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**2007 Australian GT Championship (final round)**

## **SIMONSEN/LEAHEY FERRARI KEEPS UP THE HEAT IN SANDOWN GT CLASSIC PRACTICE THREE**

Allan Simonsen along with co-driver Tim Leahey have concluded a perfect build-up ahead of qualifying for the Sandown GT Classic by topping the time sheets in all three practice sessions.

Their Ferrari 430 lapped the Sandown layout this morning with a fastest time of 1:13.1257 just four tenths of a second quicker than the Ian Palmer/Paul Stokell Lamborghini Gallardo with the father and son combination of Des and David Wall third fastest in the Porsche GT3 RSR followed by the Lamborghini Gallardo of Bryce Washington and Michael Trimble.

These top five cars in the session were separated by a mere .7747 seconds.

Sixth fastest in the session was the Ted Huglin, Craig Baird Ferrari 360 GT that has added a third driver, young Kiwi Andy Knight to the team.

The action in the Porsche Drivers Challenge category of the GT Championship is also well and truly on with the GT3 Cup Cars of Dean Fiore, Anthony Kossieris/Matthew Hunt, Damien Flack/Ash Samardi/Marc Cini, and Paul Tresidder filling positions seven to eleven in the session with less than a second separation in their fastest lap times.

Peter Lucas (Lotus Elise) was 12<sup>th</sup> fastest in the session but the other Lotus in the field, the Exige GT3 being driven by Angelo Lazaris and Warren Luff are still chasing a mysterious overheating problem, that has been reducing power output.

Tomorrow's (Saturday December 8) GT Championship activity at the Sandown GT Classic commences with the third practice session at 9.40am (EST) followed by two qualifying sessions scheduled for 12.30pm (EST) and 3.30pm (EST).

The three and a half hour Sandown GT Classic will commence on Sunday December 9 at 12.30pm (EST) following a ten minute warm up at 9.30am.

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