## **GRAHAM NEILSEN**



**POSITION:** Co-founder of Safe Drive Training **LANGUAGE:** English

## **RELEVANT QUĂLIFICATIONS:**

- Former CAMS International General Competition Licence holder
- Former owner and operator of a successful "independent" retail tyre business that specialised in high performance and motor sport tyres, Former QLD distributor for Bridgestone, Yokohama, Falken & Hoosier racing tyres, Trained tyre fitter, with experience as a Tyre Engineer for motor sport teams and the motorsport divisions of tyre companies. Also toured Tyre Factories in Japan.
  - Former lecturer at the Australian Institute of Management
- First Aid and CPR Qualified

## **RELEVANT DRIVER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:**

- Driver Training Instructor for 16 years, conducted over 500 courses at venues throughout Australia as well as in Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and across China
- Former Instructor for the Porsche Driving Experience Program (1997)
- Celebrity Driver Trainer at the 1995 Adelaide Formula 1 Grand Prix and 1996 Gold Coast Indy Car Grand Prix, responsible for providing motorsport training and issuing race licences to celebrity competitors
- Driver trainer for car launches for clients such as Holden, Proton, Nissan, Honda, Audi and Mercedes-Benz
- Senior instructor for the Mercedes Benz S-350 Vehicle Launch conducted across China (2006-07)
- Precision stunt driver for the Audi A4 Customer Launch Program
- Senior Instructor for the Audi Driving Experience (Singapore 2008)
- Technical and Driver Training instructor for tyre launches for clients such as BFGoodrich, Starfire, Hankook, Cooper, Pirelli, Continental, Michelin, GTRadials and Yokohama

## **MOTORSPORT EXPERIENCE:**

- Over 35 years of motor racing experience across Australia in many classes including Go-karts, Speedway, Rally, Historic Racing, Sports Sedans and Production Car. Numerous race wins and podium finishes.
- 1989 QLD Sports Sedan Champion in a Mazda RX-7.
- Competitor and top 10 finisher in the James Hardie 12 Hour Race at Bathurst from 1991-1994 driving cars such as Group A HSV Holden Commodore, Nissan GT-R and Maserati Shamal. (This was the launch of the Falken Tyre brand into the Australian market)
- Raced on Australian circuits such as Lakeside, Queensland Raceway, Surfers Paradise, Morgan Park, Amaroo, Oran Park, Eastern Creek, Bathurst, Sandown, Phillip Island, Adelaide F1 Street circuit
- Team Manager for the Red Bull Race Team which won Class C of the 2008 Merdeka Millennium Endurance Race (MME) at the Sepang Circuit in Malaysia. Graham was also team manager for 2007.
- Former Queensland Motor Racing Licensing Lecturer, still authorised to conducted CAMS Observed Licence Tests (OLT). Former member of the Motor Racing Advisory Panel, Former State Councillor with CAMS



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