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Pedders Racing to complete Winton test ahead of strong season end

As part of the Pedders Racing team's preparation for Round 4 of the Australian Manufacturers Championship (AMC, Wakefield Park, 18 – 20 October), the Bendigo crew will head for Winton Raceway this weekend to complete the latest in their string of test sessions, to keep the world's first national production racing Toyota 86 on the incline of development, aiming to give the local team the best chance at taking out their third consecutive Class Championship in just two event's time.

The Sunday 29th September test has been scheduled to review the many changes made to the car since its last competitive outing in Queensland back in August, where the team secured another world first, taking out a Class race victory as part of the 'Fight in the Night' race under lights, the team also taking the Toyota 86 to the verge of the outright top ten competition, showing strength and reliability of the race package.

Having since made geometry changes to both front and rear of the #86, along with ongoing work to overcome a mechanical gremlin that has been plaguing efforts since the debut of the Toyota earlier this season, the team will be on track to enhance the balance and drive-ability of the Pedders Racing entry.

With the final two rounds of the Australian Manufacturers Championship season now ahead, further development and long-term success comes down to the small but necessary gains, combined with a determination to learn more and more about the car and the opportunities for seeing it move further into the field as Team Principle Grant Phillips explained,

"It's all about the one percent margins, finding everything we can for potential improvement and making sure that we capitalise on the already well-sorted base product.

"This test is all about data collection and monitoring the changes. It will also give us the chance to accurately monitor our sponsors' products in a real world race environment, but without the standard race weekend pressures, meaning that we can give greater focus to how we can best work with the package we have while finding the next steps forward."

The Winton test will coincide with an outing for the Victorian Toyota 86 Club, with more than 30 road-going Toyota 86's expected to join the Pedders Racing Toyota 86 at the regional circuit. Having committed not just to succeed on the track, but to growing a loyal support network to share with sponsors and fellow racers, the Victorian Toyota 86 Club will be the latest group of enthusiasts to share their passion and enthusiasm for the 86 with the team.

Andrew Turpie, knows very well the challenges and enjoyment that the Toyota 86 has already brought to his Pedders Racing team, and of the interest from Toyota 86 clubs, said,

"When we hit the track, it's also a great opportunity to share our ideas and stories about the vehicles we all enjoy. The car has been popular everywhere it has been so far, and for those who share our passion for motor sport and caring for cars, we're a team who will always offer support to see others move forward with the best people and products, just as we continue to do thanks to our great team and sponsor network."

With hopes of taking out this year's Class D title still high, there is a lot at stake in the debut season for the Pedders Racing Toyota 86, and the team encourage supporters to join them at this Sunday's Winton Raceway test for a look, to learn and to enjoy, before it all gets back into serious race mode at Round 4 of the Australian Manufacturers Championship at Wakefield Park next month.

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