



The story so far: Carrera Cup 2025

10/07/2025 Three rounds, three winners and a bucketful of stories – this year's Porsche Paynter Dixon Carrera Cup Australia Championship has burst into life with its usual aplomb, and all signs point to another blockbuster conclusion to Australia's top one-make racing category.

From competing under lights at Sydney Motorsport Park to competing in front of huge crowds at the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix and under the bright sunshine of Darwin in the Northern Territory, the 2025 championship has covered plenty of ground despite only being three rounds old.

In case you've missed the action so far, here's how things have played out so far – and what to look forward to in what is going to be a flat-out run to the chequered flag in November.

Carrera Cup Australia

Porsche Paynter Dixon – the property firm has been title sponsor of the championship for neatly five years now – Carrera Cup Australia is the top one-make category in Australia.

Celebrating its 20th season in 2025, Carrera Cup Australia is one of twelve iterations of Porsche's

premier national championship competition globally and arguably one of the most successful, thanks to a long history of producing both outstanding racing, emerging young talent moving to global success, and much more.

The entire field competes in the type-992 GT3 Cup Car and is split into two classes: Equity-One Professional Class, for young stars, Porsche Michelin Juniors and established stars, and the Pro-Am category for those more established drivers - doing it for the love and the competition.

The season so far

Defending Champion Harri Jones commenced his drive for a third Porsche Carrera Cup Australia in style at Sydney Motorsport Park's season opener, claiming pole position and all three race victories at the Western Sydney circuit.

It was a momentous weekend for the Queenslander who had just weeks prior to the round to hastily assemble his own race team to operate his #1 entry following the closure of his existing squad.

Young-gun Bailey Hall finished second on his debut with EMA Motorsport, the new team and environment clearly gelling with the Surfers Paradise-based driver.

Third was mr. consistency, Dylan O'Keeffe, who enjoyed a strong start to his title campaign aboard his Garth Walden Racing-entered machine.

Rodney Jane claimed the Pro-Am round victory aboard his Bob Jane T-Marts Sonic Motor Racing entry, his first round win in a long time. The story of the weekend, though, was Carrera Cup rookie Jacque Jarjo: The Sydney-based driver delivered on home turf to win his first ever top-flight Porsche race. It was also the first win for his team, DNA Motorsport, in the Porsche 'main game'.

The Grand Prix

Melbourne in March usually means madness and this year was no exception. The second round of the championship returned Carrera Cup to Albert Park alongside the Formula 1® event, and it was spectacular.

Jackson Walls won the round as he commenced a part-time 'cameo' season in his Objective Racing entry. Harri Jones won race one but stumbled slightly, his streak of four wins in a row a season-opening record for Carrera Cup. Walls was there to benefit, while Italian super-sub Alessandro Ghiretti was a superstar, bouncing back on more than one occasion to carve his way through the field to win the final race.

Dylan O'Keeffe was second for the round while Marcos Flack, who had claimed his maiden Porsche win

at the venue twelve months earlier, finished third. With more than 30 cars on track, the grid was the largest in Carrera Cup Australia for several seasons.

In Pro-Am Rodney Jane made it two from two, extending his class lead at a circuit close enough to home that he could literally ride in each day. Standout debutante Brett Boulton and Matthew Belford – who's office overlooks Albert Park – completed the podium.

Top End Tussle

Dylan O'Keeffe raced to the championship lead after a perfect clean sweep of all three races at Hidden Valley Raceway in Darwin, in June.

His ascendancy came after Jones finished second overall – and yet lost the championship lead for the first time since the very first round of the 2024 season more than 18 months earlier!

O'Keeffe's superb performance ensured double delight for GWR Australia who also won the Pro-Am class thanks to the efforts of Matt Belford, who broke Rodney Jane's stranglehold on the Carrera Cup 'race within a race'.

How it stands

Three rounds in and it's Dylan O'Keeffe and Harri Jones at the top of the standings in the Equity-One Professional class, split by just 10 points. Bayley Hall sits third - 81 points behind – with Marcos Flack and David Russell (TekworkX Motorsport) next. Five different teams hold the top five positions in the Pro championship.

In Pro-Am it's Rodney Jane with a strong lead over Darwin winner Belford and Matt Slavin.

What comes next?

Things get busy from here. After a lengthy gap between rounds two and three, the championship again has a pause before rushing into the back half of the season in August.

The next stop will see Carrera Cup return to Queensland Raceway in Ipswich for the first time since the 2008 season – the longest time between visiting circuits in championship history.

It's set to pose a new challenge for teams who are yet to have raced the current-specification GT3 Cup car at the venue.

After the Queensland trip it's down to The Bend Motorsport Park in South Australia for round five,

supporting the first of the Supercars Championship endurance events this September.

With the championship picture starting to take shape the field returns to the most iconic place in Australian Motorsport – Mount Panorama, Bathurst – alongside the annual Repco Bathurst 1000 before the annual and popular stop on the Surfers Paradise beaches and the Gold Coast 500; a street fight that will determine the key contenders coming to the final round.

From there it's back to Adelaide for the biggest domestic event of the year: The Adelaide Grand Final on the iconic parklands circuit, where the 20th Porsche Carrera Cup Australia Champion, Porsche Michelin Junior will be crowned.

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