



## **PAYCE MOTORSPORT**

### **Shannons Nationals 1–3 April 2016 – Kerrick Sports Sedans**

**David Wall had the fans cheering with his exceptional race craft at the Sports Sedans Series at Sandown Raceway in Victoria.**

#### **A Special Day for David Wall – Competing for the Des Wall Trophy – Brian Boyd**

The first round of this year's Shannons Nationals was very special for David Wall as the final Sunday race was for the Des Wall Trophy, dedicated to his legendary late father, who drove the very same car that David would be driving over the weekend. The Chevrolet Corvette C5 took Des to an Australian Sports Sedan Championship in 2009.

David had dusted off the #38 Corvette, prepped it for the race meeting in the Wall Racing workshop and given it a fresh livery. It was undoubtedly one of the most striking cars in the field over the weekend with an exhaust note to match from its 6 litre engine.

Qualifying quickly established that the weekend races would be a three-way battle between David in the Corvette, Perkins in the Audi-Chev and defending champion, Ricciardello in the Alfa-Chev.

The first two races went to Perkins with David in close pursuit in third spot, but not able to quite match the Audi's nimbleness and speed.

In the final race for the Des Wall Trophy, David pulled out all stops, fitting a fresh set of tyres in the hope of hauling in the two frontrunners. On lap 2, Ricciardello had an off which took David into 2nd spot chasing Perkins, positions both held to the finish.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place a Great Result with Family and Fans in Tow – Brian Boyd**

While David would have dearly loved to have won the trophy dedicated to his father, he and his family and fans took immense pleasure in seeing the car on the grid in competitive form and it being driven in a manner that would have made Des Wall proud.

David said: "We gave it everything all weekend and even found some more in the last race. It was so good to get the car out again after four years. What a weapon!"

#### **Des Wall's Championship Corvette 'The Beast' a Fantastic Sight – Brian Boyd**

Brian Boyd said it was a fantastic sight to see Des Wall's 2009 championship Corvette on the grid for the first race of this year's series in the skilled hands of his son.

"It was a great car in the hands of a great driver with Des at the wheel and to see David wheel it out in its new livery was quite a thrill," Brian Boyd said.

"All credit to David and his team for the work they put into the car to make the meeting and congratulations to David for some terrific driving of what he affectionately calls "the Beast".

“PAYCE was pleased to provide support to ensure the car was looking and performing at its best when David gridded up for the Des Wall Trophy race on Sunday.”

Brian Boyd said: “I know David would have liked to have brought the trophy home, but he did a top job in chasing some strong opposition to finish second for a place on the podium.”

“David once again demonstrated his versatility as a professional driver, stepping into the 6 litre Corvette, after co-driving a Mitsubishi Evo to a class win in the Bathurst 6 Hour a week before and before that the Porsche GT3 in the Porsche Carrera Cup at the Australian GP – all in the space of three weeks,” enthused an excited Brian Boyd.

The next round of the Super Sedans Series is at Phillip Island on 27-29 May. PAYCE will be well represented at the event to enjoy the racing action in readiness for the next edition of the PAYCE Motorsport Wrap Up article. We hope to see you at Philip Island for what promises to be an action charged race meeting for the Sports Sedans Championship.

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