

Australian DRAG RACING

The Australian National Drag Racing Association (ANDRA) was delegated by the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) as the governing body of drag racing in Australia, and is currently the only Australian motor sport discipline operating independently.

Classes

There are four general classes in Australian drag racing:

1. **Group One:** This is pinnacle class in drag racing around the world. It includes Top Fuel (nitro), Top Alcohol (methanol), Top Doorslammer (Pro-modified equivalent) (methanol) and Pro Stock (methanol) brackets. It is a professional level bracket where specially constructed vehicles compete. Events are widely popular in Australia attracting spectator crowds in excess of 30,000 on race days.
2. **Group Two:** Created as a sportsman class for exclusively built drag racing cars that can take the form of dragsters or sedans. Handicaps or indexes are applied to differently specified cars to ensure racing is "side by side". Cars may be naturally aspirated or supercharged.
3. **Group Three:** Developed for performance enhanced, street legal type cars this bracket sees off-street vehicles - the slowest – competing in their own race events, known generically as Street Meets. To participate competitors need only have a current road driving licence, a crash helmet and seat belt, and to put their vehicle through a basic safety check. They can compete at Grudge Meets, where they can race against their friend(s) or just attempt to improve their previous performance standards, or at Bracket Meets, where there is a range of performance related categories with an elimination process and a winner or winners at the end of the night. This simple accessibility makes Street Meets very popular, and they can attract in excess of 200 competitors and several thousand fans and friends to watch them race. Such events can be staged with little organisation and are frequently run on weekday nights.
4. **Sports Compact Series:** This series enables specific types of high performance street legal vehicles to compete in a variety of formats based on vehicle specifications.

Venues

Currently, there are five racetracks around Australia that support Group 1 events.

- ✓ Western Sydney International Dragway*, Sydney – New South Wales.
- ✓ Calder Park Raceway, Melbourne – Victoria.
- ✓ Willowbank Raceway, Brisbane – Queensland.
- ✓ Adelaide International Raceway, Adelaide – South Australia.
- ✓ The Quid Motorplex*, Perth – Western Australia.

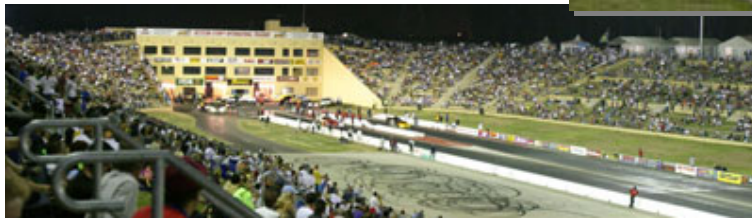
Additionally there are two tracks that provide opportunities for promotions and exhibitions:

- ✓ Palmyra International Raceway, Mackay – North Queensland; and
- ✓ Hidden Valley, Darwin – Northern Territory.

*AUS\$20 million was provided to build both tracks.



Kwinana Motorplex



Western Sydney International Dragway

The Australian Market

Events per season - Approximately 29 Group 1, 2 and 3 and 260 Sports Compact events (including the 29 Group 1, 2 and 3 events) in the upcoming 2005/2006 season. Major national events are typically held over 2-3 days.

Number of ANDRA license holders in 2005: 2,768 (161 Group 1) (1,634 Group 2 & 3) (881 Super Street) and (92 Junior) "Overall licence holders are higher than they have ever been, with an increase of 24% since 1998, a 32% increase in the past five years and 13% growth in the last 12 months." *ANDRA 2005 Annual Report.*

Approximate number of Drag Racing clubs and associations: 50.