

*FORMULA VEE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES*  
**FORMULA VEE LEGENDS**



## **DAVID CUTTS (DC)**

*What could be told about DC that makes him a Formula Vee Legend? Probably the same things that makes him a legend of a brother, a son, and a friend - his integrity and his generosity.*

*There is more to DC than Formula Vee. He plays a mean guitar. Self taught through school, he can play any riff, and any song, often just after hearing it for the first time on the radio. Don't ask him to play in front of you though, it won't happen. That's because despite being famous in FV circles, DC is a very private man, keeping a tight circle of loved ones and friends. Get him talking though about something he is passionate about, and you will be engaged and fascinated for hours.*

*DC's interest in motor sport stems from Mum and Dad. There was not a late Sunday night growing up without the hum of Murray Walker from the TV, or a Sunday arvo for DC and me without watching the AMSCAR telecast from Amaroo. DC's mechanical skills were kicked off soon after, again self taught by tinkering with Mum and Dad's first Formula Vee back when DC was still in school. That went on to engine building, welding, and eventually racing in 1983 in the Wirra. A few fast races and a few big crashes later, he decided the Wirra would be retired for a new Spectre kit that he assembled and raced from 1984 onwards. By this stage DC was starting to build engines for other competitors.*

*Funded initially by his job in a shopping centre fruit and veg department, DC went to the 1985 Nationals with a welcome boost from Pram City, who bought him his first set of new tyres. That enabled DC to qualify inside the top ten of a 70+ car field, finish in the top ten in the final, and also claim his first win in the recharge. These achievements caught the eye of the then owner of Group Automotive Services (GAS), Peter Williamson, a Formula Vee Life Member. Peter offered DC an apprenticeship as a mechanic at his workshop, and some would say the rest is history, with DC going on to be one of the greatest Formula Vee drivers, his proudest achievement possibly being the only driver to ever officially do a sub 59 sec lap of Amaroo, and he did it twice, 58.66 for pole position.*

*DC's experience and attention to detail led to ongoing success. He formed a partnership with Dynamic Flow in the late 1980's that catapulted his HP and on-track success, being one of the first drivers to take on and beat the then dominating quartet of Haehnle, Kleinig, David, and McCombie. This success brought more engine customers, both through GAS and privately, and throughout several seasons, DC's engines and were notching up wins with the likes of Foreman, Jason and Scott Bargwanna, Chivo, and Ken Smith. DC also pioneered the early stages of 1600's in NSW, and his engines and cars were collecting trophies and lap records across the country.*

*But his achievements aren't what make DC a Formula Vee Legend. His Legend status comes from his time, advice, mentoring, and friendship, whether you are new to Formula Vee or not. All his friends will tell you that their skills and interest in FV has been boosted from DC's mentoring and mateship.*