

OUR COMPANY MILESTONES

- 2006

- + PACE Innovations Pty Ltd was established by Paul Cefrnich, being the sole employee with the intention of offering engineering services to the global motorsport industry.
- + Key clients during the first year of operation included Schnitzer Motorsport (Germany), Reiter Engineering (Germany), Paul Morris Motorsport and PWR Motorsport.

- 2007

- + Appointed by Reiter Engineering to be the Australian distributor of racing cars and parts for their Lamborghini GT3 program.
- + PACE Innovations moved to its first workshop in Yatala, Queensland.
- + We expanded to four staff and began offering fabrication services, primarily to the teams in the V8 Supercars Championship.
- + Contracted as the Technical Director at WPS Racing, overseeing all engineering operations.

- 2008

- + Chosen by Ford Australia to design common base chassis for all Ford teams in line with V8 Supercars' Project Blueprint.
- + PACE built first Ford prototype chassis, FG01 V8 Supercar which was launched at Sandown.

- 2009

- + PACE secured separate supply contracts to provide base chassis for all Ford teams in the V8 Supercars Championship. This included Triple 8 Race Engineering, Stone Brothers Racing and Ford Performance Racing.

- 2010

- + Triple 8 Race Engineering switched to Holden supply and PACE Innovations expanded to supply for both manufacturers.
- + Contracted by V8 Supercars Australia to design the *Car of the Future* platform. The concept of this project was that all cars could compete using a common chassis and certain components.
- + Contracted by VEEGA (New Zealand) to derive a common-platform V8 touring car, similar to but more cost effective than the V8 Supercar in Australia. This later became the New Zealand V8SuperTourers.

- 2011

- + Together with V8SuperTourers, PACE Innovations built the prototype car and conducted a successful shakedown at Hampton Downs Raceway in Auckland, New Zealand.
- + Ford Australia commissioned PACE to design and build the first FG Falcon Ute which debuted in the V8 Ute Racing Series.
- + PACE Innovations received 16 orders from V8SuperTourers for chassis and components, all of which was delivered to New Zealand within five months for cars to be completed before the first race in 2012.
- + V8 Supercars chose PACE to build both Ford and Holden prototype cars, which were completed and unveiled at the final round of the championship in Homebush, Sydney.

- 2012

- + PACE Innovations joined with Melbourne Performance Centre to create MPC Motorsport, a New Zealand company providing preparation and racing services for the V8 SuperTourer Championship.
- + Global Touring Cars (South Africa) approaches PACE to develop a concept for a small-sedan, V8-engined platform, using the OE bodywork of the prominent South African built car marques.
- + Erebus Motorsport contracted PACE Innovations to assist with the integration of the Mercedes-Benz E63 with the *Car of the Future* chassis platform.
- + PACE supplied *Car of the Future* chassis structures to Triple 8 Engineering, Ford Performance Racing, Dick Johnson Racing, Erebus Motorsport and Brad Jones Racing. Chassis kits and jiggling design services were supplied to the majority of teams.

- 2013

- + First Global Touring Car prototype was built by PACE Innovations, taking the shape of a Ford Focus sedan.
- + MPC Motorsport expanded from two to three cars for the New Zealand V8SuperTourers Championship.
- + The GTC Ford Focus V8 completed a successful shakedown at Queensland Raceway and is then delivered to South Africa.

- 2014

- + PACE derives concept for MARC Cars Australia and design endurance racing variant of small sedan platform. This was later known as the MARC I.
- + PACE Innovations designed and built a Holden Colorado off-road truck for Tony Quinn to compete in Australian events. The car was completed and successfully tested in 2014.

- + On completion of the design, MARC Cars confirmed a three-car build order. These cars were completed and entered into the 2014 Bathurst 12 Hour. All three cars finished and locked out the class podium without any prior testing.

- 2015

- + Tony Quinn approached PACE Innovations to design and build a highly-specialised Hillclimb car that could be adapted to both gravel and tarmac. Less than a year after the first discussion, the 800hp, 4WD Ford Focus Monster Tamer competed at the longest gravel hillclimb event in the world, the Race to the Sky, in Cardrona, New Zealand.

- 2016

- + Matt Mingay from Stuntz Inc commissioned PACE to design and build a specialised demonstration drift vehicle based on a Chevrolet Camaro SS drift car. The car launched via video to social media and is still being used for on-track entertainment at Supercar events and shows across Australia.
- + Supercars Australia commissioned PACE Innovations to derive a racing concept (SuperUtes) that could be installed into the popular dual-cab, diesel-engined utilities, providing parity of performance. PACE achieved this goal by designing components for the Toyota Hilux, Ford Ranger, Mitsubishi Triton, Isuzu D-MAX, Holden Colorado and Mazda BT-50.

- 2017

- + The Monster Tamer was converted to tarmac specification, and Tony Quinn made his Pikes Peak debut.
- + PACE built a Datsun 240z drift car for Dimmack Racing.
- + The SuperUtes prototypes were unveiled at the Supercars event in Townsville.
- + MARC Cars contracted PACE Innovations to design a full carbon-fibre-bodied silhouette race car based on the Ford Mustang suitable for long distance GT racing and Australian Sport Sedans.

- 2018

- + On the completion of the design, MARC Cars ordered three of the new-generation MARC II Mustangs. These cars were completed and debuted at the Bathurst 12 Hour in February of 2018, winning in class.
- + The SuperUtes lined up for their inaugural event, with all chassis and componentry being manufactured by PACE Innovations.
- + PACE began design concept of a Ford Falcon XD (1980) with modern engineering techniques to compete in the Australian Touring Car Masters series for Dick Johnson Racing.

- 2019

- + Ingram Brothers Racing contracted PACE Innovations to design a one-off Mazda RX7 with an 800hp, turbo charged rotor motor for the Australian Sports Sedans championship
- + PACE commissioned to build the Ford Falcon XD TCM car.
- + PACE Innovations built a complete Nissan Patrol off-road truck for Stockers with Lockers
- + PACE began the ground-up build of the IBR Mazda RX7 using a matrix of standardised suspension components developed by PACE that are currently being tested prior to their release for sale.

- 2020

- + Both Dick and Steve Johnson drove the Ford Falcon XD at Lakeside Raceway as it completed its first laps in front of thousands of loyal supporters.
- + PACE delivers the completed Mazda RX7 to Ingram Brothers Racing.

OUR RACING *ACHIEVEMENTS*

- 2006

- + Contracted to Paul Morris Motorsport as a race engineer for Team Kiwi in the V8 Supercars Championship.
- + Various trips to Europe for BMW Team Schnitzer as engineer in WTCC.

- 2007

- + Contracted as Technical Director for WPS Motorsport competing in the V8 Supercars Championship.
- + Provided engineering services for Buik Motorworks in the Australian GT Championship, and finished 2nd with Bryce Washington driving the Lamborghini Gallardo GT3, achieving 8 wins and 16 podiums.

- 2008

- + Engineering for IPB Spartak Racing in the FIA GT Championship in Europe and the 24 Hours of Le Mans with the Lamborghini Murcielago GT1.

- 2009

- + Engineering services for SPS Motorsport in GT3 racing in Asia with Lamborghini Gallardos.
- + Competed in the Macau GT Cup with Reiter Engineering and Japanese driver Keita Sawa, who drove his Lamborghini Gallardo GT3 to victory.

- 2010

- + Engineering services for SPS Motorsport in GT3 Asia with a 7-car entry.
- + Reiter Engineering, Keita Sawa and PACE Innovations made history by going back to back and winning the Macau GT Cup for the second year in a row.

- 2011

- + PACE was contracted to provide engineering and mechanic services for Joest Racing (Germany) at the first edition of the Bathurst 12 Hour, running two factory-funded Audi R8 LMS entries and achieving a one-two finish overall.
- + Race engineer for Australian GT Championship winning Audi R8 LMS GT3, run by Melbourne Performance Centre (MPC) and driven by Mark Eddy.
- + Contracted by Reiter Engineering to run the 2-generational Stuck family driver lineup at the 24 Hour of Nürburgring.
- + Our race engineers joined MPC's 2-car outfit for the Australian Porsche Carrera Cup Championship. Daniel Gaunt achieved 3rd in the Pro Driver's Championship with 5 wins and 9 podiums.

- 2012

- + MPC Motorsport (PACE + MPC) field a 2-car lineup in the inaugural New Zealand V8SuperTourers Championship. Geoff Emery was teamed up with our fabrication apprentice at the time, Scott McLaughlin. The young kiwi took home the championship, and our team tallied 6 wins and 11 podiums. Steve Owen and ex-Formula 1 driver, Christian Klein, were also welcomed on board for the Endurance Series.
- + Competed in the Campeonato Brasileiro de GT season with Blau Motorsport and Reiter Engineering, achieving 4 wins and 6 podiums in the Lamborghini Gallardo GT3.
- + PACE Innovations engineers were contracted by Matt Stone Racing to run Ash Walsh and George Miedicke in the Dunlop V8 Supercar Series.
- + PACE supplies engineering services for Reiter Engineering's development of the GT3 SeReNi Chevrolet Camaro.

- 2013

- + MPC Motorsport expanded to three cars for the 2013 New Zealand V8 Super Tourer Championship. Shane Van Gisbergen, Andre Heimgartner and Ash Walsh/Gary Jacobson combined to achieve 4 wins, and 11 podiums for the team.
- + PACE Innovations engineers continued involvement with Matt Stone Racing, achieving 7 podiums, 3 of which were wins.

- 2014

- + Contracted by Super Black Racing through Prodrive Racing Australia to engineer their wildcard entry for the Bathurst 1000.
- + PACE Innovations supplies engineering services to Vattana Motorsport (Thailand) through Reiter Engineering for the Thailand Super Series. Chonsawat Asavahame (Lamborghini Gallardo GT3) was first in the championship, and Tomas Enge (GT3 SeReNi Camaro) was runner up. The two drivers combined for 7 wins and 13 podiums

- 2015

- + Contracted by Prodrive Racing Australia to engineer the first all-female entry at the Bathurst 1000.
- + Our engineers and mechanics won a second Australian GT Championship with Audi Customer Racing Australia (MPC) and factory driver, Christopher Mies (Germany).

- 2016

- + PACE Innovations reunited with Buik Motorworks for the Australian Carrera Cup Championship, winning 8 races and 16 podiums with Alex Davison and Michael Almond.
- + Our continued involvement with MPC and the Australian GT Championship presented the opportunity for our staff to work alongside world-class drivers.

- 2017

- + Geoff Emery, a long-time friend of PACE Innovations, partnered with Audi factory driver, Kelvin van der Linde (South Africa), to win his maiden Australian GT Championship with the MPC, making it our engineers and mechanics third win in the category.
- + Ceprnich was contracted by BMW Motorsport Team Schnitzer as the Team Technical Director for the 24 Hours of Nürburgring, running two factory-funded BMW M6 GT3s.

- 2018

- + PACE Innovations returned to the Australian Carrera Cup Championship, this time with Pro-Am driver, Sam Shahin, racing for Buik Motorworks,

- 2019

- + Competed at the Bathurst 12 Hour as the Team Strategist for BMW Motorsport Team Schnitzer.
- + After consistent improvement and collaboration with our engineers, Sam Shahin achieved 3 wins and 10 podiums in the Pro-Am Australian Porsche Carrera Cup Championship and won the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge with Buik Motorworks.
- + Invited by Audi Customer Racing Australia to run an Audi RS3 LMS for TCR International Series champion, Jean-Karl Vernay (France), in Round 4 of TCR Australia. He achieved pole and won his only race.
- + Race engineering services for Tony Bates Racing in the GT3 Audi R8 LMS Cup in Asia, winning a race and taking two pole positions.