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**TEAM MEDICAL AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES 13  
YEARS IN  
MOTORSPORT WITH NEW VIRGIN AUSTRALIA  
SUPERCARS CONTRACT**

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Australia's leading motorsport medical service provider, Team Medical Australia, has recently celebrated its 13th anniversary and will have an even greater presence at Virgin Australia Supercars events in 2017.

TMA are thrilled to have recently been awarded another multi-year contract for the provision of on-track medical services for the Virgin Australia Supercars events, which includes the inaugural running of the Newcastle round later on in the year, joining an expanded calendar of races to be attended by the highly skilled team of doctors, nurses, paramedics, drivers and admin staff. All of our members are elite, trained, qualified specialists in their individual fields and as a "Not for Profit" organisation, our members volunteer their time free of charge and to the benefit of motor sport.

TMA volunteers also attend numerous other high-profile motorsport events, including the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix, Moto GP, World Superbikes, Bathurst 12 Hour along with many grass roots events across the motorsport calendar.

In the last 13 years, the TMA medical intervention vehicles, and our team members, have been one of the first vehicles on the scene at a number of spectacular incidents, including Chris Pither and Paul Weel's Bathurst practice crash in 2008, Fabian Coulthard's 2010 Bathurst rollover, the altercation between James Courtney and Alex Premat at Phillip Island, and more recently Damien Flacks huge rollover at Bathurst and Chaz Mostert incident at Forrest Elbow. At all these major incidents, our teams not only attend the injured drivers, but also any potentially affected officials and others.

"Our role is to provide the absolute best motor sports medical service in the world" said Dr Brent May, President and Chief Medical Officer of Team Medical Australia, and the 2016 FIA International Doctor of the Year. "Our focus is to maintain the health and safety of all drivers, crew and officials whilst still enjoying the amazing spectacle that motor sport can provide."

The rapid response time and highly-trained medical personnel ensure drivers receive expert attention, often within seconds of being involved in a collision. TMA medical chase car driver Peter Castledine said the organisation's contribution to the sport would not be possible without the generous efforts of many skilled people.

At every round, the Team Medical Australia group conduct essential training drills including extrication and critical incident scenarios. At every event, our team conduct extrication exercises on a variety of vehicles including Supercars, GT's, as well as providing specialist extrication skills for the unique Formula 4 vehicles with their extrication seats. These crew members translate their skills from the lessons learnt from these events into the international arena of Formula 1 motor sport where they provide the same skills to the most famous cars on Earth.

"TMA relies on the generous contributions of many volunteers from all over Australia," Castledine said.

"All the men and women who are part of TMA are passionate motorsport enthusiasts and donate their time and skills to provide essential services."

At many events, Team Medical Australia arrives at an event with little more than a shell of a building. We provide all the equipment for a fully functional medical centre exceeding many small emergency departments around the country.

"It is a credit to Team Medical Australia and our sponsors that we can provide such contemporary medical equipment and services to motor sports, from elite levels to the grass roots events. Our equipment exceeds those requirements of international motor sports events making Australian racers some of the best medically supported in the world" Dr May said.

TMA has also been supported by a number of organisations, including Holden Motorsport, Tony Ireland Holden, Dunlop, Phillips, Draeger, Smiths Medical as well as event promoters and car clubs all over Australia.

"We have built long-term partnerships with these organisations over the last 13 years and we are extremely grateful for their ongoing support," Castledine said.

Team Medical Australia is providing the medical service for the Townsville Supercars event with a combination of our own dedicated volunteers as well as training up local personnel and the Queensland Ambulance Service.



*TMA celebrates 10 years in motorsport in 2014.*



*TMA provides services at many high-profile events each year.*



*TMA has a wealth of medical resources and personnel at its disposal.*



*The TMA medical intervention vehicle responds rapidly to incidents.*