

Editorial #5 - 2026

Australian Pulsar Racing Association NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the August Edition

What a fantastic day Round 5 turned out to be!

It may have started cold at One Raceway, but it certainly didn't take long for things to heat up – both on and off the track.

Strong grids and some incredibly close racing provided plenty of action throughout the day, while the paddock once again delivered the camaraderie, support and friendly competition that makes an APRA race meeting about so much more than just the results.

There were also new drivers to celebrate on the podium, alongside plenty of familiar faces enjoying another great day of APRA racing. Our members, volunteers, sponsors and families once again came together to create the atmosphere and community that makes these race days possible.

As we move into the second half of the season, the momentum continues. There is plenty happening behind the scenes as we introduce new initiatives, strengthen the competitor experience and continue building for APRA's future.

A huge thank you to everyone who braved the cold start, supported Round 5 and helped make the day such a success. Enjoy the August edition – next stop, Round 6

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Building Community. 🏁



Motor Racing Australia



Australian Pulsar Racing Association



Winmax Brakes Discount Code

Winmax



To help drivers prepare for upcoming race meetings, MSB 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/>

2026 SCHEDULE		
ROUND 1 ONE RACEWAY SPRINT (2 DAYS)		26 th of FEB
ROUND 2 SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK SPRINT		16 th of MAY
ROUND 3 SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK TWILIGHT ENDURO		13 th of JUN
ROUND 4 SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK SPRINT		05 th of JUL
ROUND 5 ONE RACEWAY SPRINT		8 th of AUG
ROUND 6 SYDNEY MOTORSPORT PARK SPRINT		17 th of OCT
ROUND 7 ONE RACEWAY DOUBLE ENDURO(2 DAYS)		15 th of NOV

Round 5 – One Raceway Goulburn

Qualifying | Race 1 (15min) | Race 2 (17min) | Race 3 (20min)

1st

#29 Adam Tomsett

Outright

2nd

#58 Karl Raper

Outright

3rd

#25 James Kittos

Outright

1st

#3 Ian Joyce

Masters

2nd

#5 Simon Kendrick

Masters

3rd

#16 Ian Ashcroft

Masters





As we reflect on another successful race meeting at Round 5, we would like to thank every competitor, volunteer, official, sponsor and supporter who continues to contribute to APRA. The strength of our Association comes from the people within it, and Round 5 once again demonstrated the racing, camaraderie and community spirit that make APRA what it is.

While race day is where our Association comes together, a significant amount of work continues between events as the Committee focuses on strengthening APRA and improving the experience for our members.

Over recent weeks, we have been pleased to deliver a number of important initiatives, including the APRA Driver Handbook, a 2026 Code of Conduct and APRA Race Toolbox. Together, these provide competitors with clearer information, expectations and practical resources to support them throughout the rest of the season.

We have also introduced the APRA Spirit Award, giving our members the opportunity to recognise those who demonstrate the values and community spirit of our Association, while continuing to strengthen the way we acknowledge the contribution of our competitors, volunteers and supporters.

Improving Race Day Communication

The next step in improving the competitor experience will be introduced from Round 6, with the launch of the APRA WhatsApp Race Day Community.

This will provide a dedicated, round-specific communication channel for competitors on race day. It will allow the Committee to quickly communicate important APRA information while also providing competitors with a way to connect and seek assistance from others within the paddock when needed.

Members will be able to choose whether notifications are switched on or off, with competitors encouraged to activate notifications for the race day/s on which they are competing. It is another practical step towards making race days better connected, better informed and easier for everyone involved.

These initiatives form part of a broader commitment to continually improve how APRA communicates, supports its competitors, recognises its people and builds its community. Our focus remains on sustainable growth, effective governance, competitor development, safety and creating a respectful and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in APRA. There is still more to come.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time, supports our events, embraces these initiatives and contributes to the continued development of our Association. We look forward to building on this momentum through the final rounds of 2026 and into 2027.

On behalf of the APRA Committee and Directors

**Racing with Respect.
Competing with Integrity.
Building Community.**

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on track for Round 6



AUSTRALIAN PULSAR RACING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

CHRISTMAS *Party* & AGM

4 | DECEMBER 2026



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6.30PM



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TO COME

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AND SECURE
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OUTRIGHT POINTS

Position	Driver	Car #	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
1	Karl Raper (N15)	58	0	283	282	303	277	1145
2	Scott Tidyman (N14)	48	335	0	290	258	226	1109
3	James Kittos (N14)	79	170	210	207	216	237	1040
4	Adam Tomsett (N14)	29	328	123	0	257	290	998
5	Adrian Sarkis (N14)	14	234	0	234	216	214	898
6	Daniel Pirozzi (N14)	444	225	196	189	136	117	863
7	Michael Potts (N15)	24	199	170	154	192	136	851
8	Kristoffer Harvey (N15)	88	220	152	152	182	123	829
9	Pietro Lidano (N14)	10	196	148	160	148	137	789
10	Kane Alderton (N15)	78	250	249	200	85	0	784
11	Mark Cella (N15)	999	202	156	118	152	154	782
12	Nick Muller (N14)	53	219	123	150	96	0	588
13	Mitchell Cadell (N15)	222	0	114	194	114	160	582
14	Chris Manning (N15)	1	239	252	71	0	0	562
15	Paul Spicer (N14)	7	168	74	116	132	0	490
16	Kris Albronda (N15)	67	0	186	193	0	0	379
17	Gavan Reynolds (N15)	22	165	0	204	0	0	369
18	Alex Pirozzi (N14)	525	0	0	163	0	176	339
19	Jacob Wolf (N15)	64	161	101	0	0	0	262
20	Nik Hough (N14)	28	218	0	0	0	0	218
21	Ben Sheedy (N14)	51	156	0	0	0	0	156
22	Marcus LaDelle (N15)	22	151	0	0	0	0	151
23	Joel Luke (N15)	55	0	0	28	76	0	104
24	Adam Leacy (N15)	200	0	82	0	0	0	82
25	Will Foot (N15)	22	0	0	68	0	0	68
26	Harry Hayak (N14)	68	0	0	56	0	0	56
27	Chris Butterfield (N14)	96	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jamie Arratoon (N15)	22	0	0	0	0	0	0

[Current Standings – Australian Pulsar Racing Association Limited](#)

as at 12th August 2026

MASTERS POINTS



Position	Driver	Car #	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Total
1	Ian Joyce (N14)	3	101	240	255	234	261	1091
2	Simon Kendrick (N15)	5	198	254	77	146	205	880
3	Ian Ashcroft (N15)	16	260	102	54	173	187	776
4	Mark Crutcher (N15)	4	0	232	184	204	148	768
5	Michael Elvidge (N15)	67	132	0	193	88	159	572
6	Jerome Pirozzi (N14)	113	259	186	0	58	0	503
7	James Garrett (N14)	888	231	0	144	106	0	481
8	Greg Oliver (N15)	44	136	146	120	0	0	402
9	Jamie Canellis (N15)	2	0	0	144	116	106	366
10	Matthew Larsson (N14)	68	90	176	57	20	0	343
11	Greg Dufficy (N14)	27	0	142	0	0	0	142
12	Gary Potts (N14)	42	0	0	0	86	46	132
13	Graeme Manning (N15)	85	0	0	72	42	0	114
14	Bernard Roberts (N14)	45	0	0	106	0	0	106
15	Shane O'Brien (N14)	51	0	0	0	0	0	0

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ROUND 5 | 2026

2 ROUNDS REMAINING • IMPORTANT DRIVER UPDATE

With two rounds remaining in the APRA 2026 Series, there are several important driving standards and safety matters requiring every driver's attention.



CAR-TO-CAR CONTACT

PENALTIES WILL APPLY

Motorsport Australia and APRA are taking car-to-car contact seriously.

Breaches of the Code of Driving Conduct may result in:

- Grid penalties
- Rear-of-grid penalties
- Monetary penalties

Penalties may apply even where contact is considered unintentional.

Drivers are reminded of their responsibility to race fairly, maintain control and avoid unnecessary contact.



PIT LANE & TRACK LIMITS

KNOW THE LIMITS

Pit lane speed limits must be observed at all times.

Speeding in pit lane may result in **monetary or grid penalties.**

Drivers must also remain within track limits.

Breaches may result in **loss of lap time and/or grid penalties.**



SAFETY EQUIPMENT

KEEP IT ON UNTIL YOU EXIT

Drivers have been observed removing safety equipment while the vehicle is still moving or while returning to the pits.

Your helmet, gloves, harness and window net must remain correctly in place until you are stopped and exiting the race car.

This also applies during Endurance Rounds.

Do not unbuckle your harness until you are exiting the vehicle.

Breaches may result in penalties.



FLASHING HEADLIGHTS

CONSIDER WHAT RACE CONTROL SEES

There is currently no Motorsport Australia or APRA regulation specifically prohibiting the flashing of headlights or use of high beam to indicate an intention to pass.

However, drivers should use this with care.

If your vehicle has flashing headlights wired in, be mindful that they could be activated accidentally during a race start.

Race Control may interpret flashing headlights as an indication that your vehicle has an issue, potentially delaying the start.

RACE HARD. RACE FAIR. RACE SAFE.

APRA DRIVING STANDARDS OFFICER

THANK YOU

for your commitment to fair and safe racing.

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APRA RACE DAY WHATSAPP GROUP

ONE GROUP. EVERY ROUND.
RACE-DAY INFORMATION WHEN IT MATTERS.



ACTIVE FROM
ROUND 6



BEFORE EACH RACE MEETING,
APRA WILL REMIND COMPETITORS
TO TURN ON THEIR NOTIFICATIONS.

HOW IT WORKS

1



JOIN ONCE

All APRA members are included in the APRA Race Day WhatsApp Group.

2



RACING THIS ROUND?

Turn your notifications **ON** when you're competing in that round.

3



STAY INFORMED

Receive important APRA race-day updates, schedule changes, announcements and reminders.

4



ROUND COMPLETE

Mute notifications again after the race meeting until your next round.



RACE DAY COMMUNICATIONS ARE OPEN

This group is for APRA race-day use. Committee sends official messages and updates. Members can also ask questions, seek assistance and support each other on race day.

STAY CONNECTED. STAY INFORMED.



APRA RACE DAY WHATSAPP GROUP
IMPORTANT APRA MESSAGING WHEN IT MATTERS.



STAYING CONNECTED

— THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA AND OUR WEBPAGE —

Our club uses a variety of online platforms to keep members informed, connected, and involved. Follow our pages, engage with our content, and visit our webpage for all the latest news and updates!



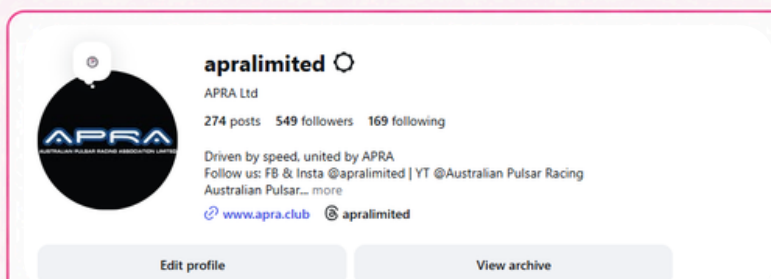
FACEBOOK

We use Facebook for important announcements, event information, reminders, and community updates. It's a great place for members and families to stay informed.



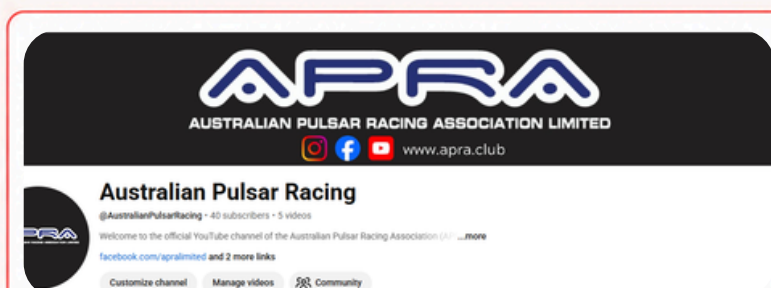
INSTAGRAM

Instagram is where we share photos, reels, stories, and highlights from events and activities. It's a fun and engaging way to see what's happening around the club.



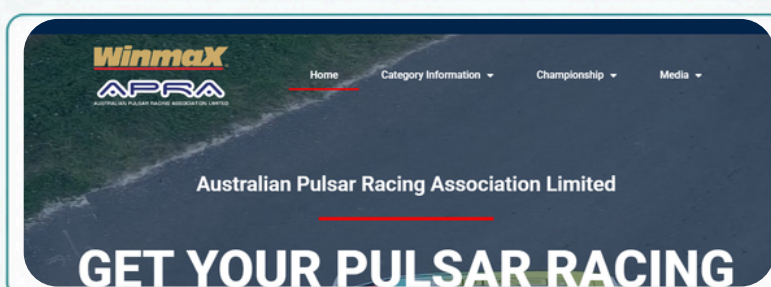
YOUTUBE

Our YouTube channel features longer videos including event recaps, interviews, performances, tutorials, and memorable club moments. Subscribe and never miss an update!



OUR WEBPAGE

Our webpage is your central hub for everything about our club. Find details about upcoming events, meeting times, news updates, resources, and contact information — all in one place!



Together, these platforms help strengthen communication within our club and allow us to connect with the wider community. Every follow, like, comment, share, and visit helps support the club and spread awareness about what we do.



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COMMENT



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VISIT

STAY CONNECTED. STAY INVOLVED. BE PART OF OUR JOURNEY!

THE SPIRIT OF APRA

RACE HARD. RESPECT ALWAYS.
ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY.

Congratulations!

This round's APRA Spirit Award recipient has been recognised by our community for demonstrating the true spirit of APRA.

THANK YOU FOR RACING
WITH RESPECT, COMPETING
WITH INTEGRITY AND MAKING
OUR COMMUNITY STRONGER.



ROUND 5 RECIPIENT



IAN JOYCE



THANK YOU FOR SETTING THE EXAMPLE
ON AND OFF THE TRACK.
YOU MAKE APRA WHAT IT IS.



OUR COMMUNITY
RESPECT. SUPPORT.
BELONGING.



DRIVING STANDARDS
DRIVE IT HARD.
DRIVE IT RIGHT.



CODE OF CONDUCT
RESPECT IS OUR
RESPONSIBILITY.

GREAT RACING. STRONG COMMUNITY. THAT'S APRA!

BRAKE VIBRATION EXPLAINED



Brakes. Parts. Performance.

Helping Workshops Deliver Better Braking Solutions

Every day, automotive workshops across Australia are asked to recommend replacement brake components, diagnose braking concerns and advise customers on performance upgrades.

While braking systems have always been fundamental to vehicle safety, today's vehicles present new challenges that demand greater technical knowledge and more informed product selection than ever before.

Modern braking systems are no longer simply about stopping a vehicle. Factors such as vehicle weight, tyre technology, electronic driver aids, intended vehicle use and customer expectations all influence the most appropriate braking solution. What works exceptionally well on a dedicated track car may not be the right choice for a daily-driven performance vehicle, and vice versa.

One of the biggest misconceptions in the aftermarket is that 'performance' simply means fitting the most aggressive brake pad or the largest brake package available. In reality, the best braking solution is one that matches the vehicle, the customer's driving style and the application's intended purpose. Finding that balance is where experience and technical knowledge become invaluable.

At MSB, we've built our business around helping workshops make those decisions with confidence. Every day we supply independent workshops, mechanics, dealerships, wholesalers and race teams across Australia with specialist braking products backed by practical advice and technical support. Whether it's selecting the right friction material for a European performance car, sourcing a caliper rebuild kit for a restoration project or supplying race-proven components for motorsport applications, our focus is always on providing solutions that deliver reliable, consistent results.

Although motorsport has always been part of our DNA, the majority of our work supports the broader automotive repair industry. The knowledge gained through supplying championship-winning race teams translates directly into helping workshops solve everyday braking challenges for their customers. Reliability, consistency and confidence under braking are just as important on the road as they are on the race circuit.

As Australia's performance aftermarket continues to evolve, workshops are increasingly looking for suppliers who offer more than simply product availability. They value technical support, product knowledge, reliable stock holdings and advice that helps them recommend the most appropriate solution for every customer.

Our product range has continued to grow to meet those needs, now encompassing premium brake pads, brake discs, caliper repair components, hydraulic parts, brake hoses and specialist workshop products from leading manufacturers around the world. By offering a comprehensive braking portfolio through a single Australian distributor, we aim to simplify sourcing while giving workshops confidence that the products they install are suited to the job.



At the end of the day, quality braking isn't measured by how expensive a component is or how aggressive a brake pad feels—it's measured by how well the complete braking system performs for the person behind the wheel.

As proud supporters of APRA and Australia's independent automotive repair industry, we're committed to helping workshops deliver better braking solutions through quality products, technical knowledge and long-term partnerships. Because when workshops have the right advice and the right products, everyone benefits—from the technician fitting the parts to the customer driving away with confidence.



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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.





I've always been into my cars, and my interest has gone well beyond just driving them, delving into the mechanical and technical side as well. The cars started with Nissan Silvia's back when I first got my license, and I did a few track days in them at the time. I'm sure I wouldn't have expected that the circuit racing debut would eventually be in what could be described as a wrong-wheel drive s13 with an extra few doors and a sr20 turned sideways.

Turns out it's a small world too.

One of my first track days ever being at Marulan and meeting Dan Pirrozi and Alex Pirrozi who are now fellow APRA series competitors. If I remember correctly Dan was also in a s13, and Alex with a 180sx.

In the last couple years I got the itch to get back on track, and started doing some work with Harry Hayek at RCD Motorsport. The plan was originally simple, learn the basics and improve at getting around Sydney Motorsport Park.



That plan didn't last long. I was asking way too much of a street car and I went on to look for a dedicated track car and a series to start out in.

That led me to APRA which seemed like the obvious choice to start, the right balance of accessible cars, consistent grids, and the right environment to learn.

I bought my Pulsar ready to go from a previous series competitor, I've never driven one before and I was surprised at my first test day how much fun the cars were to drive.





I went on to do many practice days with RCD Motorsport, one of the first breakthroughs for me was learning what it felt like to really work the front tyres to their limit through the entry phase of a corner and get the most out of the car.

I was fortunate enough to have an awesome debut to the APRA series at the last round of the 2025 season on the Shelley circuit, qualifying 2nd, starting on the front row, and finishing the weekend on the podium in overall second place after finishing all 3 races in third place.

It's one thing to have one good round, I've had plenty of learning experiences since, complete with ironing out the inevitable minor mechanical gremlins along the way. My gear shifter linkage falling apart just as I went into Skyline on Mount Panorama wasn't as funny at the time.

I've been a big fan of watching the Blend Line TV coverage back after a race. There's never been a shortage of battles happening throughout other parts of the field that you don't get to see from inside the car.





Working with the team has been a great experience too, I've had a lot to learn starting from scratch and to go on this journey with others makes it that much more enjoyable. One raceway's been particular good for having family and friends come and get involved to being able to see the whole track, add in the APRA community, and we're on for a good weekend.

I previously wouldn't have realised how many volunteers are needed to put together a weekend; organisers, marshals, officials, photographers, fire and rescue, and many more. It's quite a production and I'm very appreciative of their efforts.

The prep work, fighting off mechanical gremlins, the pressure of quali, the battles, there's no shortage of high's and lows in stringing a good weekend together, but so far it's all been worth it and hopefully there's a lot more to come.

THANK YOU!



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.

REMEMBER

Ticket Sales

COMING SOON

APRA MERCHANDISE

Every item purchased =
1 X TCR Ride Experience
Raffle Ticket

1 purchase = 1 raffle ticket

Buy more, get more entries



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.





ROUND 5 \$100 DRIVER DRAW



A big thank you to Noizee Engineering, our Round 5 Driver Draw sponsor, for supporting APRA and putting up a \$100 voucher for one of our competitors.

Every APRA driver who raced at Round 5 and attended the end-of-day presentation was automatically eligible to go into the draw.

🎉 Congratulations to Pedro Lidano, whose name was drawn at random as our Round 5 \$100 voucher winner!

Initiatives like this are another great way for our sponsors to give something directly back to the competitors who support our race meetings.

Thank you Noizee Engineering for supporting APRA and our drivers.



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AUSTRALIAN PULSAR RACING ASSOCIATION

DRIVING STANDARDS OFFICER

SUPPORTING SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND COMPETITIVE RACING ACROSS APRA.

WORKING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE
RESPECT. FAIR RACING. SPORTSMANSHIP. SAFETY.
HELPING MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARDS THAT DEFINE APRA.

RESPECT
Promoting respectful behaviour on and off the track.

FAIR RACING
Encouraging clean, fair and consistent competition for everyone.

SPORTSMANSHIP
Upholding the APRA Code of Conduct and our shared values.

SAFETY
Supporting safe driving standards for all drivers, officials and our community.

ONE CLUB. ONE COMMUNITY. ONE PASSION.