



## It's Official: Clipsal 500 Adelaide first race of 2012 V8 Supercars Championship

The Clipsal 500 Adelaide, to be held from March 1-4, will be the first event of the 2012 V8 Supercars Championship.

Race officials confirmed the popular move to make the Clipsal 500 Adelaide the opening event when the 2012 calendar was announced at the weekend during the running of the annual Bathurst 1000.

.Series officials have confirmed a record total of 16 events – an increase of one over 2011.

There will be a total of 15 championship events plus the category's regular non-championship appearance at the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park.

Among other notable changes to the calendar are the return of the traditional Sandown 500 in September and the move of the YAS V8 400 at Abu Dhabi to November, where the event will be a support to the Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

The home of the annual pre-Bathurst, 500-kilometre endurance race for the last four years, Phillip Island will now take up a May date, while Symmons Plains in Tasmania will also move, from November to late March/early April.

The ITM400 Hamilton, set down for April 20-22, will be the last on the city's street circuit in New Zealand.

A total of 14 of the championship events locations have been confirmed while the weekend after the YAS V8 400 – November 9-11 - has been left as a TBC (to be confirmed) on the official calendar issued today.

### 2012 V8 Supercar Championship

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| March 1-4:         | Clipsal 500                   | Adelaide                    |
| March 15-18:       | Australian Grand Prix         | Albert Park, Melbourne      |
| March 30-April 1:  | Tasmanian Challenge           | Symmons Plains, Launceston  |
| April 20-22:       | ITM400                        | Hamilton, New Zealand       |
| May 4-6:           | Trading Post Challenge        | Barbagallo, Perth           |
| May 18-20:         | Phillip Island                | Phillip Island, Victoria    |
| June 15-17:        | SKYCITY Triple Crown          | Hidden Valley, Darwin       |
| July 6-8:          | Sucrogen Townsville 400       | Reid Park, Townsville       |
| August 3-5:        | Coates Hire Ipswich 300       | Queensland Raceway, Ipswich |
| August 24-26:      | Winton                        | Winton, Victoria            |
| September 14-16:   | Sandown 500                   | Sandown, Victoria           |
| October 4-7:       | Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000 | Bathurst, New South Wales   |
| October 19-21:     | Armor All Gold Coast 600      | Gold Coast, Queensland      |
| November 2-4:      | Yas V8 400                    | Yas Marina, Abu Dhabi       |
| November 9-11:     | TBA                           | TBA                         |
| November 30-Dec 2: | Sydney Telstra 500            | Olympic Park, Sydney        |

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