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## Alfa Community Sponsors GTA Racing

The support from the Melbourne Alfa Romeo community has inspired driver of GTA Racings Alfa Romeo 147 GTA, Hugh Harrison, to come away with a seasons best finish and to shave another half second off his fastest lap time in the 26 lap race two of the GT Performance series at Sandown this weekend.

Sandown, not far from Melbourne which is arguably the heart of the Alfa Romeo community, saw a flood of Alfa enthusiasts at the track this weekend thanks to the sponsorship raising efforts of GTA Racing in the weeks leading up to this weekends action at Sandown.

“Over the three days here at Sandown, we have had literally dozens of Alfa supporters come past to say hi, have a look at the car, meet the team, and wish us luck” said Harrison. “Seeing all of the supporters here at the track really pepped us up and helped me to come away with my best performance all weekend.”

In the weeks leading up to the Sandown meet, GTA Racing met with the Melbourne based Alfa Romeo Owners Club offering unique sponsorship opportunities. The response from the Clubs members was overwhelming, with pretty much every member contributing to sponsor GTA Racing this weekend at Sandown.

Alfa Romeo Owners Club member, Andrew Thomson, was the lucky recipient of the sponsors reward – the sponsors 'one hot lap' on Friday at Sandown. “I love Alfa's and jumped at the opportunity to sponsor the team. Having the one hot lap was simply a bonus. After the lap, I offered to trade places with Hugh, but I'm glad he stayed in the drivers seat in light of his results over the weekend.”

With the support of the Alfa community, the opening of the heavens did little to rain on GTA's parade, who finished 18<sup>th</sup> in today's race two with a fastest lap time of 1:25.64, more than half a second improvement on yesterdays fastest lap time.

“Just knowing there were so many Alfa supporters in the crowd helped the team perform beyond all of our expectations. It was great to see the support the community gave us at our sponsors night and the number of Club members who turned out this weekend was great – its great for GTA Racing, great for the community and great for the Procar series” concluded Harrison.

With the information collected from this weekend by the new on-board data acquisition computer, and with the support of the Alfa Romeo community behind them, GTA Racing will be working hard to prepare for Round 4 of the GT Performance series to be held on 20 June at Winton Motor Raceway.

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