

## **Get Involved**

## **Driving**

The first step towards getting into a race car is to join a Motorsport Australia affiliated car club. It is a requirement to be a member of a car club to obtain a racing licence from Motorsport Australia. There are hundreds of clubs in Victoria, some more involved in motorsport than others. You can find an affiliated car club at the following link: <a href="Club Finder (motorsport.org.au">Club Finder (motorsport.org.au)</a>

Circuit racing series such as the VSCRC require a Motorsport Australia Circuit licence or higher to participate. To obtain a Circuit licence requires the successful completion of a Motorsport Australia circuit racing lecture and an Observed Licence Test, unless an exemption for an OLT exists (such as competing in sufficient sprints, holding a Karting Australia Level B licence of higher).

More information regarding licencing can be obtained at the Motorsport Australia website. In addition to the car, there are many items required to go racing, including a certified helmet, HANS device, driving suit, gloves & boots and a Dorian timing transponder. Many items need to be properly certified so read the label when you purchase.

A car is required too. Some businesses rent out cars to drive, but most people build or buy their own. Websites such as my105.com usually contain advertisements for race cars. Car Clubs themselves are also a good source of cars for sale.

Depending on the category chosen to race, the requirements for cars can be quite different and complex. Some categories such as HQ Holdens & Hyundai Excels have very strict rules in relation to permitted development of cars, whereas others such as Sports Sedans are much more free. Details of what is allowed appears in the Motorsport Australia Manual of Motorsport. The car needs to be Log Booked, which is analagous to a drivers licence for a car. The Log Book describes the car and what regulations it conforms to, and the history of the car.

Entries for the race meetings are accepted prior to the meeting, often closing a week or two before the meeting. Entries are via the Motor Event Entry portal on the Motorsport Australia website. You will receive a logon to this once you register to complete your online lecture for your licence.

For more information please feel free to contact VSRS at <a href="mailto:info@vsrs.com.au">info@vsrs.com.au</a> or Motorsport Australia Licence hotline 1300 883 959 or <a href="mailto:vic@motorsport.org.au">vic@motorsport.org.au</a>. Alternatively, feel free to speak to a competitor in any category that might interest you when you are next at the track.