

Southport Car Service

Your monthly roundup of snippets and news

April 2018

Welcome to your April edition. We've published a little early as the Easter long weekend starts on Friday March 30 through to Monday April 2 and it's a time when many Aussies take to the roads heading for their favourite destination. Here's wishing you a safe and happy holiday break from the management and mechanics.

Chloe ~ editor

Workshop Buzz!

Hopefully those of you who have planned to travel this long weekend have had your vehicles checked for the trip. In car distractions such as Sat Nav, entertainment gadgets, music, phones, and passenger interaction can cause you to lose concentration. Drive to conditions and don't become another road statistic. A lot of 4x4 enthusiasts will be heading to popular beach locations while others will be heading 'bush'. Make sure you have good communication equipment and adequate safety gear. Remember safety first.

Vehicle Insurance

We are constantly bombarded with offers via tv, radio and online services which offer to get you the best insurance deal at the right price. It can be a time consuming and frustrating process and cheap is not always the best. One option is to take matters into your own hands, pick out two or three major insurers and call or contact them directly asking pre-arranged questions to suit your circumstances. You'll find that companies will answer in detail all of your concerns and offer cooling off periods to give you time to consider if what you originally agreed to covers all your needs.



Dealing direct gives you the negotiating power not a third party. Asking the same questions of two or three companies takes little or no more time than filling out an online third-party application and then waiting for a reply. Deal direct, your choice, your money. There are a number of categories covering car insurance, the more recognised ones being Comprehensive, Third Party Property, Third Party Fire and Theft and CTP (Compulsory Third Party). Insurance is important so take a moment to make the right choice. There are dozens of vehicle insurers, we've listed a few. [RACQ](#) Ph: 131905, [NRMA](#) Ph: 132132, [Suncorp](#) Ph: 131155, [Budget Direct](#) Ph: 1300306560, [Shannons](#) for the motoring enthusiasts Ph: 134646

Motor Sport 2018

2018 Supercars Race 4

Jamie Whincup Red Bull Holden Racing Team has claimed the inaugural Larry Perkins Trophy from the Coates Hire Supercars Melbourne 400. [Here is a list of 2018 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship Points](#)

More **Supercar** racing in April with

ROUND 3 Tasmania SuperSprint, Symmons Plains, TAS - April 6-8

ROUND 4 Phillip Island 500, Phillip Island, VIC - April 20-22

As expected we are in for some exciting racing. The championship rounds have increased by two with some rescheduling. You can check the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship 16 – [event calendar here](#). You can [LIVE stream the dedicated 24/7 Bathurst Channel on FOX SPORTS](#).

2018 Formula 1

[Sebastian Vettel](#) once again showed his talent and experience to make it his third win in Australia. He took out the 2018 Formula 1 ® Rolex Australian Grand Prix at Albert Park, Melbourne leaving a disappointed Louis Hamilton to second position with Raikkonen third. It's another great result for the Ferrari team. Our home grown [Daniel Ricciardo](#) drove a brilliant race to finish fourth. [For more information](#)

Australian Rally Championship

Toyota Genuine Parts' Harry Bates and John McCarthy have taken The Courier Eureka Rally win, giving the Toyota Yaris AP4 its maiden [CAMS Australian Rally Championship \(ARC\)](#) round victory.

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~ Happy Motoring