

TASMAN REVIVAL SERIES



The Bruce McLaren Festival

Hampton Downs, Pukekohe
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The Tasman Revival Series 2010

Strong interest in the 'Tasman Revival Series 2010' www.tasmanrevivalseries.com has meant the event promoters, the Historic Racing Club (HRC) Inc www.grandprix.org.nz, have now expanded the Series to extend Classic and Historic racing over four consecutive weekends in January/February 2010. The Tasman Revival series has been run annually in New Zealand since 2003 by the HRC.

The Series in 2010 will commence with the 'Tasman Revival 2010 - Hampton Downs Classic' to be held on the brand new Hampton Downs Motorsport Park race track www.hamptondowns.com over the weekend Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th Jan 2010.

Following the Hampton Downs Classic, the next two weekends will see the staging of the 'Bruce McLaren Festival'. The Festival will be a tribute to the late Bruce McLaren www.bruce-mclaren.com. The first weekend of the Bruce McLaren Festival will be run at the Hampton Downs motor racing track from Friday 22 Jan 10 until Sunday 24 Jan 10. The second weekend of the Festival will be held one week later at Pukekohe Park raceway from Friday 29 Jan 10 until Sunday 31 Jan 10.

The fourth weekend of the Series will see the 'Tasman Revival 2010- Taupo Classic' race meeting at Taupo Motorsports Park from Saturday 6 February - Sunday 7th February 2010.

The Bruce McLaren Festival

Already, strong interest is being shown by Historic and Classic car owners wanting to be part of the Bruce McLaren Festival, including 28 McLaren race car owners. In addition to McLaren car owners, early registrations of interest indicate there will be three historic Cooper racing cars and one BRM racing car that have all been personally driven by Bruce. More such cars are being added as registrations of interest are received.

The historic Pukekohe track, first opened for racing in 1963, is the very track on which Bruce McLaren won the 1964 New Zealand International Grand Prix driving a Cooper T70 Climax racing car. The car that Bruce used in 1964 is currently nearing the end of a 5 year restoration project undertaken by Australian owner Adam Berryman.

In registering his interest to be part of the Festival Adam Berryman said, "... the two Cooper T70s built in 1963 for the 1964 Tasman Series were the first cars Bruce McLaren designed, built, financed and raced (albeit whilst he was a works driver at Cooper, which is why it they were called Coopers.) It was also the inception of Bruce McLaren Motor Racing Limited. So in effect, some might say they are the first McLarens."



Bruce McLaren - 1963
Cooper T70 Climax



A premier class of the Bruce McLaren Festival will be for Formula 5000 (F5000) and Historic Formula One (F1) cars. Already, registrations of interest have been received from 45 racing car owners, including those of 10 McLaren F5000 and pre 1978 F1 cars.

There are 19 Can-Am cars registered, so far, for the 'Can-Am' sports racing class of the Festival, 15 of which are McLaren Can-Am cars. The McLarens range from the early 1964/5 M1A Can-Am cars up to the big 8800cc 1972 McLaren M8Fs. The other two cars in the Can-Am class are the unique McRae GM9 and a Match SR3.

Tony Roberts NZ,
1972 McLaren M22 F5000



Bruce McLaren Trust NZ,
1968 McLaren M8A-2 Can-Am

Although not able to be raced, one car that will take pride of place for on-track demonstrations will be the very special McLaren M8A-2 Can-Am sports racing car owned by the Bruce McLaren Trust. The Trust has nearly finished a very lengthy 12 year restoration project of this unique car – the very car that Denny Hulme used to win the 1968 Can-Am Championship held in Canada and USA. The Trust's unique M8A Can-Am car is the only one of the original two McLaren 'works' M8A cars that survives.



Graham Adelman USA,
1968 BRM P126 V12

In the 'Tasman Series' class of 1960s racing cars there are already 41 cars registered of which 4 are McLaren M4 F2 cars. Also registered is Graham Adelman's 1967 BRM P126 V12 – the very car that Bruce McLaren drove in the New Zealand legs of the 1968 Tasman Series. Bruce raced this BRM at Pukekohe, Levin, Wigram and Teretonga - where he won the feature race in this car.

In the 'Super Historic' class of single seater cars, there are registrations of interest from owners of 42 cars. Cars in this class include 1970/80s Formula Pacific/Atlantics, F2 and F3 cars.

In the 'Formula Junior and Invited F3' class, there are already 50 cars registered.



Rob Boulton NZ, 1938 Edselbrock Special

In a 'first' for Historic racing in Auckland, New Zealand there will be a dedicated class for 'Historic 1930s/40s/50s Racing and Sports Racing Cars'. Some of New Zealand's early historic race cars including the Lycoming Special, Edselbrock Special and Stanton Corvette will be joined by those from USA (Cooper BobTail) , Australia (Maybach Special) and UK (ERA R4D and Coopers).

The 'Invited 1960s Saloons' class will feature a range of cars typically seen on NZ racetracks in the 1960s including Jaguars, Anglias, Minis, Cortinas, Escorts plus other makes and some 'allcomer' specials. The ex Kerry Grant A40, the ex Clyde Collins A40 'Fordina' and the ex Warner Collins 'Fowog' will be just some of the former saloon specials that will be back on the track.

Of the Festival registrations held so far, 140 are 'internationals' including 88 from Australia, 34 from UK, 1 from Germany, 1 from the Netherlands, 1 from Spain, 13 from USA, 1 from Canada and 1 from Macau.

A website www.tasmanrevivalseries.com is set up and early information relating to the Festival will be found on the website. All those who email their 'registration of interest' to the Festival website will be sent regular Festival Newsletters.

If you have any questions or need more information, please email the Bruce McLaren Festival Team at info@tasmanrevivalseries.com