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Winner James Dick and second-place Josh Versluis close at Philip Island

2017 PRB Series Review

PRB RACE SERIES 2017

This series is open to any car sold by PRB or its agents, with a CAMS Type 2B or 2A logbook. This includes the new PRB Widebody and the UK Westfields previously sold by PRB. This year there are only two classes

Class A – 1601cc to 2000cc modified

Class B – Up to 2000cc standard-engined

Preamble

The PRB Series entered its 11th consecutive year of competition at the start of 2017, an achievement to be proud of considering that most one-make series only last a few years. During the previous 10 years there has been much fierce competition both at the front and amongst mid-fielders, and virtually all our champions over the years were decided at the last round.

For 2017, the organisers recognised that there were not enough regular competitors to provide fields large enough to get the category a run at most circuits – at least 15 cars seems to be the norm these days. Given that we were able to field around 10 cars at most rounds, we decided to continue running with the CAMS NSW Supersports category which comprises Radical race cars and some other European/US race cars with either motorcycle or car engines. While this meant running with much faster purpose-built race cars, it gave us a place to race at a number of great circuits. As it turned out there were no major incidents due to the different speeds, although some inexperienced Radical drivers did sometimes affect the PRB racing.

Missing from the Series for most rounds, but still running in the same races, was Chris Barry, who spent the year driving the new PRB6, a motorcycle engine replica of the Lotus 23, which meets the Supersports Technical Regulations and was thus able to race.

A total of 7 rounds were held in 2017 as follows, 5 state rounds and two non-championship rounds:

- Round 1 March 5-6 Winton**
- Round 2 April 1-2 at Wakefield with NSWMRC**
- Round 3 April 29-30 at SMSP Brabham with NSWMRC**
- Round 4 July 1 SMSP GP with NSWMRC**
- Round 5 August 19-20 Philip Island with NSWMRC**
- Round 6 September 16-17 SMSP GP with NSWMRC**
- Round 7 October 21-22 Wakefield**

2017 Champions

PRB Series

Congratulations must first go to James Dick, who ran at the front of the pack all year, and who won this year's Series at Round 7. James has been, and still is, a great supporter of the PRB Series, and this year produced a totally-reliable car with just a little more horsepower than in previous years. But it was his improved driving and total commitment that enabled him to stay ahead of Josh Versluis, John Moyes and Ivan Srejber when it mattered, to win the Series amassing 243 points to 226 for Josh and 209 for John.

Our photo below shows James accepting the major trophies, including the Dave Robinson Memorial Trophy, at the Presentation Dinner held at Goulburn after the last round.



CAMS NSW Supersport Championship

Running with the Supersports cars had one interesting advantage – cars in the PRB class could compete for the 5-round state championship, along with all other supersports classes, and this year it was a PRB that triumphed. Josh Versluis scored more points than any Supersports runner in 2017 in the State rounds and ended up a well-deserved winner. Our photos shows Josh receiving his trophy from Darren Barlow and Matt Baragwanath (Wakefield Park manager), again after the Goulburn round.



James also won second-place at the state championships, here he is receiving his trophy.



At the Presentation Dinner we announced that there would be no separate PRB Series in 2018, given that a number of 2017 runners would not be supporting the series for the whole of 2018. As a result, numbers would be lower again.

However, we had negotiated with CAMS that the PRB class will still exist in the Supersports championship in 2018, giving drivers the opportunity to race at all the full tracks in NSW and again at Philip Island. As well there is an alternative Clubman Series now operating at NSW circuits, which provides another place to race.

Thanks go to the directors of PRB Motorsports who have organised the series for 11 years,

- Peter Bladwell
- Chris Barry
- Peter Garlick (who has handled all entries over the period)
- Mike Barry

And special thanks must go to Carol Robinson, who for many years provided the photographs for these Newsletters and for end-of-year competitor photo-montages.

2017 PRB Series Point Score

Points are awarded for each race in the PRB Race Series based on the number of cars that start in each Class, as specified in the table below, and the driver with the fastest class lap in qualifying and each race gets an extra point.

Place	6 + CARS	4 – 5 CARS	1 – 3 CARS
1st	15 points	14 points	12 points
2nd	13 points	12 points	10 points
3rd	12 points	11 points	9 points
4th	11 points	10 points	
5th	10 points	9 points	
6th	9 points		
7th	8 points		
8th	7 points		
9th	6 points		
10th	5 points		

The point score showing the 7th round, and the overall 2017 Series, is shown below.

Car No	DRIVER	RNDS 1-6	Fastest qualify	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Rnd 7 total	Series Total	N-3	TOTAL N-3
1	Chris Barry	39					0	39	0	39
4	Stefan Versluis	0					0	0	0	0
7	John Moyes	183		14	12		26	209	0	209
25	Stuart Shirvington	0		10	10	11	31	31	0	31
27	Kane Cruse	18					0	18	0	18
37	Jos Kroon	102		8	8	10	26	128	0	128
42	Les Bone	8					0	8	0	8
44	Warwick Williams	161					0	161	0	161
45	Ivan Srejber	173		9	9	9	27	200	0	200
48	James Dick	200	1	15	12	15	43	243	0	243
50	Malcolm Lee	106		12	13	13	38	144	0	144
52	Josh Versluis	197		11	15	13	39	236	10	226
91	Michael McCosker	82					0	82	0	82
	Fastest Lap									