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“Foessel team motoring towards Phillip Island debut”

Queensland father and son team, George and Ben Foessel, are set to make their first trip to what is commonly recognised as Australia’s premier purpose built race track as the third round of the Australian GT Championship - presented by Pirelli (which joins the Shannons Australian Motor Racing Nationals at Phillip Island).

With the first two rounds as part of the Armor All Bathurst 12 Hour and Clipsal 500 Adelaide, the pair are diverting their attention to a non-street circuit for the first time on the calendar; however the opportunity to race on the streets of Adelaide was an experience both enjoyed immensely.

“Clipsal is an exciting and also a scary track at the same time. Because of that, it has definitely made it into the ‘top tracks’ I have raced/driven on. I seem to have a definite liking for street circuits like Clipsal, where there is no room for error,” Ben said.

“Clipsal was the perfect high energy event for the Motor School Racing Team to campaign both of our cars for the first time. This is our formative year, so each event is an enjoyable learning experience,” George added.

Having already taken a good look at what they will face with the 4.5km track at Phillip Island, both Ben and George have their minds set on how they will conquer the Victorian track.

“Clipsal is a different beast as you can’t push as hard due to there being no real room for error. On the other hand Phillip Island is a fast flowing track with at least some run off so there is a little more room to push harder, but having never raced there before, it will all be a learning experience,” Ben stated.

“Racing in Adelaide was literally my first drive in the new 997 GT3. Now that I have come to grips with the car, I am expecting a great improvement at Phillip Island,” George said.

Ben and George both have individual goals for the weekend, yet the competition level between the two of them is high.

“I hope to continue my lead in the points for the Challenge category with the Australian GT Championship presented by Pirelli, and am aiming for a top three finish in class. But it is racing, so you really don’t know till the flag has dropped,” Ben said.

“My aim is too ultimately to finish the event without damage to both cars, and of course to finish ahead of Ben,” George concluded.

Round three of the Australian GT Championship presented by Pirelli, takes place as part of round three of Shannons Australian motor Racing Nationals at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, Victoria from May 24-26.



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