

2012–13 season NSW Late Models awards night



ABOVE : Bruce Mackenzie collected the majority of the hardware handed out at the NSW Late Models Awards Night Saturday May 25. Photo by Gary Reid.

Seasoned racer Bruce Mackenzie was rewarded for one of his most competitive and consistent seasons by starring in last Saturday night's (May 25) 2012–13 season NSW Late Models awards night at the Rosehill Bowling Club.

Mackenzie contested every round of the NSW Club Championship, with his best result being a second–place finish behind Darryl Grimson at Gunnedah Speedway on March 16, and his consistent top–five finishes saw him claim the point standing's honours. David Robertson and Michael Hickey finished behind Mackenzie in second and third respectively.

Apart from the NSW Club Championship honours, Mackenzie was also awarded the most improved driver, best presented pit crew, and finished runner up in the Sydney Speedway Late Model Track Championship.

Michael Hickey, a Late Model rookie but an experienced Super Sedan racer, enjoyed a solid debut season and came away with a narrow point standing's win in the Sydney Speedway Track Championship ahead of Mackenzie and Robertson. The latter had held down the point standing's lead heading into the final two rounds, but missed one of the rounds which denied him of the winning spoils.

David Robertson, who finished second in the NSW Club Championship and third in the Sydney Speedway Track Championship, was voted as the winner of the Driver's Driver award.

The Rookie of the Year honours was awarded to youngster Jessica Cassidy. The ex–Junior Sedan racer from Newcastle stepped into Late Models at the beginning of the season. She grew in confidence with every outing and was a thoroughly deserving Rookie of the Year award winner. She also finished fourth in both the

NSW Club Championship and Sydney Speedway Track Championship point standings.

Three-time Australian Super Sedan Champion Ron Pyne picked up the Best Presented Car award.

2012–13 season NSW Late Models stats:

Final NSW Club Championship point standings

- 1: Bruce Mackenzie 872 points
- 2: David Robertson 829
- 3: Michael Hickey 575
- 4: Jessica Cassidy 554
- 5: Ross Nicastrì 529
- 6: Jeff Searle 398
- 7: Nigel O'Neill 378
- 8: Ben Nicastrì 341
- 9: Robert Carrig 332
- 10: Tony Edser 308

Feature-race winners:

David Robertson (3), Ross Nicastrì (3), Darryl Grimson (3), Steve Francis (2) and Michael Hickey (1)
(Rainouts: 4)

To find out more about the NSW Late Models visit their website:

www.nswlatemodels.com



ABOVE : #20 Jessica Cassidy and #9 Ron Pyne were both award recipients.

Photos by Gary Reid.

-ENDS-

NSW Late Models media enquiries: Daniel Powell from Redline Media

Mobile: 0432 126 210

Email: daniel@redlinemedia.com.au

Website: www.redlinemedia.com.au