Entry requirements
- Timing of the raffle
- Event logistics

will be announced soon

COMING
SOON



The support of a professional touring car team such as HMO Customer Racing is a significant moment for our category.

It reinforces what many of us already know: That APRA is more than just racing cars. It is a place where drivers develop skills, build experience, and participate in a genuine and competitive motorsport community.

We are incredibly proud to be able to provide opportunities like this to our members and look forward to sharing more information as the season approaches.



Introducing RaceSense Tyre Gauges for Motorsport

In motorsport, tyre pressure isn't simply a routine check before heading out on the track – it's a key performance variable that affects grip, tyre wear and consistency lap after lap. The RaceSense range from Fastmate Racing UK has been developed specifically for track and racing environments, giving drivers and teams access to highly accurate, repeatable tyre data.

Why RaceSense? Well, unlike many standard tyre gauges that can vary by 1–2 psi, RaceSense gauges are accurate to ± 0.1 psi, providing the precision needed when small pressure changes can influence handling and tyre performance.

Beyond simple pressure readings, RaceSense is designed to make tyre data easier to capture and analyse. The system's automatic multi-tyre mode allows drivers or pit crews to measure all tyres in sequence without pressing buttons or writing down results.



Pressures are automatically recorded and can then be transferred to a smartphone or computer using NFC connectivity, where they can be exported to spreadsheets for analysis or logging across sessions.

For those looking to go deeper into setup, compatible models can also connect to a Type-K thermocouple probe, allowing users to measure tyre temperatures across the inner, centre and outer tread – an important indicator of tyre load, camber settings and overall setup balance.

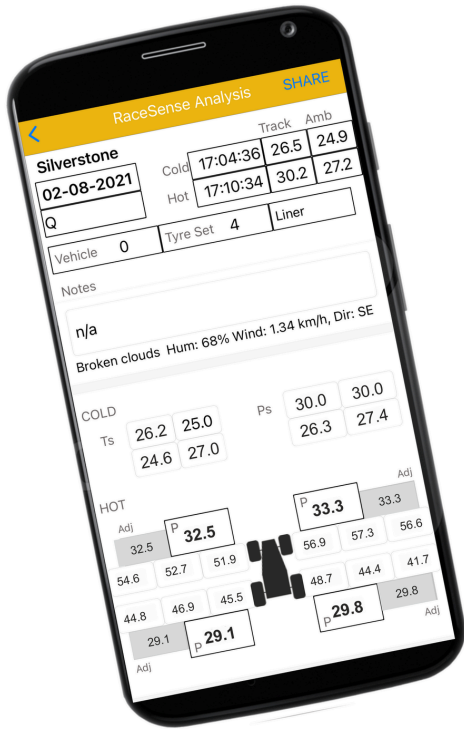
Built for the realities of track life, RaceSense gauges feature rugged aluminium construction, water-resistant controls, a sunlight-readable OLED display, and a precision bleed valve for fine pressure adjustments. Long battery life and automatic data logging make them practical tools for busy pit lanes as well as track-day garages.

From the compact RaceSense Pocket Digital Tyre Pressure Gauge to professional models with integrated temperature sensing, the range provides a data-driven approach to tyre management – helping turn pressure checks from guesswork into measurable performance insights.

The RaceSense range is available in Australia through MSB Garage, Australia's performance and racing aftermarket distributor.

Explore the RaceSense range here:

<https://www.msbgarage.com/brand/racesense/>



Show your support for our sponsor

1. Scan the QR code
2. Leave a quick Google review
3. Help support the businesses that support our club
4. Every review helps their business and strengthens their support of grassroots motorsport.





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PRECISION

Every turn, braking point, and throttle input matters. Master the track, master the race.



PERFORMANCE

High-performance cars, optimised setups, and relentless engineering to extract maximum speed



PASSION

Fuelled by the love of racing; commitment to every lap and every challenge



COMMUNITY

United by a shared passion for motorsport - we foster an environment of teamwork, excellence, and mutual respect, where every member contributes to and shares in the achievements of the club.



INTEGRITY

Competing hard while respecting the rules, the circuit, and fellow racers - building a legacy that lasts.



APRA exists for its members

OUR COMMUNITY

We are thrilled to welcome both new and returning competitors for the 2026 season, with strong membership growth highlighting the continued appeal of affordable, competitive motor racing in Australia.

As a representative grass-roots category, APRA remains committed to its core purpose: Creating a fun, respectful, inclusive, and accessible environment for motorsport participation.

Our values continue to align closely with those of our membership; Prioritising close racing, driver development, safety, and a supportive paddock culture that makes APRA unique within Australian motorsport.

With momentum building into 2026, we look forward to working alongside our members, partners, officials, and the wider motorsport community to continue this growth well into 2027 and beyond.

Precision Performance Passion Community Integrity



Exciting news – APRA merchandise is on the way!

This is about more than just gear. It's about bringing our community together and giving everyone the chance to proudly represent APRA wherever they go.

A 2026 merchandise initiative introduces a recognisable graphic for some apparel and merchandise.

The design provides a distinctive visual element for the collection, helping unify the merchandise while maintaining the existing logo and overall brand identity.

Stay tuned for the launch and get ready to wear APRA with pride.



Tshirts
Hoodies
Truckie Hats
Beanies



FREE Tshirt for every member
to be handed out Round 2

Every item purchased = 1 X TCR Ride Experience
Raffle Ticket

1 purchase = 1 raffle ticket / Buy more, get more entries