

Circuit Excel Racing Association Inc

Meeting Minutes

15th of April 2026, AEST 8:03pm, Meeting held via Zoom conference call.

I. Call to order

Invitees: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Shane Beikoff (Technical), Tristan Wold, Ben Davey, Wesley Lehr, Sara Byrne, Jake Burton and Jordan Johnston.

II. Roll call

Roll call conducted. The following persons were present: John Broadbent (President), Andrew Young (Secretary), Shannon Williams Treasurer, Shane Beikoff (Technical), Tristan Wold, Wesley Lehr, Sara Byrne, Nicole Williams, Jordan Johnston, Jake Burton, Aaron Semler and Michael Nowickij

Apologies: N/A.

III. Approval of minutes from 10th December 2025.

Approved by Nicole Williams, Seconded by Tristan Wold.

IV. President Report:

- Bathurst event successfully completed. Event only barely broke even with 41–42 entries.
- Concerns raised regarding future participation levels and increasing event costs.
- Greater member engagement and Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are needed to support future Bathurst events.
- Supplier communication issues relating to controlled stickers were discussed.
- Clubs were requested to provide updated membership information to assist with supply planning.
- Ongoing discussions with Motorsport Australia regarding proposed driving standards.

V. Secretary Report

- Annual and financial returns had been lodged with Consumer Affairs Victoria.
- Regulation review submissions had been received from Victoria and South Australia.
- Communication continued with Western Australia and Dunlop regarding review matters.
- 8t sets of Super Shocks had been issued since the previous meeting.
- Motorsport Australia requirements regarding Working With Children Checks for officials were clarified.
- CERA document management was being consolidated through Microsoft Teams and OneDrive.
- Challenges remain in validating memberships where competitors register across multiple states.

VI. Treasurer Report:

Opening Balance (January 2026): \$127,034.83

Income: \$45,420.00

Expenditure: \$110,998.30

Expenditure included:

- ARG payments
- Event video production
- Uniform costs
- Bathurst infrastructure and marquees
- Prize giveaways and tyres
- Accommodation and event logistics

Income sources included:

- Club invoices
- Dunlop sponsorship payments
- Event entry fees

Current Balance: \$61,456.53

VII. Technical Delegate Report:

The Technical Committee reported that:

- Rack mount bush kits are now available through approved dealers and should be promoted across the category.
- Extensive scrutineering and compliance checks were conducted at Bathurst.
- Competitor self-audit compliance continued to improve for Bathurst.
- One significant non-compliance matter and several ride-height issues were managed through the appropriate stewarding processes.

VIII. General Business:

Bathurst 2026 Review:

- Event reached its capacity of 42 entries.
- Positive feedback received from competitors and volunteers.
- One significant incident involving injury occurred during the event.
- Race 3 was shortened and awarded half points.
- Class and Masters category awards were presented.
- Future viability of the Bathurst event beyond 2026 was discussed.
- Clubs were asked to assess member interest for future participation.
- Driver selection considered experience and suitability for Mount Panorama.
- Event feedback from competitors was overwhelmingly positive.
- A serious accident in race 3 was acknowledged and appropriate follow-up undertaken.
- Several qualifying and race penalties affected final classifications.
- Event administration, officiating and competitor conduct were generally regarded as excellent.
- Additional media exposure and improved live coverage were identified as opportunities.

Outcome

- Clubs to consult members regarding support for a future Bathurst event.

Supplier and Pricing Updates

- Dunlop advised of tyre price increases:
 - Mainland states: +\$20 per tyre
 - Tasmania and Northern Territory: +\$35 per tyre
- Freight and logistics costs are the primary cause.
- Dunlop advised a tyre price increase effective 1 May 2026.
- Clubs were encouraged to assess stock levels and consider ordering before increases take effect.
- Additional increases anticipated for Supashock controlled suspension.

Action

- Clubs to review stock requirements and communicate with suppliers.

2026 Nationals – The Bend

- Planning was progressing well.
- Seventy-eight Expressions of Interest were received.
- A Masters division being considered.
- Heat racing likely to be used to manage entry numbers.
- The Bend will manage event entries.
- Sponsorship opportunities continue, with approximately \$5,000 still sought.
- Live-streaming arrangements remain under consideration.
- Managers' and pit crew activities are being investigated.
- CERA will fund technical and Driving Standards Observer travel expenses.
- Planning remains on schedule.

Regulation Review

Submissions from Victoria and South Australia were reviewed.

Topics discussed included:

- Proposed mandatory winged seats.
- Clarification of ride-height regulations.
- Ride-height clarification, Undertray compliance requirements / Undertray interpretation.
- Tyre allocation and management for Nationals events.
- Control engine loom requirements
- Valve pocket tolerances
- Crankshaft minimum weight – proposed tolerance reduction (to 11.85 kg).
- Technical component standardisation and control loom development.

Action: All states to consult competitors and provide feedback prior to the rules submission deadline in August.

Future Nationals Hosting

- NSW confirmed as host for the 2027 Nationals, with timing still to be finalised.
- Early- to mid-year timing was preferred to reduce clashes with other major events.
- Proposal to be considered through future planning processes.

Around the States:

WA:

- Ongoing issues relating to driving standards and discipline at Collie.
- Clarification of the Driver Standards Officer role.

SA:

- Progress update on Nationals planning.
- Several competitors preparing for the Darwin Enduro.

Victoria

- Strong participation levels at Sandown, with 43 entries.
- Successful race meeting with three green-flag races.
- Potential changes to enduro scheduling discussed.
- Vic Enduro to be at Sandown, same weekend as SA Enduro

NSW:

- 2 Rounds completed and next on May 15th.
- Enduro on June 13th.

QLD:

- 2 Rounds completed.
- Next round May 22-24

Other Business

- Review of club demerit systems and alignment with Motorsport Australia disciplinary processes.

IX. Adjournment

John Broadbent adjourned the meeting at 10:15pm AEST.

Minutes submitted by: Andrew Young