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“Foessel secures Australian GT Challenge title in debut season”

Queensland’s Ben Foessel has claimed the GT Challenge title within the Australian GT Championship presented by Pirelli in just his first season in the series after taking a round victory in the inaugural Highlands 101 event in New Zealand alongside South Australian Michael Almond.

With quick practice times to get the weekend underway, Ben looked to make his mark early towards claiming the championship. After a positive start to the weekend with both Foessel and Almond recording strong times, a successful weekend was in sights for the young pairing. An incident throughout the event to title rival Brendan Cook would see Ben claim the silverware in the opening race.

“It was unfortunate that Brendan Cook hit the wall during race one, but in saying that it helped me secure the GT Challenge title for 2013,” Foessel said.

With limited racing experience acquired throughout 2012, Ben joined the Australian GT Championship in the Porsche 996 before moving into the later model 997 for the New Zealand event. A season of consistent successful results on some of the biggest tracks in the country has helped Ben to secure top spot.

“I am over the moon to have achieved this result in just my first year in a full time national category and I’m really looking forward to 2014 to continue strongly with my racing.”

“I have been leading the championship since the first round at the Bathurst 12 Hour and could have wrapped it up at Queensland Raceway if it wasn’t for the unfortunate DNF in race two, however it certainly feels great to win it in the first event at the Highlands Motorsport Park, it is an amazing track,” Foessel concluded.

A video on board with Ben at Highlands Motorsport Park can be seen [here](#)

Ben’s 2014 racing plans are currently under review with his management and details will be released soon.



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