

PODIUM SUCCESS IN TWO STATES FOR SHERRIN MOTORSPORT

Sherrin Motorsport campaigned five Porsches at major race meetings at the weekend and came away with four podium finishes.

The team's three Porsche 997GT3 Cup Cars were in action in round two of the Carrera Cup Championship at Wakefield Park and two Porsche 996 Cup Cars raced in the Queensland 500 Enduro at Queensland Raceway.

"It's been a very big weekend of racing for the Sherrin Motorsport crew and our hard work's been rewarded with some outstanding results on the track," Sherrin Motorsport Managing Director and Team Manager, Iain Sherrin said.

The Brisbane-based team showed why it's becoming a major force in the national all-Porsche championship, with a top three placing overall and two of its three Cup Cars again finishing well inside the top ten.

Rookie driver David Russell had a podium finish in race two and also for the round in the Boom Logistics/Sherrin Hire Porsche, Ian Dyk in the Juniper Racing entry finished on the podium in race three and Daniel Pappas, driving the Sherrin Motorsport car had his best race result of the season so far.

At the Queensland 500, a revamped version of the previous enduro made famous by the V8 Supercars, both the Sherrin Motorsport entries finished on the podium.

Teaming up in the Juniper Racing Porsche, Shaun Juniper and Alistair Bye were second while Roger Lago and Phil Holzberger drove the Sherrin Motorsport car to third place.

Juniper qualified his car third fastest, missing out on a front-row grid position by just two tenths of a second during the final two minutes of qualifying.

The award-winning Queensland developer was behind the wheel for the rolling start and moved into second place going into the first corner before pitting 28 laps later during a safety car period to change drivers. His team-mate Alistair Bye drove the majority of his first 57 laps on slick tyres in wet conditions and handed the car back over on lap 95 in first place.

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Juniper returned to the track for his second driving stint in second place and after a lengthy six-laps behind the safety car had a spin on cold tyres and the Porsche had to be pulled from the sand trap. Down just one lap, he flicked on the headlights and drove on through the Queensland sunset and into the evening, finishing the night shift and pitting on lap 120 for the final driver change.

Re-entering the track in 4th position, Alistair Bye passed the other Sherrin Motorsport-managed Porsche and the Citilink VS Commodore to move into 2nd place. The Juniper Racing Porsche stretched the lead to finish second behind Rob Sherrard's Holden Monaro.

A regular competitor in Porsche Club days, Roger Lago qualified the other Porsche fourth fastest for the biggest event of his racing career to date.

Driving on slick tyres in wet, slippery conditions tested his ability and the Sherrin Motorsport Porsche spun out on the grass in turn six but didn't become bogged or loose too many places in the field.

"It was a brilliant race and the car ran well, but the best experience of all was racing at night – I loved it," Roger Lago said.

Unlike his team-mate, Phil Holzberger who has raced in the CAMS State Championship and had a stint in the 2005 GT Championship, found night-shift behind the wheel a challenge.

"Normally, I would look through a corner when I'm racing, but you can't do that at night because you're looking into the darkness, so my lap times dropped because I was being cautious," Phil Holzberger said.

The team said they enjoyed the Queensland 500 so much, they're already making preparations for next year's Enduro.

