

“10 Years of Legends for V8 Ute Clipsal 500 Celebration”

The streets of Adelaide will come alive in 2010 when the Yokohama V8 Ute Racing Series – protected by Armor All celebrates its tenth anniversary at the 2010 Clipsal 500 March 11 – 14.

The V8 Ute series launched at the Adelaide Parklands circuit with 9 utes in 2001, and has grown to be one of the most successful support categories in Australia.

The first round of the 2010 Series will celebrate “Ten Years of Legends”, which will be a two driver format with the co-driver being a nominated “legend” from different spheres of the motor racing, sporting and entertainment world.

Former V8 Supercar legend Mark Skaife has been approached by several teams to be their second driver.

“I have been contacted by a few teams but I will have to see what my commitments are for next year. If they get the drivers they are after it should be a great race,” said Skaife.

V8 Ute Category Manager and SPHERIX director, Craig Denyer believes it will be a great way to showcase the category in its tenth year.

“The category has come a long way since 2001 to a full 32 grid including 16 Fords and 16 Holdens and provides some of the most spectacular on track action.

“The category is very strong on the V8 Supercar program and has secured national and international TV coverage, and expanded into New Zealand as a category as well.” explained Denyer.

“We hope the Clipsal 500 Adelaide V8 Ute event will feature touring car legends, sporting legends such as Olympic medalists Steven Bradbury and James Tomkins, former V8 Ute legends such as Damien White, Marcus Zukanovic and Warren Luff, Movie legends, Motorcycle legends, Music Legends and Female legends. This will be a celebrity event in its own right and I am sure the fans will love the concept.”

Former touring car and open wheeler legend Andrew Miedecke is keen to saddle up alongside his son George for the Adelaide event.

“It’s set to be a very entertaining round. We did a similar race in V8 Utes back at the 2003 Bathurst 12 Hour, which saw legends such as Gary Rogers, Neil Crompton, Bob Holden, David Parsons, Kevin Bartlett and Graham Moore come on board for the event, and we all had a ball,” Miedecke stated.

Each legend will get a practice, qualifying and race in their own right, with the finale featuring longer race and driver change mid race.

The V8 Utes will line up for their 228th race start in their 10th year as a Series at the Clipsal 500.