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## **SEE THE MIGHTY MUSTANGS IN ACTION AT THE FIRST NATIONAL 'GREEN' RACE MEETING**

A mass of mighty Mustangs will headline Australia's first carbon neutral national race meeting when the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Historic Sandown meeting roars to life at Sandown Raceway from November 9-11.

The carbon emissions generated over three days of on and off-track action will be calculated and a portion of the meeting's entry fees will be donated to Greenfleet. This will ensure enough trees are planted to completely offset the meeting's impact on the environment.

Victorian Historic Racing Register vice-president Noel Robson said he was proud the Register would lead the way in minimizing the environmental impact of a national motor racing meeting.

"We have always been conscious of trying to put on race meetings that give fans of historic racing the greatest bang for their buck," Ian said. "Minimising the carbon footprint of our activities is something we are very pleased that Greenfleet allows us the opportunity to do."

Up to 200 Mustangs will be on display, some of which will hit the track in a classic display of American muscle that will delight race fans' visual and aural senses. The highlight for many will be the chance to stand next to a vehicle many rate as the greatest touring car in Australian history, Allan Moffat's 1969 Boss 302 Trans-Am Mustang.

Alongside the "Moffstang" will be the Mustang driven by Ian "Pete" Geoghegan to four consecutive Australian touring car championships from 1966-69. Mustangs driven by other Aussie racing heroes such as Norm Beechey and Bob Jane will be among at least 200 on display.

The mighty Mustangs will be backed up by a wide array of classes encompassing all eras from stately pre-1931 vintage cars, through ferocious open wheelers such as Formula 5000 and Formula Ford, to the brawny Group A and C touring cars spanning the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

Mr Robson, the race director, said the Historic Sandown meeting held something for race fans of all ages. "Whatever your taste, there's a racing category to suit," he said.

"As well as offering non-stop on-track action, we encourage spectators to wander down to the pits for a close-up look at these incredible cars. In most cases we don't put barriers around them, and the drivers themselves are often around for a chat.

"It's a great opportunity to get up close and personal with what is, frankly, some astonishing machinery."

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*Picture caption: Jervis Ward's mighty Mustang (26) leads Lyndon Punshon (95) and Andy Clempson (72) in the highly competitive Nc (touring cars 1965-1972) category at last year's Historic Sandown meeting.*