

## **Innovation at its finest: More than 700 engineering and business students from Australian and international universities competed for honours at the Asia-Pacific's premier student design competition held at Winton Motor Raceway**

- Nineteenth annual Formula SAE-Australasia event held at Winton Motor Raceway.
- Thirty two teams from five countries competed, representing the largest field in the event's history.
- Participants included more than 700 university students and 150 volunteer officials.
- Australia's Monash University and Germany's Technical University of Munich took overall honours in the internal combustion and electric vehicle classes, respectively.

**MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, December 20, 2018** – The Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia (SAE-A) held its flagship Formula SAE-A student design competition at Winton Motor Raceway from 6 to 9 December. The annual event attracted some of the brightest engineering and business students from Australian and international universities, and was streamed live across the world on the In Pit Lane YouTube channel.

The international Formula SAE series challenges competitors to design, build and test a small open-wheeled race car. The teams compete in a series of on-track "dynamic" events and off-track "static" assessments in either the internal combustion or electric vehicle class. The competition not only assesses the design, engineering and speed of the car, but also the students' management, teamwork, marketing, finance and leadership skills.

In the internal combustion class, Australia's Monash University took overall honours, achieving 931.7 out of a possible 1000 points. While in the electric vehicle class, Germany's Technical University of Munich (TUM) took overall honours, achieving 910.2 points on their first visit to the Australasian event. The Confederation of Australian Motor Sports (CAMS) award for team spirit was awarded to Japan's Sophia University.

Full event results can be found at: [http://saea.com.au/2018 fsaea\\_results](http://saea.com.au/2018 fsaea_results)

Event chairman and SAE-A director Kai Morganti congratulated the students, and thanked the event partners, volunteer officials and local community for contributing towards a safe, successful and enjoyable event. "SAE-Australasia is proud to be partnering with leading universities and industry to produce some of the best STEM and business graduates in the country. We are looking forward to returning to Winton Motor Raceway again in 2019, and forging even closer ties with the local community," said Morganti. Guests in attendance at the event included Cr Scott Upston, Mayor of Benalla Rural City Council, and Cr Dean Rees, Mayor of the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The 2018 event also hosted the inaugural career and industry networking expo. Participating companies had the chance to meet with more than 200 university students who were actively seeking employment. And in a first for the international Formula SAE series, the organisers conducted a "driver swap" day after the event, giving teams the opportunity to sample each other's cars.

Corporate partners of the Formula SAE-Australasia event include Ford, Toyota, Holden, Bosch, RACV, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS), Defence Force Recruiting, GOTAFE, Altair, LEAP Australia, ANSYS, In Pit Lane, JJ's Photography, RMITV Student Community Television and Winton Motor Raceway.

SAE-Australasia is excited to be welcoming PACCAR Australia as a new partner in 2019. PACCAR Australia is a subsidiary of PACCAR Inc., a technology company that manufactures premium commercial vehicles sold around the world under the Kenworth, Peterbilt and DAF brands.

A short video explaining the Formula SAE-A competition can be found at: <http://www.saea.com.au/formulasae>

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**About the Company.** The Society of Automotive Engineers Australasia (SAE-A) was established in 1927, and today is the world's third oldest mobility society. SAE-A represents all aspects of mobility engineering in the Asia-Pacific region. Its vision is to advance associated professions by representing its members, and promoting the transfer of knowledge and skills throughout the industry. SAE-A has proudly organised the Formula SAE-Australasia event since 2000.

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