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A1 GRAND PRIX TEST FOR CARRERA CUP DRIVER

Juniper Racing's faith in the ability of Carrera Cup driver Ian Dyk has been confirmed with news the 20 year-old will head to the United Kingdom to test with Australia's A1 Grand Prix team.

The 20 year-old will test with A1Team Australia at Silverstone on the 30th and 31st of August.

Sherrin Motorsport Managing Director Iain Sherrin said he was informed by Ian Dyk's Management of the invitation to try out with the team owned and managed by former Formula 1 World Champion Alan Jones.

"It's a fantastic break for Ian who is currently in the top 5 of Carrera Cup in the Juniper Racing Porsche," Iain Sherrin said.

"Naturally, we'll be disappointed to lose him, but we wish Ian all the very best for the UK test."

Team Australia boss Alan Jones said Dyk is one of only a few selected drivers given the opportunity to test.

"We've been watching Ian Dyk's progress through Carrera Cup and have extended the invitation for him to come over and show us what he can do at this level," Alan Jones said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for an up and coming driver to demonstrate his ability on the global stage."

Dyk will get in some valuable practice in an open wheeler before the UK test, in a Formula 3 this week at Phillip Island.

The A1 Grand Prix tryout leaves a vacant seat in the Juniper Racing Porsche for the next round of the Carrera Cup Championship at Sandown, and potentially for the rest of the season.

Sherrin Motorsport's Iain Sherrin said owner and driver Shaun Juniper may step into the Juniper Racing 997 Porsche a little earlier than expected.

"Shaun's been working hard this year towards his Carrera Cup licence, driving the 996 Cup Car in this year's GT Championship. Having Shaun step up to race at Sandown is a definite possibility," Iain Sherrin said.