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Trask Kicks Off 2018 Campaign With a Win in Aussie F1 GP

Aussie F1 driver Grant Trask has opened his 2018 campaign with a stunning display on Newcastle harbour at the opening round of the Australian F1 series.



Grant Trask is the only Australian and the only disabled pilot contesting the 2018 World F1 Championship.



Racing for the first time under the Bartercoin F1 banner in new black and gold team livery, Trask is using the Australian series as a core element of his development and testing program, in the lead up to the opening round of the UIM World F1 Championship to be staged in Portugal May 18 – 20.

At Newcastle, Grant Trask arrived with his favoured GTR F1 hull complete with Troy Woods built 2.5 litre EFI Mercury F1 race engine.

“We were set up to race as though we were contesting the world championship,” Grant Trask said.

“Having contested all of the rounds on 2017 World F1 series, I now have a solid amount of test and race experience in the seat. From here the objective is to be faster around the course with increased engine reliability. I want to be a better driver and that can only come about with seat time under race conditions.”

The Newcastle F1 event started badly for Trask and the Bartercoin F1 team but ended brilliantly. In practice the gearbox seal failed necessitating an overnight repair. Consequently, Trask failed to qualify.

On race day, Trask had to start the GP from the back of the field in race 1. But with superior speed and keen driving he worked his way through the pack to finish in second place. Starting from pole 5 in race 2, Trask again performed brilliantly to come home in first place registering the first ever win for Bartercoin F1.

“It was nice to be on home water running our own GTR hull,” Grant Trask said.

This is the hull designed by Grant’s father, Bob, and raced on the UIM World Championship series by brothers Bob and David Trask.

“With the great support of Bartercoin we are determined to race the GTR hull in the 2018 campaign. I feel a lot more comfortable in the GTR hull – it handles rough water conditions better, particularly when crossing the wash. It’s sweeter in the turns and we’re convinced that our lap times will be better with a GTR in 2018.”

The 2018 campaign is coming together well for Grant Trask and his team. A new sponsor in Bartercoin, new engines from the workshop of Troy Wood at Brisbane Marine, some changes in the pit crew and a GTR hull are all positive signs of a good season ahead.

Coming out of the opening round of the Australian F1 series, Trask sits in equal first place on the drivers point score. The next round is to be conducted at Griffith in NSW followed by Yarrawonga on Lake Mulwala.

Grant Trask contested all six rounds of the 2017 F1H20 UIM World Championship. He finished 13th in the field of 22 pilots in the F1H20 UIM Drivers World Championship.

The Grant Trask Racing **Bartercoin F1** team is an all Australian race team, proudly competing for the F1H20 UIM World Championship. Follow Grant Trask Racing at www.granttraskracing.com.au, Facebook and Instagram.



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