



AUSTRALIAN GT CHAMPIONSHIP TO 'STAR' IN 2010 CLIPSAL 500 ADELAIDE FEATURE RACE PROGRAM

A multi-million dollar injection of new race machinery seems certain to ensure that the Australian GT Championship will field a capacity grid at the 2010 Clipsal 500 Adelaide to be held from March 11-14.

The category expects to field ten different marques and early indications are that the entry list may well be over-subscribed due to the influx of new cars and drivers vying for a spot in the 2010 Australian GT Championship that will conduct its first round on Adelaide's famous street circuit.

With the category capping the number of cars per different marque to a total of five in the GT Championship division, car orders have flowed in with nine new GT machines being purchased in a 10 day period.

Three new Porsche 997 Cup S models – for James Koundouris, Theo Koundouris, and Max Twigg - will join the similar cars of David Wall and Marc Cini.

The Mosler ranks have also been swelled by three new machines with John Briggs receiving two of MT900 thoroughbreds for himself and a yet to be named driver, while Ash Samadi will campaign the third new Mosler.

Andrew McPherson will drive the ex-John Teulan Mosler while the other John Teulan Racing Mosler driven by Craig Baird earlier this year will either be sold or leased for the Clipsal 500 Adelaide round.

The Dodge Viper GT3 ranks have also increased by three with new cars arriving in the country for Rob Sherrard and Greg Crick with the third car to leased or sold to a new owner.

Other Viper competitors to line up for the Adelaide event are Ross Lilley and Ian Palmer.

The Lamborghini Gallardo GT3 ranks are near capacity with the cars of 2008 GT Champion Mark Eddy, Dean Grant, South Australian Andrew Taplin, and Ted Huglin. The sole remaining spot for a Lamborghini entry is expected to be filled soon.

Aston Martin will be represented by the VIP Petfoods entry of Tony Quinn, whose son Klark will also line-up on the Clipsal grid in 2010. The second Aston Martin DBRS9 currently in Australia and owned by Viper driver Ross Lilley is also expected to appear at the event.

Ferrari will be represented by Maranello Motorsport with intentions to expand its team to two Ferrari 430 GT3 cars for the 2010 season.

With Porsche GT3 997 Cup Cars still eligible for the Championship division of the 2010 GT Series five positions for these models will be available with likely starters including Jim Richards, Shaun Juniper and Paul Tresidder.

In other news for the Australian GT round at the Clipsal 500 Adelaide Angelo Lazaris will be representing Lotus in at Exige GT3 model, while Maserati may be seen at the circuit for the first time with either one or two cars. Other Lotus examples will include cars for Tim Poulton and Mark O'Connor.

Nissan and Corvette will also be represented, while Eric Bana is a possible starter dependent on his international commitments.

Yet more entries are expected from Michael Loccisano (Porsche 997 Cup Car in GT Challenge), Richard Kimber (in a second PR Technology Porsche), Darren Berry (ex-Crick Dodge Viper GTS ACR) and Adelaide driver Jordan Ormsby together with Jeff Bobik.

The Australian GT Championship at the 2010 Clipsal 500 Adelaide will be the best ever seen in the nation.

